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# Congratulations!

**Congratulations! You have just made the most important and wonderful decision of your life. You decided to trust in Jesus Christ and received Him as your Lord and Savior. You became a child of God, your sin has been forgiven and you have just begun a whole new life. This was your first step toward having the amazing life of a true follower of Jesus Christ.**

***This is going to change everything!***

**M**y dear friend, I am so excited for you. But I am not alone, the Bible says that the angels in heaven are celebrating because you have turned to God (LUKE 15:10). Your life has already begun to change. Your past no longer has a hold on you. Your future is bright. God has brought you into His family and has many amazing, wonderful and supernatural things prepared for you.

The reason I have written this little book is to help you as you begin your journey to become an intimate friend and follower of Jesus. I pray that you will read this carefully and take the advice I offer you here. These few

pages will reveal to you some of the secrets of becoming strong in your relationship with God. I will tell you things that will help you to grow and other things that will protect you from turning down a wrong road. **I suggest that you read this several times and even mark the points that stand out most to you. Get involved in a small group to go through this together. At the end are questions for you to answer to help you deepen your understanding of these important truths.** You will find all of the answers to the questions throughout the pages of this book. You have just begun the greatest adventure of your life and I will be praying for you!

## Here is what happened when you believed:

The first thing you need to know is what exactly happened when you prayed that prayer to receive Jesus. *“The time has come,”* Jesus said. *“The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”* (NIV MARK 1:15). That is what you did! **You turned away from sin and toward God (repentance) and you believed the good news. The Good News is Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead to pay the penalty for sin and give us eternal life.** He did this so that you could be forgiven of your sin and given all of the privileges of a child of God. When you believed the good news and asked Jesus for forgiveness, He came into your heart and gave you a new life. The Bible says, *“This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”* (NLT 2 COR 5:17). Let me say this again, you have been given a NEW LIFE! God heard your prayer and has promised that *“to all who did receive Him, to those who believed*

*in His name, He gave the right to become children of God”* (NIV JOHN 1:12). **You are now a child of God!** Everything in your life has just begun again. And someday, when you die, you won’t receive the penalty for your sin, but instead, you will inherit eternal life with Jesus Christ forever. Hallelujah! You have been given the gift of eternal life! Don’t you agree that this is worth shouting at the top of our lungs our gratitude to God?

*“...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Now, it is very important for you to understand something. This new life is a free gift! You did nothing at all to earn it. God did not give you eternal life because of any good thing about you or any good deeds that you have done. *“God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can’t take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”* (NLT EPH 2:8, 9). The Bible is clear, it was not your good deeds that caused God to save you. God saved you because He loves you. And God didn’t wait for you to become holy or deserving to rescue you. The Bible says that, *“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”* (NIV ROMANS 5:8)

God saved you by what He calls grace. **Grace is God’s blessing on the undeserving.** Jesus died on the cruel Roman cross to give you this grace. I want to tell

*“...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord”*

you again, God did this because He is so good and He loves you. He is an awesome gracious God and He wanted to forgive your sins and have a wonderful relationship with you.

*You are a child of God. You belong to Him. Everything in your life has just begun again.*

It is so important that you understand this next point. Because of what Jesus did, **YOU HAVE BEEN TOTALLY FORGIVEN!** God said, *“For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”* (NIV HEB 8:12). God has forgiven you of ALL the bad things that you have ever done and even the sin you may commit in the future. He has buried them in the deepest ocean. They have been cast away and forgotten. He will never bring them up to you again. You are clean in the eyes of God. When He looks at you He sees a child He loves and died for. Let that sink in. You can now begin to live as one who is brand new. You are clean, you are righteous and holy! Even if you don't feel holy, God says that because of Jesus you are! **If you do sin, simply confess it to God, tell Him you are sorry and thank Him that Jesus paid the price for all of your sin. Pray this prayer to God right now. Pray it out loud, and pray with true gratitude.**

*Dear Heavenly Father, THANK YOU! Thank You that You gave Jesus to pay the price for my sin. Thank You that You drew my heart to You. Thank You for giving me faith to believe You. Thank You that I am now Your child. Thank*

*You for forgiving me. Thank You that I am clean and perfect in Your eyes. Thank You that I am a follower of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## LESSON 1

### What happened when you believed:

1. What should you do to get the most from this book?

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2. What did you do to receive this eternal life:

(MARK 1:14,15) \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What was the Good News that you believed?

