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# BRAVE FAITH NIGHTS

Get connected.  
Get inspired.  
Get brave.



Join us for an inspiring evening learning more about the brave faith of our persecuted family!

We're going to be heading around the UK to share some incredible stories of brave faith from young Christians living in places where following Jesus is really costly. The evenings will feature opportunities to worship, pray and hear from God's Word, plus there will be some fun and brave challenges!



- 8 July: Bristol
- 25 September: Leeds
- 7 October: Southampton
- 15 October: Exeter
- 18 October: Cardiff
- 28 October: Derby
- 15 Jan: Stockton

GET THESE IN YOUR DIARY!

More dates are being added. Visit [opendoorsyouth.org/bravefaithnights](http://opendoorsyouth.org/bravefaithnights) for all the info. We'd love to see you at one of the events!

## THREE THINGS TO DO THIS SUMMER

Excited for the summer? We're pumped to be back at festivals again – we'll be with our friends at *Dreaming the Impossible*, *Satellites* and *Limitless*, plus we'll also be at *New Wine* and *Sixty One*, too. If you're at any of them, come and say 'Hi' at the stand or at one of our seminars. In the meantime, here's some stuff you can do to fill your time over the summer holidays...



### START A JOURNEY OF BRAVE FAITH

Our free *Brave Faith* journal will take you on a six-week journey with your persecuted church family into a braver faith in Jesus – a perfect fit for the summer. Get your journal at [opendoorsyouth.org/bravefaith](http://opendoorsyouth.org/bravefaith)



### CHOOSE TO LOSE

Could you choose to lose something you love for a short time to raise money and prayer for young Christians like Sonu who have lost much because of their faith in Jesus? Get more info and a free fundraising pack at [opendoorsyouth.org/choosetolose](http://opendoorsyouth.org/choosetolose)



### SEND A LETTER

Do something amazing by sending hope! Head to [opendoorsyouth.org/sendhope](http://opendoorsyouth.org/sendhope) to see a bunch of people who need your encouragement, prayers and love. Spend a few minutes writing a letter to let them know they are not alone!

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## CAN YOU CRACK THE SECRET MESSAGE?



WRITE YOUR DECIPHERED LETTERS IN THE WHITE BOXES TO REVEAL A MESSAGE

STUCK? ANY CLUES ON THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE?



STILL STUCK ON THE CODE?  
LOOK AT THE ENVELOPE AND GOSPEL PUPPEN CIPHER?

# SPEAKING IN CODE

Why have we asked you to crack a code? Well, it's quite fun, but we also think it will help you connect with persecuted Christians around the world. It's hard to believe, but simply saying the words 'God', 'Bible' or 'Jesus' could get you into some serious trouble in certain countries. In these places, Christians often communicate secretly in code to encourage one another and grow in their faith.



For example, in **North Korea**, one family has ruled the country for decades, and they want people to treat them as gods. That means any other belief system that challenges their authority is outlawed, including Christianity.

In North Korea, those suspected of being Christians or found with a Bible or Christian material can be arrested, interrogated and sent to harsh prison camps – and often the whole family is punished, too. Facing such hostility, those who know Jesus choose to keep their faith secret and only connect with a small group of other trusted believers. It's too dangerous to mention Jesus or God, so they speak in

coded ways that help disguise what they are really saying. Here's an example:

**The One:** Jesus  
**Leader:** Lord  
**Father:** God

**Try deciphering this prayer (and pray it yourself):**

*There is power in the name of The One. Leader, we trust in You. Father, show us Your love and truth. Leader, give us what we need and help us become more and more like The One. Father, we need You, Leader, we depend on You. Help us bravely share the truth of The One with people we meet.*

# NEVER TURN BACK



Around the world, Christians speak in code because being known openly as a follower of Jesus can, in many cases, bring real and intense opposition. Sadly, **Sonu\***, a teenage girl from Nepal, knows first-hand the cost of her secret faith being discovered.

*"We belong to an orthodox Hindu family that hates Christianity. In our village there were rumours that anybody who touches a Bible or reads it will die – hence I never dared to touch the Bible or accept Christ despite hearing the gospel many times from others. However, the thirst to know about the Bible dragged me to the church, and ultimately I accepted Christ as my Saviour."*

Because of her choice to follow Jesus, Sonu has faced regular physical and mental abuse from her stepfather. She's had to run away many times, spending chilly and hungry nights in a nearby forest. Earlier this year, she made the choice to leave

home for good, finding shelter and help in a local church. But things are difficult – especially when she's trying to continue her studies without her family's support. Despite the difficulties she faces, Sonu says,

*"Everything is in God's hand and I feel secure in Him. He is faithful to His promises. I will never turn back from my faith."*

**Pray now...**

*Father God, help Sonu know You as her loving heavenly Father. Heal and restore her, provide for all she needs and give her a loving, supportive church family. Holy Spirit, be with her and strengthen her now. Amen.*

\*Name changed for security reasons