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## **Hebrews 4:12**

**For the word of God is living and active,  
sharper than any two-edged sword,  
piercing to the division of soul and of spirit,  
of joints and marrow, and discerning the  
thoughts and intentions of the heart.**

**...why learn the Bible?**

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*Κοινωνία*

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**Purpose**

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- *A willingness to suffer*
  - *Time to invest*
  - *Gifts to bestow*

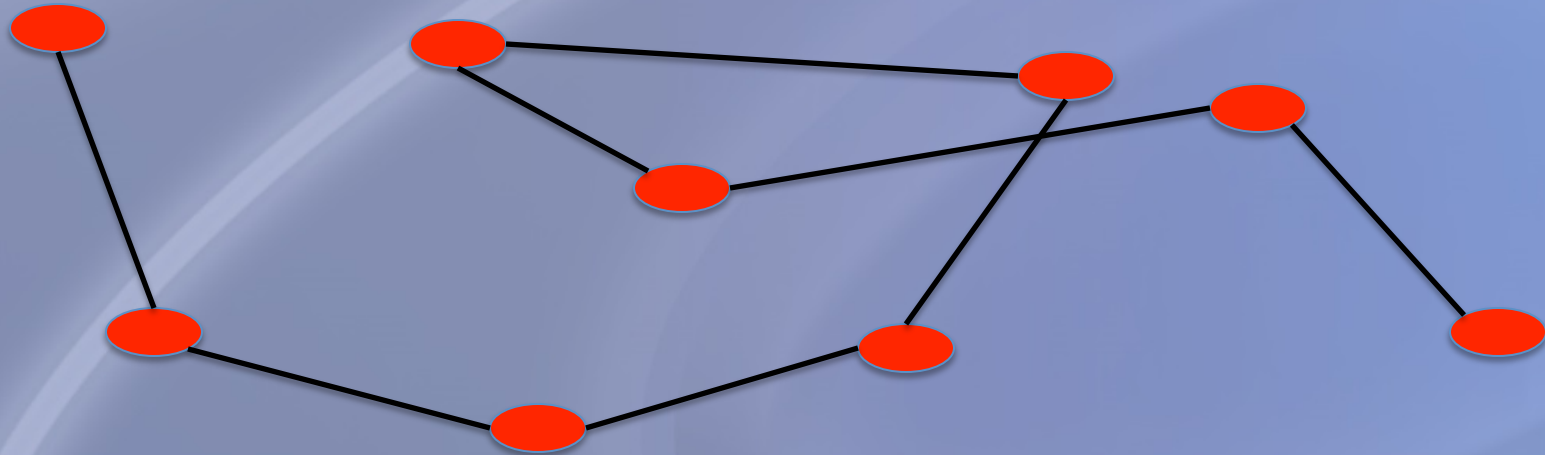
**Watch this...**

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***I John 4:1-21***



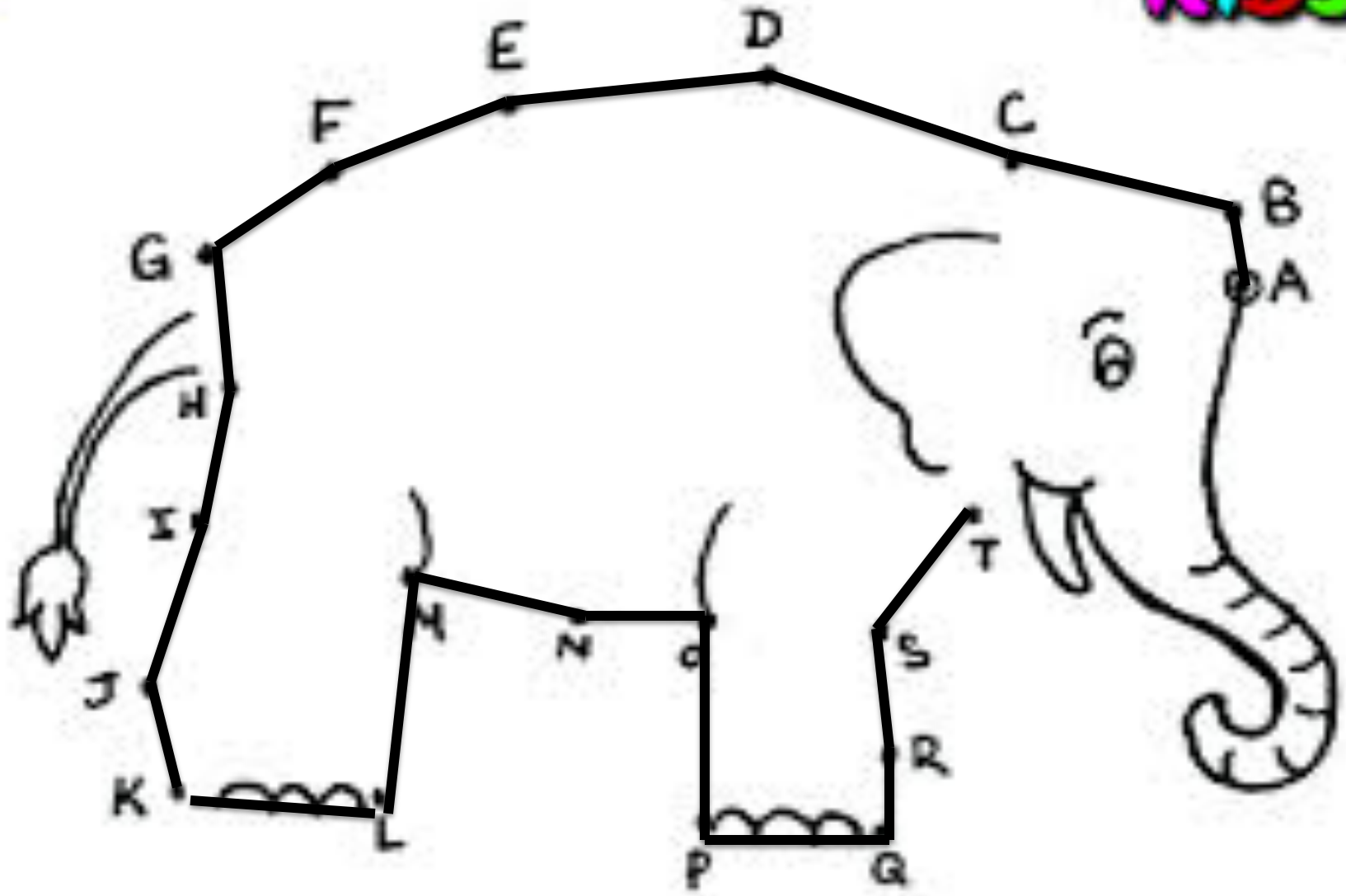
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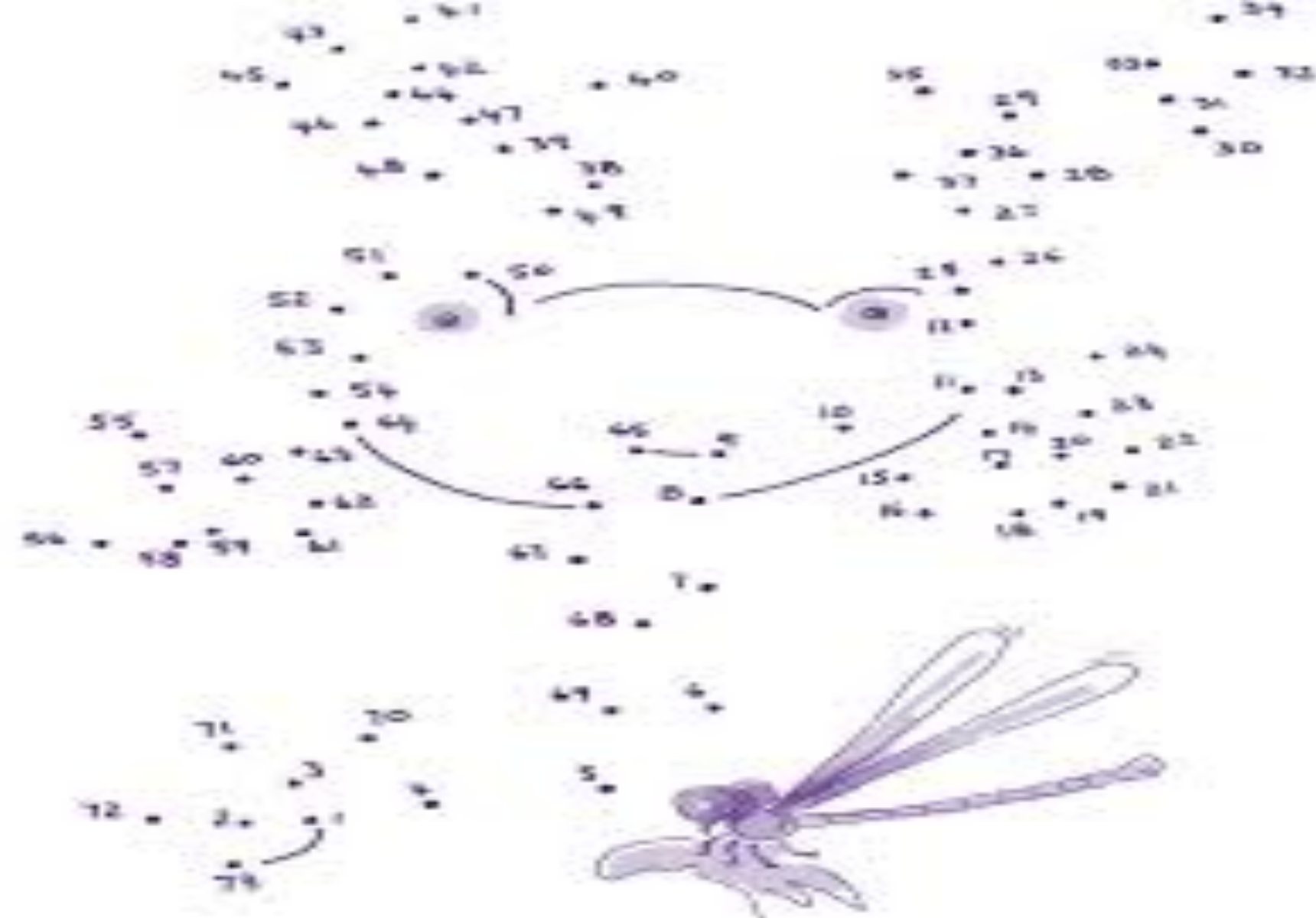