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4. When you received Jesus, what does John 1:12 say happened to you?

(JOHN 1:12) \_\_\_\_\_

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5. The Bible says you were saved by grace through faith. What is Grace?

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6. Can you take any credit for your salvation?

(EPHESIANS 2:8-9) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Did you have to clean up your life for God to accept you?

(ROMANS 5:8) \_\_\_\_\_



8. Now that you have trusted Jesus, what does the Bible say about your sin?

(HEBREWS 8:12) \_\_\_\_\_

9. If you do sin, what should you do about it?

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## Becoming a true follower of Jesus Christ

Now, right at the start I want to point out something very important – you became a Christian in a moment, the moment that you believed in Jesus Christ to forgive your sin and give you eternal life. But, the journey of growing into all that God has for you is the joy of a lifetime. This will happen as you become a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

You might be wondering, what is a disciple? **A disciple is a person who follows, learns from and obeys a leader.** In the Bible, the followers of Jesus were called disciples. And this is what God wants for you too! We were created to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Being a disciple of Jesus is built on a deep and personal relationship with Him. God wants you to build your new life centered on knowing, loving, enjoying and because of your love for Him, obeying Jesus Christ. **This is how you will learn to live in peace and joy. This is what will give your life meaning and purpose. This is how you will experience all of the abundance and blessings of being a Christian. It all comes from Jesus.** Jesus said “*My purpose is to give them*

*a rich and satisfying life.*” (NLT JOHN 10:10B). **Being a disciple is a great honor and the best way to live.** I could tell you thousands of reasons to follow Jesus. But mostly, a disciple follows Jesus for the same reasons His first disciples followed Him, because He “*is the Messiah, the Son of the Living God!*” (NIV MATTHEW 16:16) You will never regret becoming a follower of Jesus!

## The Holy Spirit; the key to living with God’s Power

Many people will try to tell you that the key to living a powerful life for Jesus is to follow a lot of rules. They will try to convince you Christianity is a list of things we do or don’t do. **IT IS NOT. Christianity is a relationship with God made possible only through faith in His Son. However, none of us in our own power can consistently do those things necessary to develop and make that relationship grow.** Thankfully, **God knew that and gave us a gift** that gives us the power that we will need. **That gift is the Holy Spirit of God.** Jesus also refers to Him as the Helper. “*And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever*” (ESV JOHN 14:16). You might ask who is the Holy Spirit? Well, **the Holy Spirit is God’s Spirit.** And when you put your faith in Jesus, one of the supernatural and amazing things that happened was the Holy Spirit came to live inside of you.

Now, Jesus wants to give you an even more powerful experience with the Holy Spirit, He wants to baptize and fill you with the Holy Spirit. When Jesus does this, **you will receive power and be given**

## The Holy Spirit: The key to living with God's Power

### 1. What is a Disciple?

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### 2. Why would someone want to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

a. (JOHN 10:10) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. Do you want to be a disciple?

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### 4. Is Christianity about following a lot of rules of what we must do or not do?

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### 5. What is the core of Christianity?

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### 6. Do we have the power in ourselves to live out this relationship with God?

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### 7. What has God done to help us?

a. (JOHN 14:16) \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. Who is the Holy Spirit?

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### 9. What will the Holy Spirit do for you?

a. (ACTS 1:8) \_\_\_\_\_

**supernatural gifts.** *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”* (NLT ACTS 1:8).

It is the Holy Spirit in you that will give you the power to live for Jesus Christ. It is the Holy Spirit that you can depend on to lead you, encourage you, and comfort you. It is the Holy Spirit that will help you to understand the bible and how to pray. And it is the Holy Spirit that will give you power to minister healing to the sick, deliverance to the oppressed and to powerfully tell others the message of salvation. Surprised? It is true! You will be able to do all of these things and more by the power of the Holy Spirit. You need to be filled with the Holy Spirit!

