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A pastor who was visiting an older woman was asked to ask her if she had a Bible.

“Oh, dear Pastor she said, how could you ask me that kind of a question ? Please know that we do not live like pagans !” then, addressing her daughter :

“God get my Bible, please ?”

The visitor excused himself :

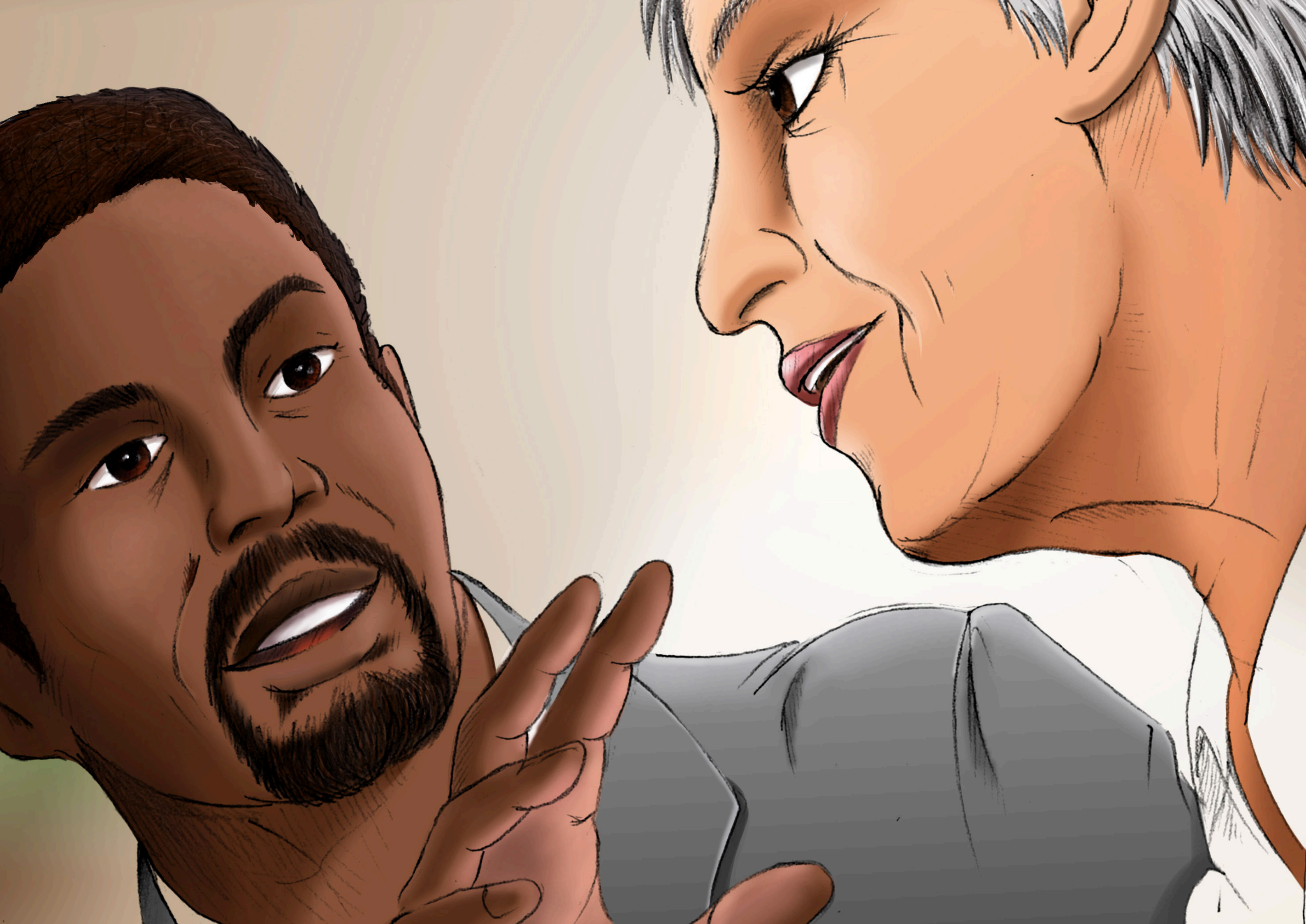
“No, don’t bother, Mame I do believe you !”



However, the bible arrived, carefully wrapped up in paper.

The old lady respectfully unfolded the package, took the volume, but she didn't have to open it, for it opened itself at the place where a pair of glasses was trapped. "Oh, ! My glasses ! she exclaimed. It has been months that I have looked for them ! And they would have stayed a long time unfound. How happy I am, dear pastor, that you talked to me about the Bible ! As you can see, I do have one !"

And here is the price that was, in fact, for her the richest of treasures.