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*1 John 4:1-21*







# I John 4:1-21

- 1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.
- 2 By this you know the Spirit of God,  
-every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has  
come in the flesh is from God,
- 3 -and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is  
not from God.

This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

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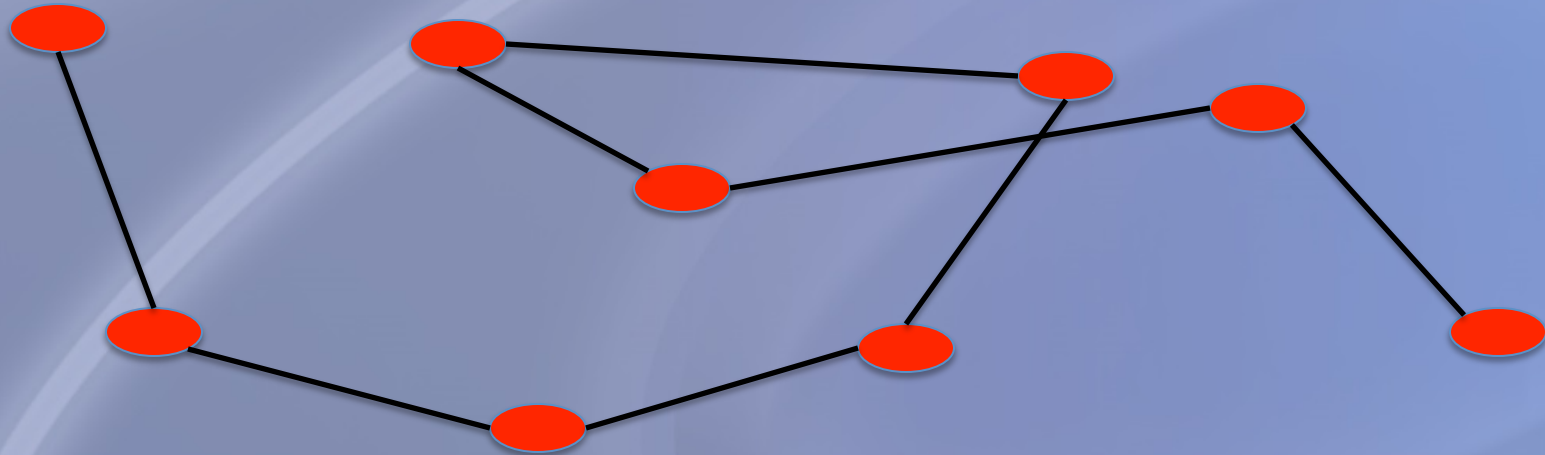
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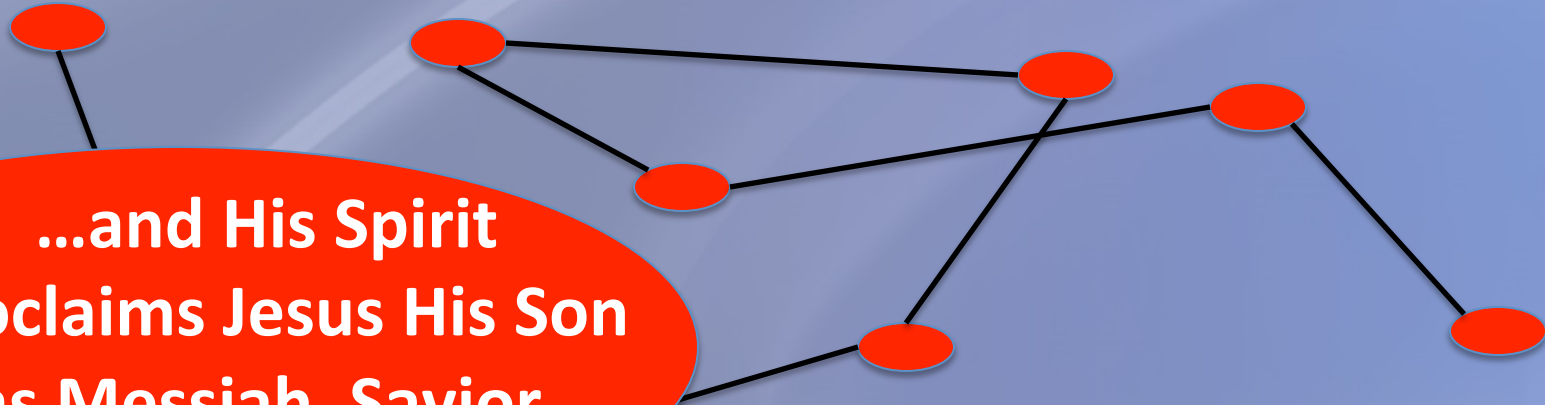
*There is no equal  
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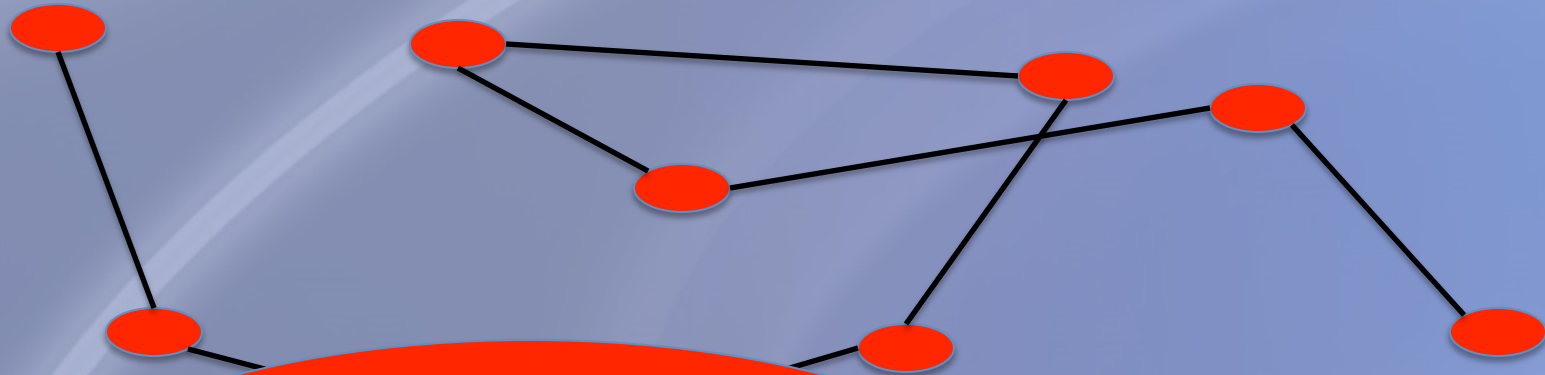
**...and His Spirit  
proclaims Jesus His Son  
as Messiah, Savior,  
Lord...**