Let me tell you how you can be filled with the Holy Spirit. Jesus told us, *“If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”* (NIV LUKE 11:13). **According to Jesus, all that you need to do is simply ask Him to baptize you with the Holy Spirit.** So Let's ask Him now:

**Pray this prayer:**

*Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I desire to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that I have the power to live for You. I ask You to fill me now. Baptize me with the Holy Spirit and give me all of the supernatural gifts that you have for me. Thank You! I praise You and thank You for keeping Your promise.*

## 10. How are we filled with the Holy Spirit?

a. (LUKE 11:13) \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Did you receive the Holy Spirit? If not, let's ask Jesus now to baptize us with the Holy Spirit.

## How to grow strong in Christ.

In order to grow into a strong disciple of Jesus, simply think of a plant. A plant begins with a seed. A seed needs mainly three things in order to grow. If that seed is planted in good ground, if it is watered and if it receives enough sunlight, a miracle will happen and that seed will grow to become a full mature plant that produces good fruit. In much the same way, like that seed, there are some critical things you will need in order to grow and be fruitful.

### *Join a good Church*

First, you will want to be planted in good soil. That is why one of the most important things that you will want to do is get involved in a good strong church and find a group of other believers there who will help you to grow in your relationship with Jesus. You can't do this alone; you need the help of others who are serious and committed to loving Jesus. With their help, you will grow in your relationship with God much faster and you can help them to grow in their love for God as well. That is how Jesus wants us to be. He made us to work together, to help each other, and to protect one another.

Even in nature we can see great examples of how being together makes each one stronger and safer.



Geese are large birds that often travel long distances to find food as the seasons change. It has been discovered that these geese really understand the importance of staying together. For example, By flying in “V” formation, the whole flock together can fly nearly twice as far as a single bird trying to fly on its own. Whenever one of the geese falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the resistance of the wind when it is all by itself and so it quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. The goose in the very front of the “V” formation has to do the hardest work and the flying gets easier toward the back of the group. So, when the lead goose gets tired, he rotates to the back of the group and another goose flies point for a while until it also needs a rest. And the geese even encourage one another. As they fly along, the geese honk to encourage the geese up front to keep up their speed. Finally, if a goose gets sick, or is wounded, and falls out of formation because it just can't keep up with the rest of the flock, two other geese fall out of formation with that hurting goose and follow him to help and protect him. These are wonderful principles that we too need to follow. The bible teaches us over and over again that we need each other.



One of the beautiful things about being a part of a church is that we share one another's burdens. If you are hurting, your brothers and sisters will comfort you. (Gal 6:2). **If you lose your way, they can help to restore you.** (Gal 6:1) You are now a part of the family of God and you need your family and your family needs you! The church is your new family!

In the Bible, the word of God says, *"As iron sharpens iron, so a friend sharpens a friend"* (NLT PROVERBS 27:17). By being in a group of believers, we sharpen each other, which means, we help each other to become strong in the Lord. We help each other with questions or problems and we teach each other the things that God is teaching us. This is a very powerful and important part of becoming all that God intends for each one of us to become.

Another benefit of being part of a church of strong and passionate believers is that just as the geese can fly so much further when they fly together in a formation, so we can accomplish so much more when we work together. Leviticus 26:8 NIV says that, *"Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand"*. This means when we work together in Christ we can accomplish 100 times more than if we try to do it alone.

**The bible encourages us to be a part of a strong group of encouraging believers.** *"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."* (NLT HEBREWS 10:25)

We all face troubles in this life. Even if we haven't already, we will all experience the loss of people we love; we will all at times experience failures, problems and hurts. But if we are connected to others that love Jesus, we don't have to go through those things alone. When we feel alone, our problems seem bigger and scarier. But when we have others who care about us and stand beside us, and pray for us something wonderful and spiritual happens. It is a miracle of life. Somehow, we feel better. Our burden seems lighter, and our faith grows. This is one of the most important principles to remember; we need each other! You need a church family. You need other believers who are committed to you and to whom you are also committed. This is a privilege and responsibility of all of us in the family of God.

## Baptism

Finally, a good church is a place where you can be baptized in water. This is a very important act of obedience. It shows that you really want to follow Jesus. 2000 years ago, after the very first gospel crusade, 3,000 people responded to the gospel message. They asked the preacher what they should do. It was Peter, one of Jesus first disciples. Peter replied, *"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy*



*Spirit*” (NIV ACTS 2:38). You have already repented and believed the good news of Jesus. Now, you should take the next step and be baptized. Baptism is an outward demonstration that you have put all of your trust in Jesus Christ. It is a sign to the world that you have made Jesus Christ your Lord. We have already learned that we are saved by believing, nevertheless, Jesus Himself commanded all of us who believe and trust in Him to be baptized in water. **You should make this a high priority to be baptized as soon as possible. It is a joyful and blessed experience and an important act of obedience to God.**

Here are the signs to help you to recognize a good, biblical church:

- 1) **Find a joy filled church.** This joy is from the Holy Spirit and you will know it when you see it. It is people who love each other and who are excited to see each other. It is people who will greet a new visitor and show deep interest and love.
- 2) **Find a church that teaches the Bible and believes that the Bible is living and active and that it is God’s flawless word to guide us through life.**
- 3) **Find a mission minded church.** That is, the Great Commission that was given to all who believe in Jesus; “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” (NIV MARK 26:15) This is a church that reaches out to the lost and the poor and the sick with the hope only found in the gospel of Jesus.

- 4) Finally, the leaders in that church should have the qualities that the bible says are important for the overseers (leaders or Pastors) of a church. Here is what the bible says:

***“A church leader is a manager of God’s household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money. Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life. He must have a strong belief in the trustworthy message he was taught; then he will be able to encourage others with wholesome teaching and show those who oppose it where they are wrong.”***

(NIV TITUS 1: 7-9)

Of course, none of us are perfect and there are no perfect Pastors or perfect churches. But, it is important to find a church that is striving to live honorably, biblically and humbly.



## Fellowship/Church: Get baptized and join a church

1. Why is being a part of a church like being planted in good soil?

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2. Why would someone want to be a part of a good church?

a. (GALATIANS 6:2) \_\_\_\_\_

b. (GALATIANS 6:1) \_\_\_\_\_

c. (PROVERBS 27:17) \_\_\_\_\_

d. (LEVITICUS 26:8) \_\_\_\_\_

e. (HEBREWS 10:25) \_\_\_\_\_

3. What did the Apostle Peter tell the new believers they needed to do?

(ACTS 2:38) \_\_\_\_\_

4. What are some important factors in choosing a church?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

d. (TITUS 1:7-9) \_\_\_\_\_

## Study and live the Bible

The next crucial element in experiencing all that God has for you is God's word, the Bible. You know that a seed, even if it is planted in good soil, won't grow unless it receives sufficient water. In the same way you too won't grow into the person God made you to be without the water of the Word of God.

The Bible is the most amazing book that has ever been written. **It is a collection of 66 separate books and letters, each written by men as they were inspired by God.** *"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right."* (NLT 2 TIMOTHY 3:16). These books have been miraculously preserved in their original languages for thousands of years. The Bible has been accurately translated into nearly every language in the world. And, the Bible is the most read, most studied, most printed and most influential book in the history of mankind.

God's amazing book addresses every topic of our lives and offers God's perfect counsel for every situation we find ourselves in. The Bible teaches us about God, what He is like and what is important to Him. It also teaches us about ourselves. The Bible says that when you became a Christian, you became a new creation. God tells us in the Bible who we have become and the amazing power that is available to us as we learn to walk by faith.

One of the important things to understand about the Bible is that it is not like any other book in the world. **It is made from the very words of God;** therefore, it has a power unlike any other book ever written. The Bible has the power to make our faith grow. “*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.*” (ESV ROMANS 10:17) **This means that as you read and study and think about God’s Word, your faith will actually grow. The Bible will also teach you how to be a godly parent, friend and spouse. It will teach you how to succeed in business, in your family and in your relationship with God. The Bible will teach you how to live.**

The Bible, however, is what could be called a locked book. **This means to truly understand and be changed by God’s Word, God Himself must open up our minds to understand it.** Many times an unbeliever tries to understand the Bible for the wrong reasons and fails to receive what God is saying. And yet, a child who loves Jesus can receive more from the Bible than the smartest person who is filled with unbelief. Even after Jesus’ disciples had been with Him for three years, they still needed Jesus to open their minds to understand the Scriptures. “*Then He opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures.*” (NIV LUKE 24:45) The same is true for you. The Holy Spirit, Who will lead

you in every aspect of your life, will also open your mind to understand the meaning of God’s Word. **So each time you open God’s Word, before you even begin to read, take a moment to ask God to speak to you through His Word.** You will be amazed what a difference it will make if you read with an attitude of humility and a desire to be taught by God.

