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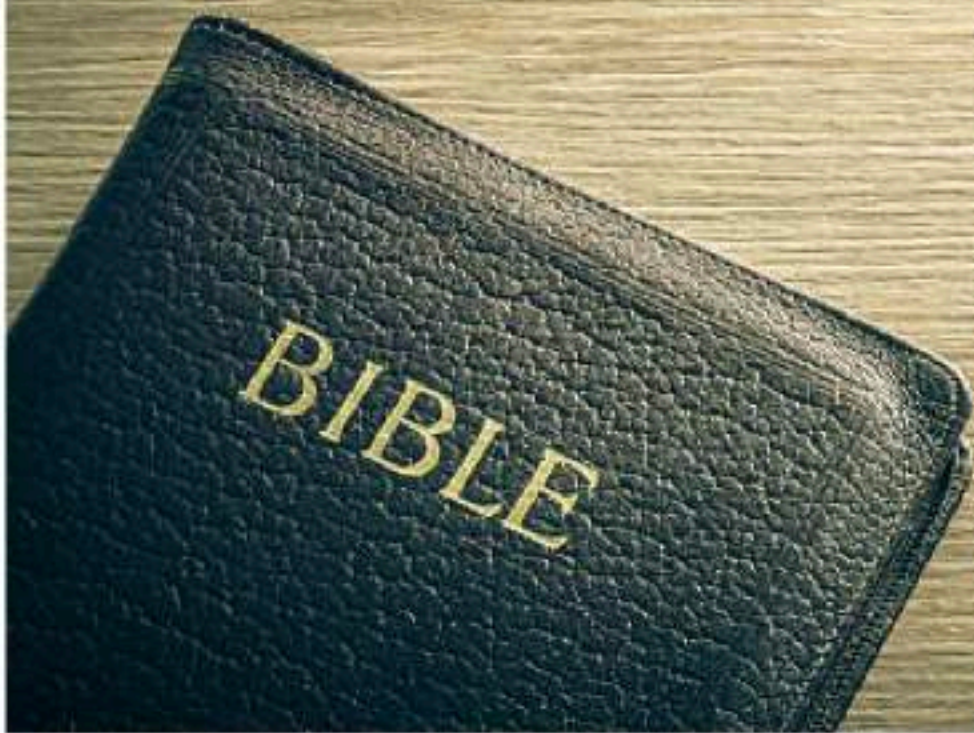
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DOES MY AGE DEFINE MY FAITH?

OR

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HOW OLD ARE YOU?





Age 27



Age 36



Age 42



Age 43



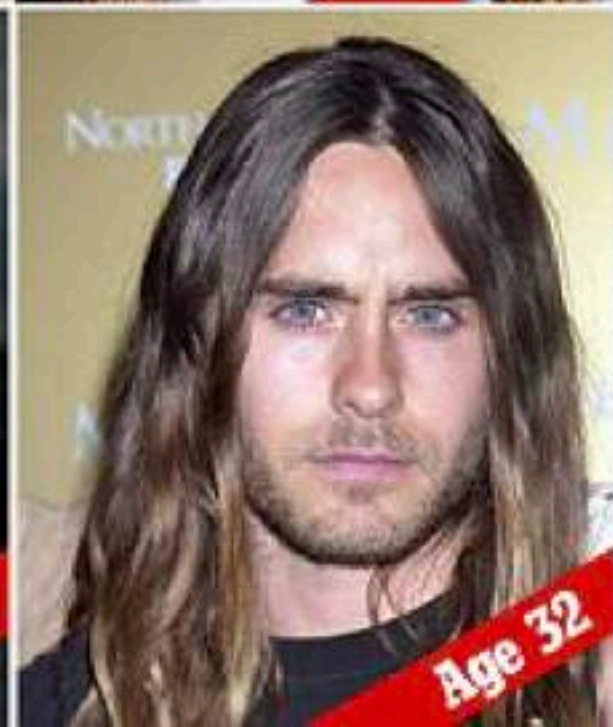
Age 17



Age 22



Age 30



Age 32



## 1 TIMOTHY **4:12**

12 DON'T LET ANYONE LOOK DOWN ON YOU  
BECAUSE YOU ARE YOUNG, BUT SET AN  
EXAMPLE FOR THE BELIEVERS IN SPEECH, IN  
CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH AND IN PURITY.



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DOES MY STAGE FORM MY SHAPE?

OR

DOES MY SHAPE FORM MY STAGE?



HOW OLD DO YOU ACT?



**SPIRITUAL GIFTS** - WHAT ARE YOU GOOD AT?

**HEART** - WHAT REALLY EXCITES YOU?

**AVAILABILITY** - WHEN ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

**PERSONALITY** - WHAT IS YOUR TEMPERAMENT?

**EXPERIENCE** - WITH JESUS AS LORD?



## GENESIS **21:5**

<sup>5</sup>ABRAHAM WAS A HUNDRED YEARS OLD WHEN  
HIS SON ISAAC WAS BORN TO HIM.



# STORY OF JOHN WESLEY



# PREACHER JOHN WESLEY

“I FELT MY HEART STRANGELY WARMED,” HE WROTE. “I FELT I DID TRUST IN CHRIST, CHRIST ALONE, FOR SALVATION; AND AN ASSURANCE WAS GIVNE ME THAT HE HAD TAKEN AWAY MY SINS, EVEN MINE, AND SAVED ME FOR THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH.”





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RECEIVE ADOPTION TO SONSHIP.



DO REGULATIONS GIVE ME  
VINDICATION?

OR

DOES VINDICATION FREE ME FROM  
REGULATIONS?



If the Son sets you free, you  
will be free indeed. John 3:36



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**ADOPTION** TO **SONSHIP**.



DOES MY BIRTH RIGHT GIVE ME  
SONSHIP?

OR

DOES SONSHIP GIVE ME MY BIRTH  
RIGHT?



Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. Romans 8:17



## ROMANS 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup>FOR THOSE WHO ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT OF GOD ARE THE CHILDREN OF GOD. <sup>15</sup>THE SPIRIT YOU RECEIVED DOES NOT MAKE YOU SLAVES, SO THAT YOU LIVE IN FEAR AGAIN; RATHER, THE SPIRIT YOU RECEIVED BROUGHT ABOUT YOUR ADOPTION TO SONSHIP. <sup>16</sup>AND BY HIM WE CRY, “ABBA, FATHER.” <sup>17</sup>THE SPIRIT HIMSELF TESTIFIES WITH OUR SPIRIT THAT WE ARE GOD’S CHILDREN. <sup>18</sup>NOW IF WE ARE CHILDREN, THEN WE ARE HEIRS—HEIRS OF GOD AND CO-HEIRS WITH CHRIST, IF INDEED WE SHARE IN HIS SUFFERINGS IN ORDER THAT WE MAY ALSO SHARE IN HIS GLORY.



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DOES MY INHERITANCE GIVE ME  
FREEDOM?

OR

DOES MY FREEDOM GIVE ME MY  
INHERITANCE?



Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 2 Corinthians 3:17



IT BEGINS AND ENDS  
WITH  
JESUS



fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:2a





**JESUS  
+  
NOTHING  
=  
EVERYTHING**