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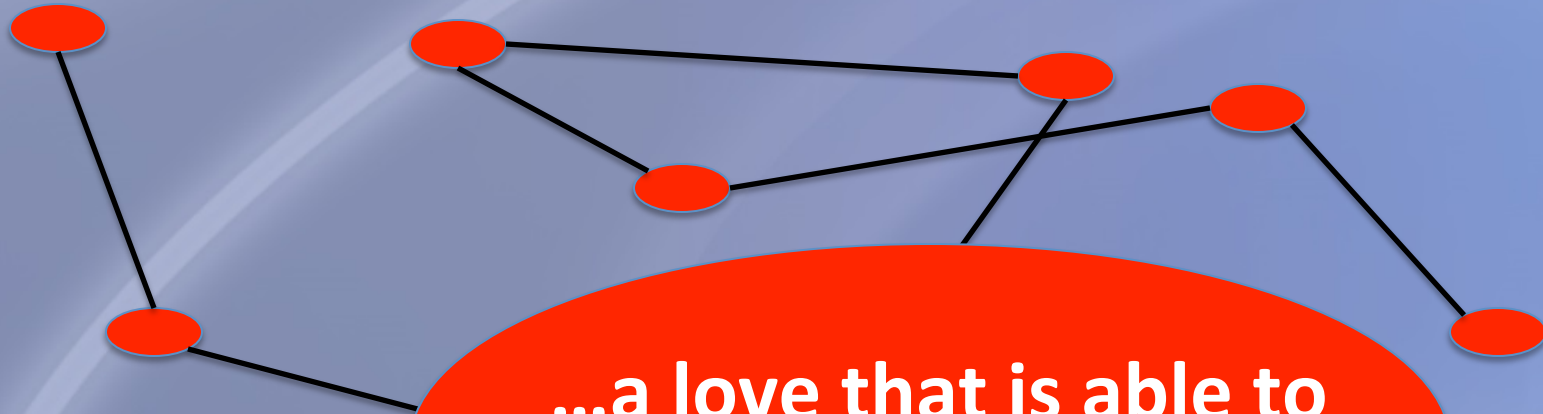
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...who actually is love  
in His person...

*1 John 4:1-21*

# The 'christian life'...



...a love that is able to  
give us life...

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# The 'christian life'...

...a love that He  
initiates first and  
foremost...

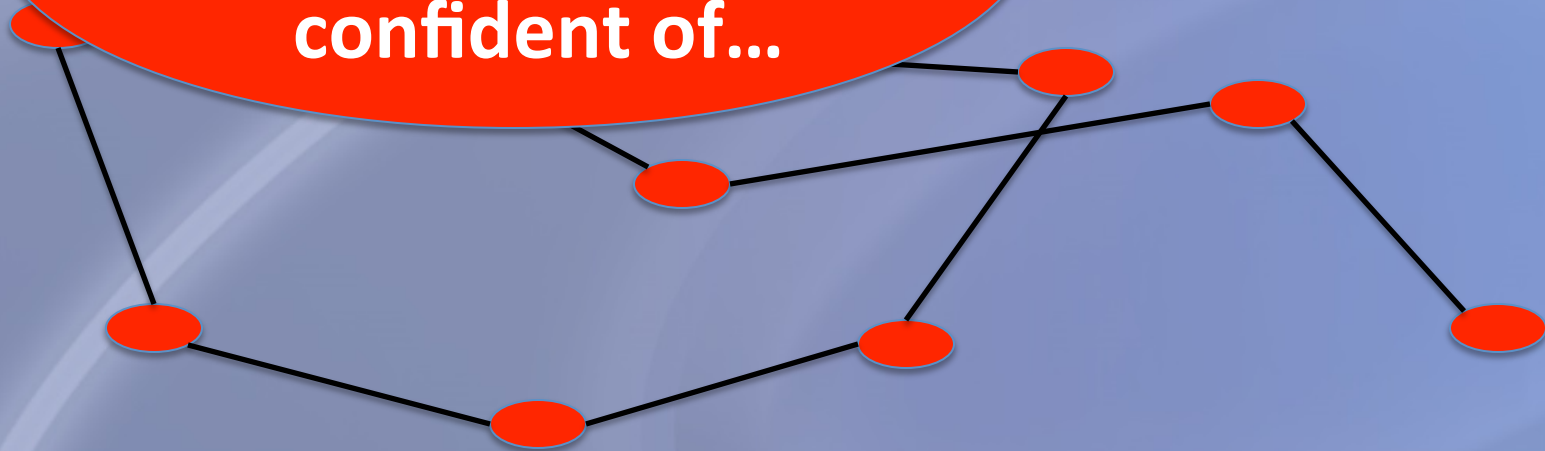


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The 'Christian life'...

...a love that we can  
be secure in and  
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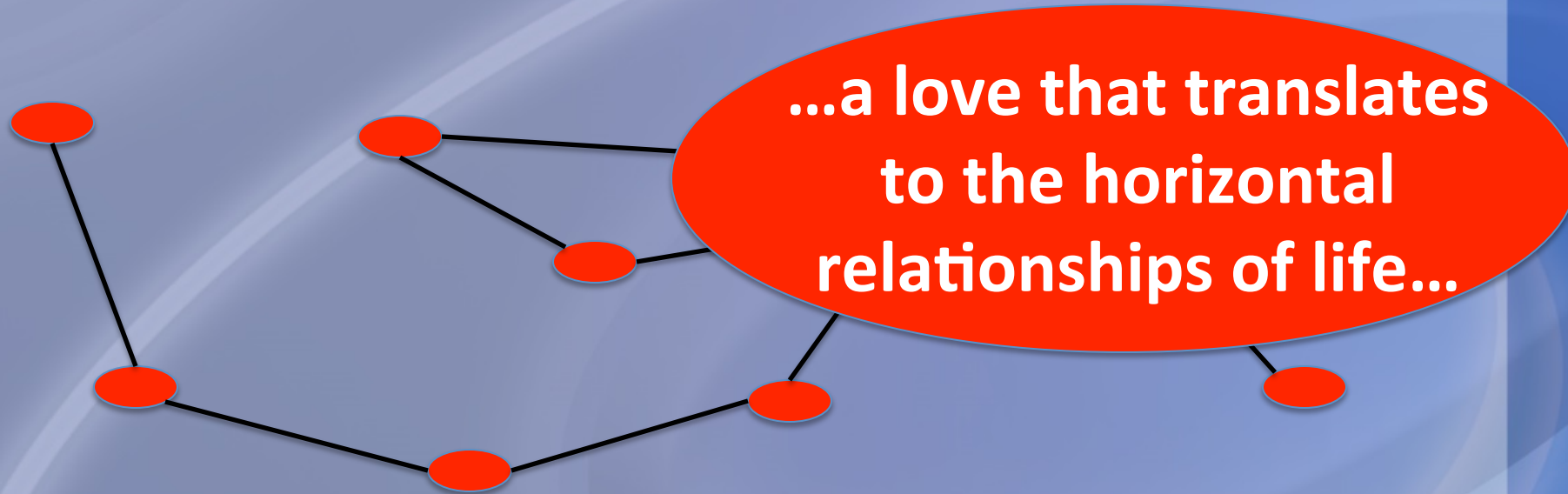