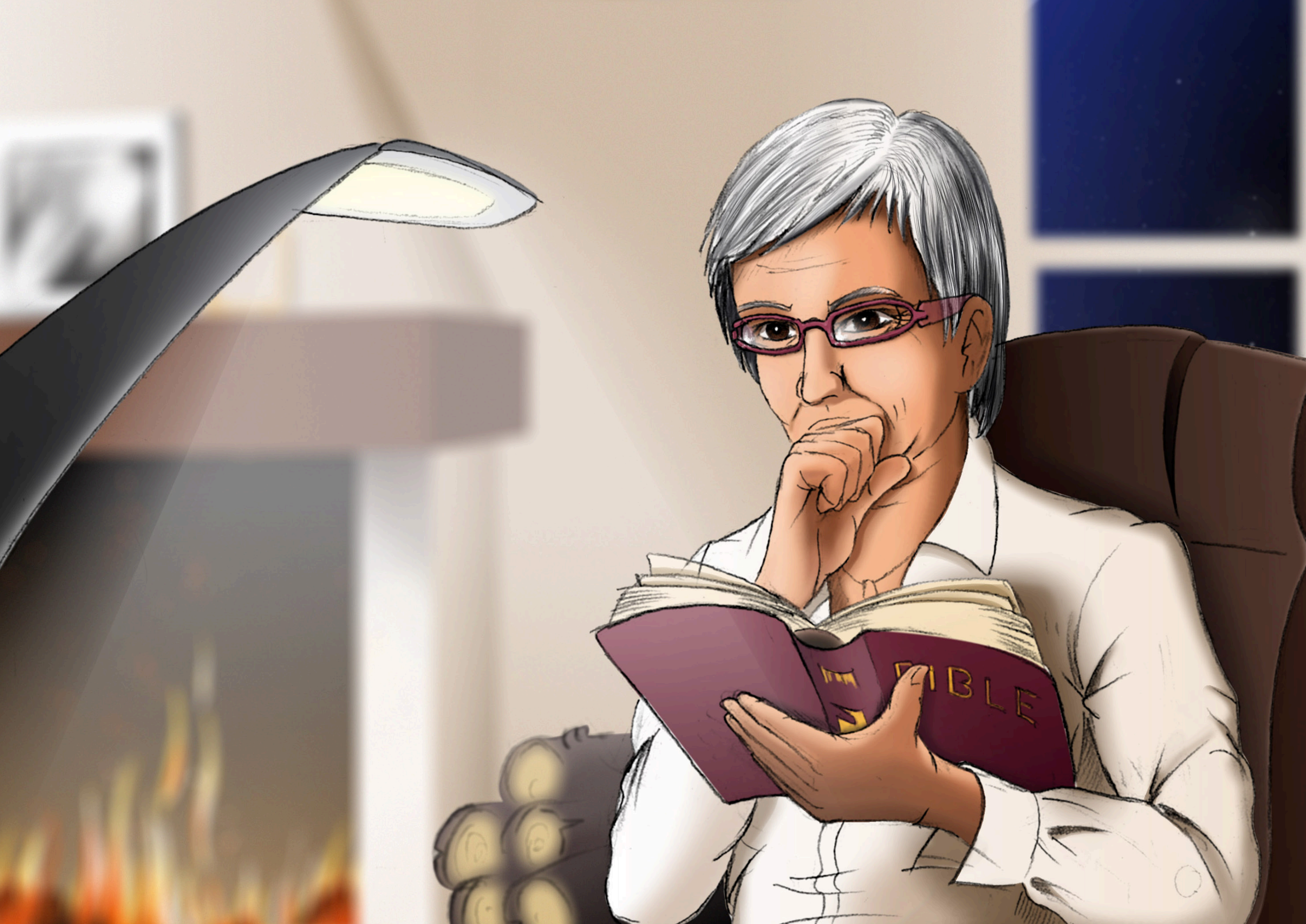


She was satisfied to have a Bible, thinking that the fact of owning one makes her a christian ! Is it not to be feared that, to a greater or lesser extent it would be so of many people who would find it offensive not to be treated as a christian.



“Do you have a Bible ? Oh, yes ! we respond.

“Do you read it ? ” Here, the question often remains without an answer. The Bible is not a good-luck charm. To have one, does not make the owner a Christian. It should be read, received being the Word of God and put into practice. Those who own a Bible without opening it resemble a sick person who have a medical prescription tucked away in a drawer and doesn't take the time to get the prescribed medicine. Dear friend, know that if you own the Bible and you do not read it you are accountable ! The Bible is the Word of God that tells us that “Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” You will find these passages in the Old Testament in the book of Deuteronomy chapter 8 verse 3 and also in the New Testament : in the Evangile of Matthew chapter 4 verse 4.



God throughout the centuries, took care to transmit to us His Word. It is important to take time to understand what he wants to tell us ! The Bible is an extraordinary book, because his message is still for today ! I can find the answers to my questions about the goal and the meaning for my life, about marriage, family, children's education, forgiveness, use of my finances, suffering, fear, the future...etc, etc... But also I draw encouragement and promises for each day. Take the time today to read and to reflect on each word that can soothe our hearts and transform our lives...

Do you have a Bible ? Do you read it ?