If you don’t have a Bible or are not able to read it, find someone who does, and study together with them. If you have a Bible, **take some time every day to read and study it.** If you know someone who can’t read or that doesn’t have a bible, you might want to invite them to study it with you. And don’t be in a hurry. Think about what you are reading and how it applies to your life. Allow God to speak to your heart and change you as you learn those things that are true and right and just. Don’t be afraid to underline passages that really speak to you. Write down questions when you come upon something you don’t understand so you can ask someone who may be able to give you an answer. The Bible was given by God because He loves you and wants you to succeed in every area of your life. The Bible will not only teach you how to live, but will supernaturally change you from the inside out.

Now I want to give you a golden nugget that will help you every day of your life. Are you ready for this? Here it is. The Holy Spirit that now lives in you





will give you power to be a person that takes action on the word of God, not one that merely hears it or reads it. So many people like to learn about the Bible, but they don't want to bother themselves to do what it says. Don't ever let yourself fall into this trap. It does you no good to know the truths of God but not follow them. We grow when we become people who live these truths. That is the secret to living with the joy God has for you. That is the secret to having spiritual power and wisdom. This simple principle will ensure that you will be and do and have all that God has for you. Even now, I challenge you to pray this prayer:

*Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for giving me the grace to be a person of action. Make me a person who believes you and lives boldly as a result. Remind me and strengthen me to do those things that Your word teaches me to do. I choose to be someone who not only hears but also does what you say. I thank You for Your grace to do this. I pray in the Name of Jesus Christ my Lord and Savior.*

LESSON 4

The Bible:

- 1. Who wrote the Bible?  
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- 2. Why is the Bible unlike any other book?  
(2 TIMOTHY 3:16) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What happens when we read and listen to the Bible?  
(ROMANS 10:17) \_\_\_\_\_

- 4. What types of things will the Bible teach us?  
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- 5. Do you want to learn the Bible?  
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- 6. What does it mean that the bible is a locked book?  
(LUKE 24:45) \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Before you begin to read the Bible, what is important for you to first do?  
(JOHN 10:27) \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. How often would you benefit from studying the Bible?  
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Fellowship with God in Prayer

We have been comparing growing in the Christian life to a seed growing into a mature plant that produces good fruit. We are the seeds, the church is the soil, the word of God is the water and finally, prayer can be thought of as soaking in the warm sunshine of the presence of God.

**Prayer is quite simple. It is communicating with God.** It is both talking to Him and listening to what He says to you. The amazing part of prayer is that the Creator of the universe, **the One, Almighty God,** deeply desires to talk with you. He wants you to share with Him every part of your life, and He wants you to get to know Him.

**Prayer is the way we can bring our fears and worries to God. It is how we bring our needs and desires to Him.** Prayer is our direct connection to



God. And this connection is so important that the Bible actually tells us to pray without stopping. The Bible says, *“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.”* (NLT PHIL 4:6). That means we are continually talking to and listening to God, our Father. Our prayers can be spoken out loud or silently. They can be prayed from our knees, while we are seated, standing, walking, running, driving—or any other time or place we find ourselves. There is no place or time that God does not want to fellowship with you in prayer. Your prayers don’t need to be formal or eloquent. They simply need to be genuine and from your heart.

## *Prayer has Power!*

Prayer changes things! The bible tells us that there is great power in our prayers and has many promises from God of the effectiveness of prayer. In the Bible in James 5:16b NIV it says *“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.”* Jesus Himself said *“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”* (NIV MARK 11:24.) In this verse we see an important element of prayer. It is believing! **We must believe that God has heard and will answer our prayers.**

**Another important thing to remember as we pray is to pray for things that are a part of God’s will.** Sometimes, the reason we don’t receive what we ask for is because we ask for things that aren’t what God wants for us. *“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears*

*us — whatever we ask — we know that we have what we asked of him.”* (NIV 1 JOHN 5:14-15). One of the best ways to know that your prayers are according to God’s will is to pray those things that the bible says God wants. Keep this in mind as you pray but don’t let it stop you from pouring out all of your desires to God in prayer.

I recommend that you not only learn to continually talk with God but that you set aside special time every day to talk with Him. Here is an example of a simple way that may help you get started.