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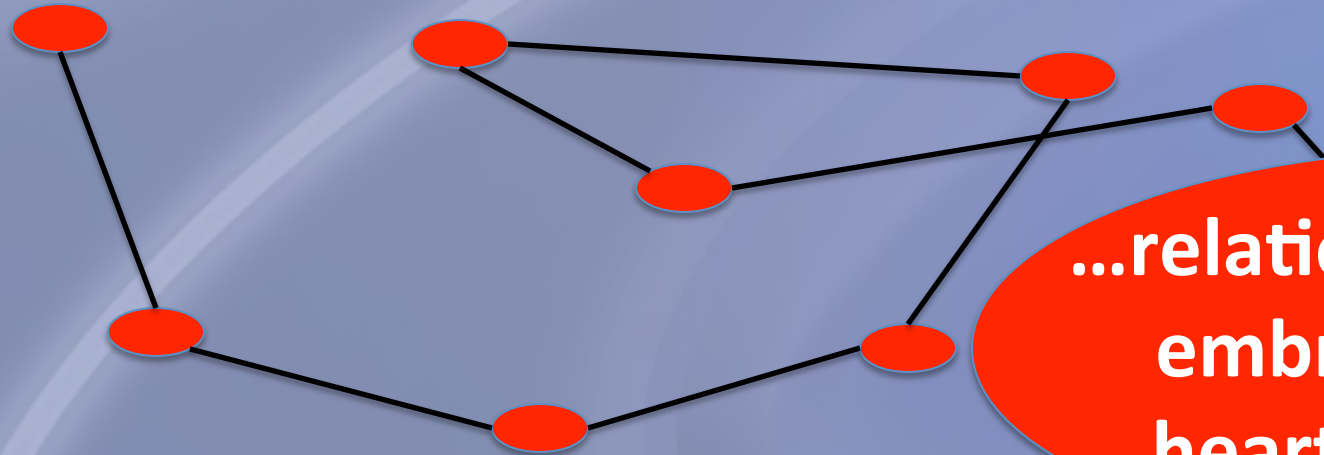
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**...relationships that  
embrace God's  
heart for love!!**

