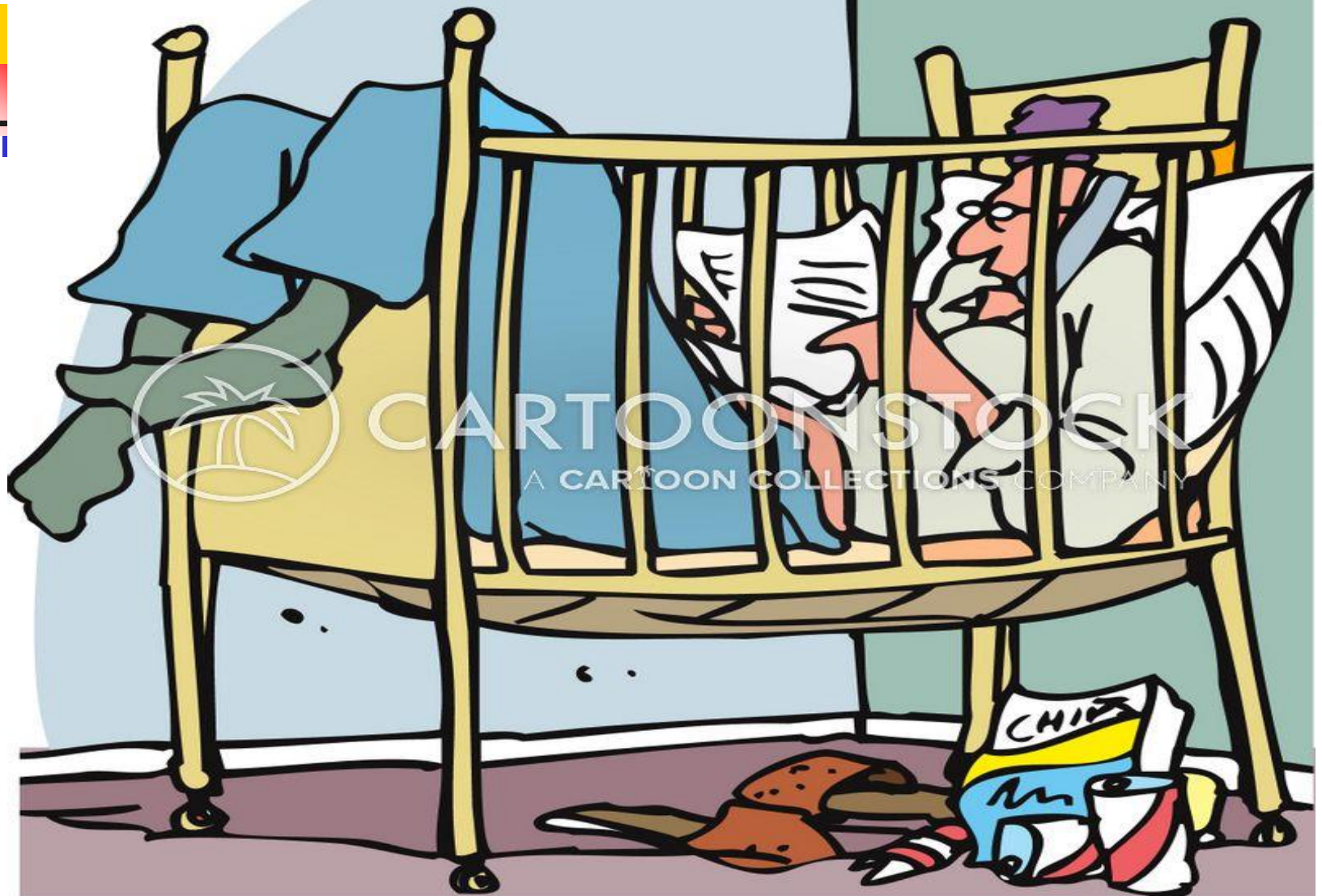




It Depends



“I think my parents expected me to move out ages ago.”



Talking with Caleb Todd

- He said, “Isn’t it interesting that our culture defines maturity as the ability to gradually become more and more independent so that you can function on your own and take full responsibility for your life
- BUT in God’s Kingdom, spiritual maturity = becoming less and less dependent on yourself or doing things on your own, being strong, etc., and instead becoming absolutely dependent on God and His life and power



Will We Ever Learn?

- Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
⁶ In all your ways **acknowledge**
Him, And He will make your paths straight.
- Proverbs 3:5-6



Go to the Source

- For to me, **to live is Christ** and to die is *gain. – (value)*
- Philippians 1:21



Who Do You Trust?

- I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and **[a]the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,** who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
- Galatians 2:20
- Not depending on my self, my plans, my opinions, my ability, human abilities
- Trust your training?
- Trust in Jesus above your training



2 Cor 12 – Coup de Grace

- **9** And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast [c] about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. **10** Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with [d] insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.
- God is so serious about this that He will allow situations to come into your life to crush you



Help Our Unbelief

- **WHY IS THIS SO HARD FOR US?**
- Could it be that we are still not convinced of His deep love for us? So we hedge our bets
- ⁹ Or what man is there among you [f]who, when his son asks for a loaf, [g]will give him a stone ¹⁰ Or [h]if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he? ¹¹ If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him! **Mat 7:9-11**



It Depends-Who Do You Trust

- I am not implying that you don't have a part to play and a job to do as you follow the Lord in this life
- But it is based on trusting and seeking Him and hearing from Him and obeying what He shows you, standing firm while He works His will in you. "To obey is better than sacrifice"
- Is there a situation right now where you are struggling to depend on Him?



Lord, I Am Trusting You

“ Lord, my heart is heavy and my brain is fried and I am a little bit afraid and confused and frustrated, and your peace is far from me, because of my concern for _____. I say I want your will, but I kinda really want you to do my will. Please forgive me. Right now, I reaffirm my trust in you, to address this situation YOUR way. I refuse to lean on my understanding. I will follow where you lead, and trust your wisdom and power and love.



Good News, YOU ARE

- deeply loved by God,
- fully accepted by God,
- completely and permanently forgiven by God,
- lavishly blessed by God,
- and eternally, perfectly embraced by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY