

HomeTouch

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Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8

TODAY'S THOUGHT: *Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.*

Last Spring, a new show appeared on television (NBC). Perhaps you saw it: Thank God, You're Here! In this show, some performers walk into a room where someone says, "Thank God, you're here!" The actor then has to improvise, totally off-the-cuff, the scene as it unfolds.

Actually, it's the title of another television show borrowed from our cousins overseas in Australia. TGYH was the most successful new show of 2006 in Australia of 2006, attracting an average of 1.7 million viewers after the first few episodes. When I heard about it, I thought, "Wouldn't it be wonderful if — when I showed up somewhere — people actually said, or thought: "Thank God, you're here!"

I must confess, I have known a few people who, when they showed up, I groaned inwardly. I hate to admit that; have you ever felt like that? Usually I have this reaction to a person who's relentlessly negative, critical, fault-finding and mean-spirited.

On the other hand, most people I meet, I am so glad to see again. They smile, they are joyful, they are supportive and encouraging. That's the kind of person I want to be. As for the others, they need my help. Maybe, someday, they will say of me, "Thank God you were there for me when I needed you!"

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, You said, "I am with You always!" I am grateful that You're here! May I be the kind of person who lends help, support and a ready smile to others. In that way, both You and I can be present to others, and they can be thankful that we've showed up! Amen.*

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Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 9-12

Monday: Daniel 7-9

Tuesday: Daniel 10-12

Wednesday: Esther 1-3

Thursday: Esther 4-7

Friday: Esther 8-10

Saturday: Psalm 119

**EYE-
CHART
A CITY IN
GERMANY**

Here is the alphabet with some letters omitted. When you find all the missing letters, unscramble the letters to spell the name of a well-known German city.

What is it?

P Q S T

C D E F

X Y Z I J

K V W

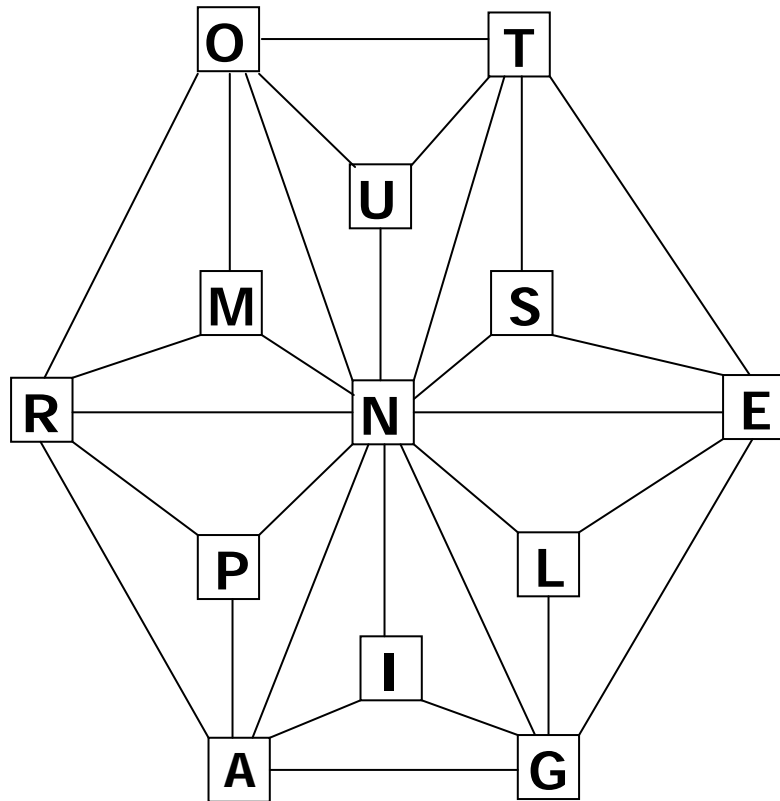
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Word Maze, possible words:
 4-letter words: gain, pain, lens, note, page, nuts, nest, sent, rant, rain, pant;
 5-letter words: giant, paint, tents, notes, stone, stout, motor, mount; **6 or more-letter words:** morning, raging, routes, giants, mounts, pronote.

WORD MAZE

Directions: Spell as many words as possible by starting anywhere in the maze and moving along the connecting lines. Do not skip letters.

For example, you cannot form the word **must** since to get from **m** to **u** you would need to skip either **o** or **n**. You may return to use the same letter twice as when you form the word **noun**, but you cannot use the same letter twice in succession. Count one point for each four-letter word, two points for five-letter words, and three points for words of six letters or more.



Four-letter words

Five-letter words

Longer words

Solution to "A City in Germany": Hamburg.