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**So...therefore...what now?**

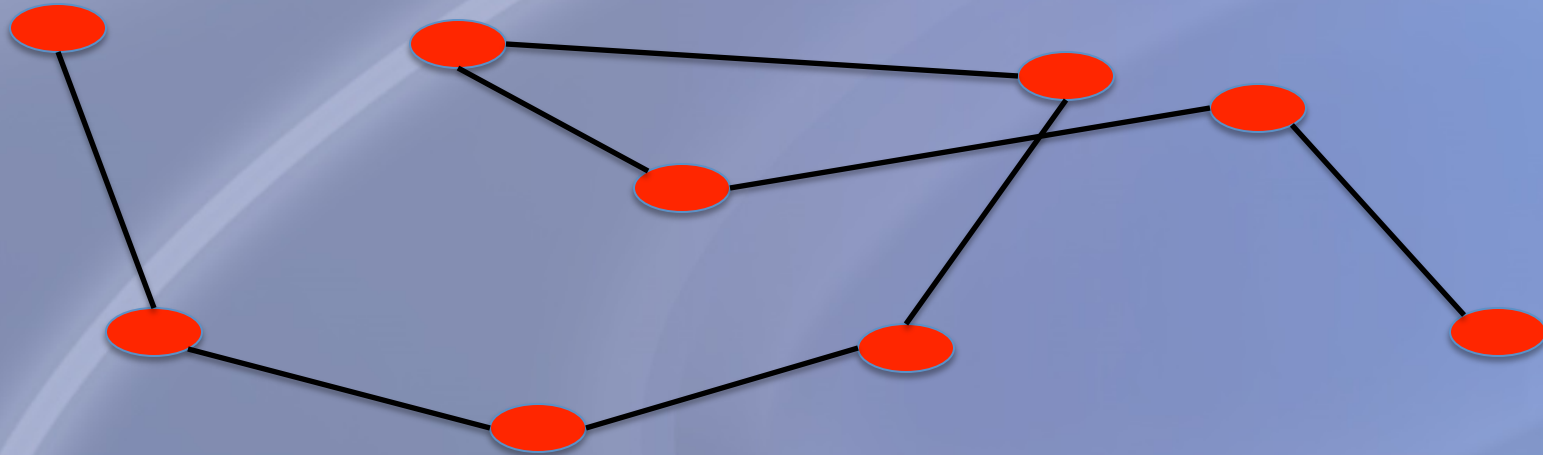
**What needs to happen to authenticate  
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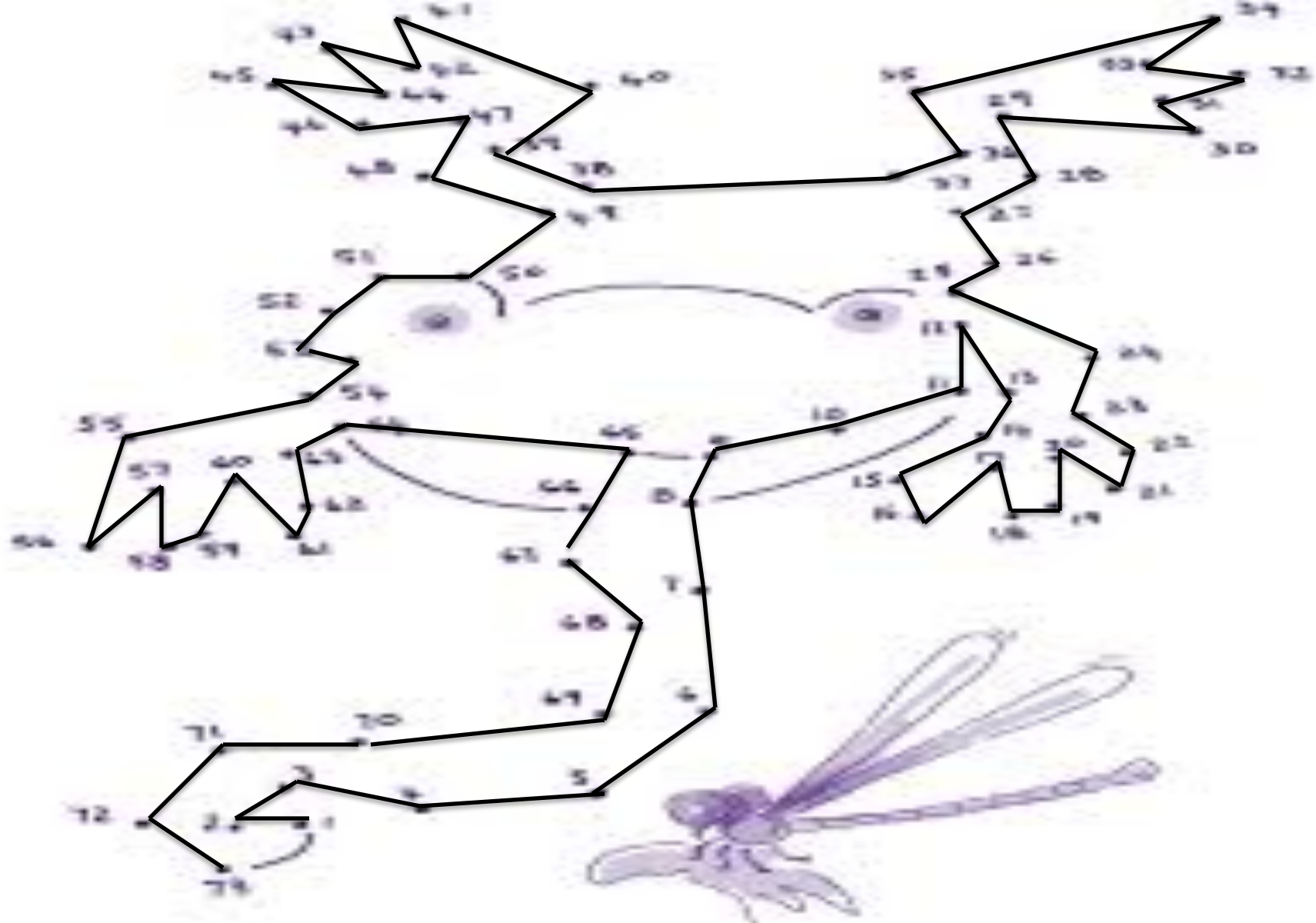


**How are you doing in  
connecting the dots in your life?**



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***'the big idea'***

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empowered by the Spirit,  
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the love of Christ for us  
and then through us.

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