- **PRAISE**
- **THANK**
- **ASK**
- **LISTEN**

**PRAISE:** Praise God for who He is and what He has done for you. Look into the sky and consider such a great God that could create the sun, the moon and stars. Look around at nature and praise God for the way He gave us everything we need in this world. Think about the cross that Jesus gave His life on and praise God for saving you from your sin. Let your heart consider how Awesome our God is and praise Him for it.

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**THANK:** Let gratitude to God flow from your heart. Spend some time thanking God for every good thing that you have in your life. Thank Him for the simple things like clothes on your back or food on your table. Thank Him for the breath in your lungs and a sound mind. Learn to develop an attitude that is continually full of gratitude toward God. God is so good and gracious to us and we need to always keep that in the front of our minds. Become a person filled with thanksgiving to God. *“give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* (1 THESSALONIANS 5:18). This attitude will build your faith and fill you with peace and joy!

**ASK:** Bring to God all of your requests. Ask Him for those things you need and want. Pray for your family and friends. Ask God for good health and strength. Ask Him for direction in your life. Ask God for whatever is in your heart. Remember, He loves you and delights to give you good things. The bible says that *“Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.”* (NIV JOHN 16:24) God won’t get mad at you for asking.

**LISTEN:** Spend some time simply sitting quietly and listening to what the Holy Spirit may say to you. He will speak to you through the bible, but he will also speak to you in your heart. It probably won’t come as a voice but rather as thoughts and feelings that you understand without words. That is God leading you and directing your life. Jesus said, *“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me”* (NIV JOHN 10:27). However, like a radio that must be tuned into a channel to receive the signal from the

station, we need to learn how to tune into the voice of God. This will take practice, but, once we do, the joys and wisdom that come from hearing God are more wonderful than words can express. As you are learning to hear God’s voice, remember, God will never tell you anything that contradicts the bible.

The truth is that the benefits of prayer are too many to be counted and there isn’t space in this little book to even begin to scratch the surface. But, as you commit yourself to prayer, you will discover the treasures of prayer firsthand.

My friend, the benefits of prayer are far too many to be counted and there isn’t space in this little book to even begin to scratch the surface. But, as you commit yourself to prayer, you will discover the treasures of prayer for yourself.

LESSON 5

Prayer:

- 1. Discuss How might prayer be like soaking in the sunshine
- 2. What is prayer?
- 3. Does God want to talk with you?
- 4. What parts of your life is God interested in?

5. Instead of worrying, what can we pray about?

(PHIL 4:6) \_\_\_\_\_

6. Where can we pray?

(EPHESIANS 6:16) \_\_\_\_\_

7. What does God say about the power of prayer?

(JAMES 5:16) \_\_\_\_\_

8. What is necessary for us to expect answers to our prayers?

(MARK 11:24 ) \_\_\_\_\_

9. What will give us confidence that God will answer our prayers?

(1 JOHN 5:14-15) \_\_\_\_\_

10. What are some things to do in Prayer?

a. PRAISE GOD: \_\_\_\_\_

b. THANK GOD: (1 THESSALONIANS 5:18) \_\_\_\_\_

c. ASK: (JOHN 16:24) \_\_\_\_\_

d. LISTEN: (JOHN 10:27) \_\_\_\_\_

11. Next Steps:

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12. What is going to be your next step in growing in your relationship with God?

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13. How are you going to make sure that this fire never dies out or grows cold?

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## Final Thoughts

As I prepare to say good-bye for now, I want to tell you again how much God loves you. He has a life that is full and rich in love and joy and peace. He will give you purpose and direction and cause you to grow in wisdom, power and grace. Pursue Him with your whole heart. The decision you made to believe and trust in Jesus was only the beginning. God has more good things prepared for you than you have ever dreamed. Love Jesus with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and you will never regret a day of your life.


May God keep you and bless you. May He protect you and grow you into every wonderful thing that He created you to be.

Your friend and brother in Christ Jesus, our Lord,



Dana Morey





Today I received Jesus Christ as my  
Savior when I made the decision to  
place all of my trust in Him to forgive  
my sin and make me a new creation.  
I have been forgiven and I am now a  
child of God!

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## DECISION CARD

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Male ☐ Female ☐

Location of residence: (Write specific details) \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

First time decision for Christ? Yes ☐ No ☐

Do you want a personal visit? Yes ☐ No ☐

When is the best time to visit? \_\_\_\_\_

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