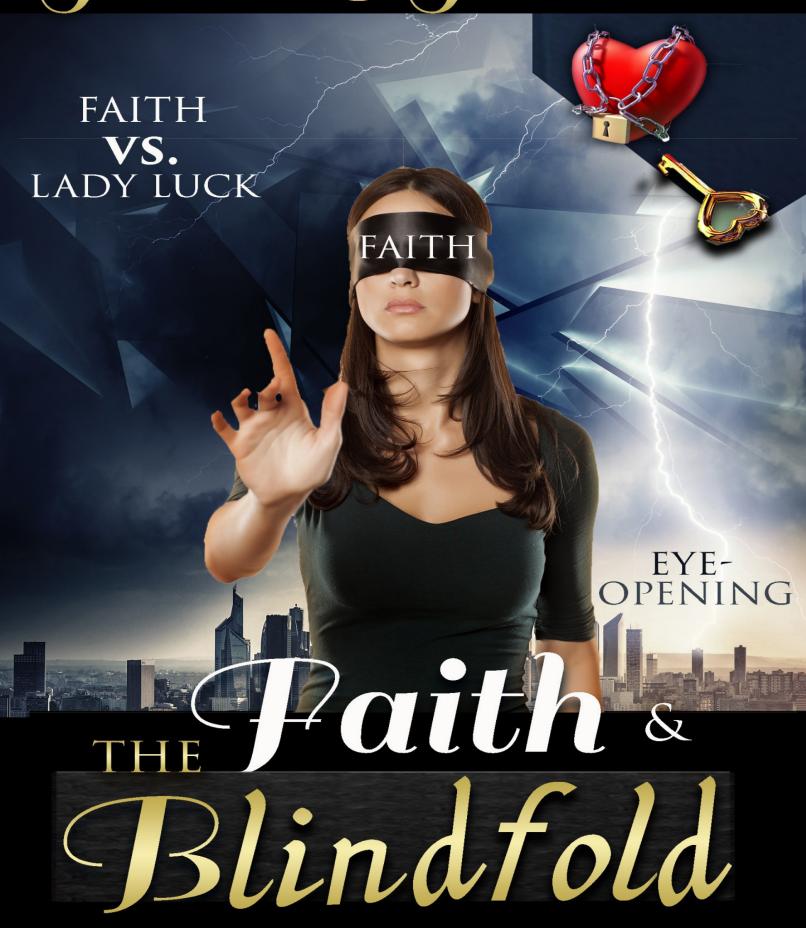
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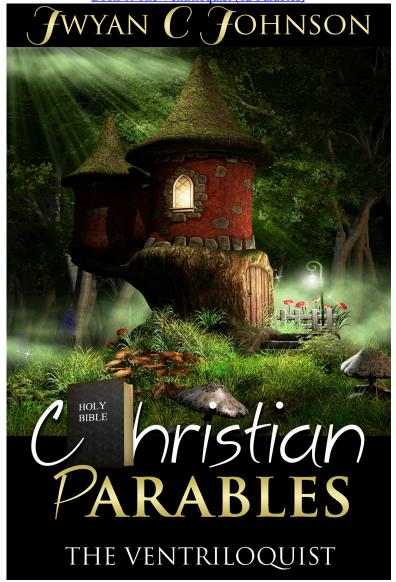
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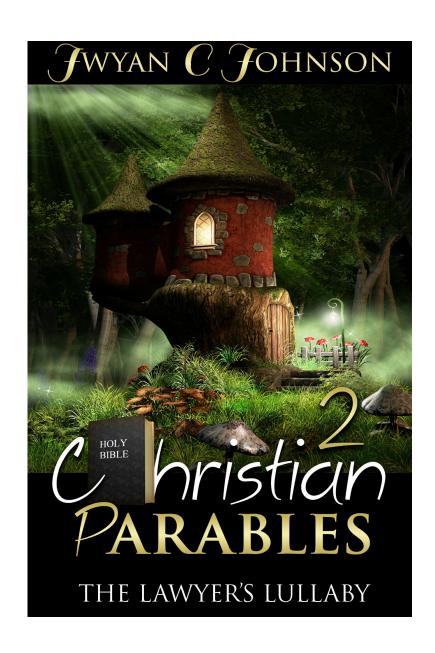


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Fun Facts

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- * The mustard seeds left by Dr. Faith attribute the biblical process (Matthew 17:20)
- * The doctor's full name (Faith Powers) is designed like an incomplete sentence. It is "a team effort" with mankind.
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Discussion Questions

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Exposing Lady Luck!

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