



THE GREAT WALL

"Are we...almost...there...yet?" Lulu was struggling to catch her breath as she, her mom, and a dozen or so other tourists climbed the path of the Great Wall.

The Great Wall of China is as beautiful as it is ancient and is recognized as the largest man-made object in the world. Lulu has been begging her mom for years to take her to go see it, but she's starting to realize that traveling the Great Wall is no walk in the park!

"We're nearly there, sweetie! It's only a few more steps. You won't believe the view from the very top!" her mom said reassuringly.

"I sure hope so...if these steps were any steeper, they would need to offer rock climbing lessons!"

"Hahaha! That's true!" said a foreign blonde-haired boy in the group. "Thankfully, this part is as hard as it gets. It's all flatter and easier from here."

As they stepped through the door into one of the many pagodas on the Wall, Lulu turned to talk to the boy, "Wow! Your Chinese is really good! What's your name? Have you been here before?"

"My name is David!" he said smiling. "I have been here before a few times, but I still remember the first time I visited. My legs were so tired that one of the them fell off. That's why I wear a fake leg!" he said, pulling up his pant leg. Lulu stared at his metal and plastic leg with wide eyes. "Mom! I told you my legs would fall off!"

"They will not! Stop picking on her, David!" Another girl came up to Lulu and offered to shake her hand. "Hey! My name is Amy! David is my brother. He had to have his leg removed as a baby. He always tries to trick people with it!"

"Oh...that does make more sense." Lulu said sheepishly. "Anyway, it's nice to meet you both! Amy, your Chinese is really good, too! Where are you from?"

They were almost at the very top, and Lulu's mom was right. The view was breath-taking! "Our family is from America, but we've lived most of our lives here in China, so we grew up speaking Chinese." Amy responded. "Our family came to China to be missionaries," she continued, "so that they could teach the Bible and share the gospel."

Lulu was very confused. She thought to herself, "What's a missionary? What's a Bible? What is a gospel?" She had never heard those words before, but before she could ask any more questions she heard her mom call to her, "Lulu! Where are you? Come catch up with me so we can keep moving!"

Amy and David's parents weren't ready to keep going, so Lulu had to say goodbye to her new friends.

They waved at each other as Amy said, "I'll be praying for you, Lulu!"

HOW TO WRITE CHINESE 走 Zǒu - WALK



In 2 Corinthians 5:7 the Bible tells us that we "走" or "walk" by faith, not by sight. But Lulu doesn't have faith in Jesus yet! Will you walk with Jesus everyday and tell people about Him?

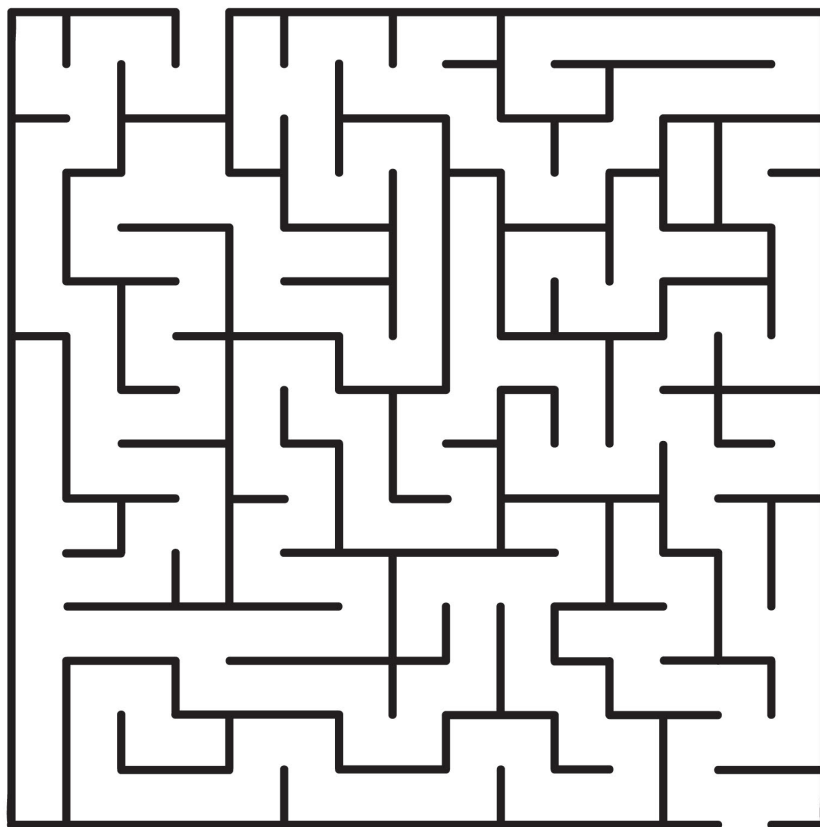


**"THE JOURNEY OF A THOUSAND MILES BEGINS WITH A SINGLE STEP."
- CHINESE PROVERB**



Hey, everyone, it's Ping, here! Do you know what this Chinese proverb means? It's saying that even the longest journeys have to start somewhere. For Lulu, her hike up the Great Wall with her mom started a journey that will affect their eternity!

In the mean time, can you journey through the maze to reach the delicious picnic?



DID YOU KNOW?

That the Great Wall of China is 13,170 miles long? That's long enough to stretch from one end of the United States to the other almost five times!