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GOOD NEWS: There is a good God who is in love with you and wants you to have an abundant and joy-filled life.

1 John 4:9 "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him."

John 10:10 "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."



BAD NEWS: We have all sinned against our loving God.

Rom 3:23 "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."



WORSE NEWS: The just payment is eternal death.

Rom 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."



SOLUTION: Jesus paid the price for our sin. He died in our place so we can have a relationship with Him and experience a rich and abundant life.

Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love toward us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."



WHAT WE MUST DO ABOUT IT:

STEP ONE: BELIEVE:

Jesus died on the cross to pay for our sin, was buried and raised from the dead

1 Cor 15:3,4 "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

NEW LIFE

No good deeds, no religious effort, nothing can bring the forgiveness of your sin except the payment Jesus made.

Rom 3:20 "For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin."

Acts 4:12 "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

STEP TWO: REPENT: The Bible tells us to turn away from sin to God.

Acts 3:19 "Now repent of your sins and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away."

STEP THREE: RECEIVE: Receive the forgiveness of all your sin and the new life that God is offering you.

John 1:12 "But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God."

PRAY: Pray and simply confess with your mouth your trust in Christ and receive forgiveness and new life.

Rom 10:9,10,11 "that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. For the Scripture says, "WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED."

Dear Jesus,

I believe that I am a sinner and I turn away from my sin.

I believe that you are the only way of salvation.

I believe that you died, were buried and rose from the dead to pay for my sin. Now I receive that forgiveness as a free gift and thank You that I am a child of God.

ASSURANCE: You can be assured that you are saved!

1 John 5:11-13 "And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life."

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Congratulations!

Congratulations! You have just made the most important and wonderful decision of your life. You put your faith in Jesus Christ and received Him as your Lord and Savior. You have become a child of God. Your sins have been forgiven, and you have begun a whole new life. This is your first step into the amazing life of a true follower of Jesus Christ. ***This will change everything!***

My dear friend, I am so excited for you. And I am not alone—the Bible says that there is a celebration in Heaven because you have turned to Jesus (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 He has many wonderful and powerful things prepared for you.

The reason I have written this little book is to help you as you begin your journey to become a close friend and follower of Jesus. I pray that you will read this carefully and follow the advice I give you here. These few pages will show you some of the keys to growing strong in your relationship with God.

I will share things that will help you grow, and other things that will help protect you from going down the wrong path. I encourage you to read this more than once and even mark the points that stand out to you. If possible, go through this with a small group of other believers.

At the end of each section, there are questions to help you understand these truths more deeply. You will find all the answers in the pages of this book. You have just begun the greatest adventure of your life—and I will be praying for you!

LESSON 1

Here is What Happened When You Believed:

The first thing you need to understand is what happened when you prayed to receive Jesus.

Jesus said, *“The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”* (Mark 1:15).

That is exactly what you did. You turned away from sin and turned toward God (this is called repentance), and you believed the good news.

The Good News is this: 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 and receive all the privileges of being a child of God.

When you believed this and asked Jesus to forgive you, He came into your life and you were “born again”. The Bible says, *“Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!”* (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Let me say this again: **you have been given a NEW LIFE!**

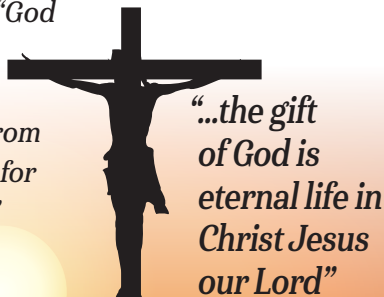
God heard your prayer and has made you a promise: *“To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God”* (John 1:12). You are now a child of God!

Now that you belong to God, everything in your life has begun new, and He has great plans for you. He has a purpose for your life and important things that He has for you to do. He will work with you to learn to hear His voice and to follow His leading day by day. God did not save you only so that you could go to Heaven—He saved you so that you could know Him, walk with Him, and be used by Him to impact others. Your life now has eternal purpose. God wants to work through you to share His love, bring hope to others, and help people come to know Jesus. As you grow in your relationship with Him, He will guide you, strengthen you, and lead you into the abundant life He has prepared for you.

Because of what Jesus has done for you, one day when you die, you will not receive the penalty for your sin. Instead, you will live forever with Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! You have been given the gift of eternal life. *“...the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 6:23)

Don't you agree that this is worth shouting our thanks and praise to God?

Now it is very important for you to understand this: this new life is a free gift! You did nothing to earn it. God did not give you eternal life because of anything good you have done. The Bible says, *“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”* (Ephesians 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 He did not wait for you to become holy or deserving before rescuing you. The Bible says, “*While we were still sinners, Christ died for us*” (Romans 5:8).

God saved you by what He calls grace. Grace is God’s blessing given to those who do not deserve it. Jesus died on the cross to give you this grace. I want to tell you again: God did this because He is good, and because He loves you. He is a gracious and loving God, and He wanted to forgive your sins and now wants to have a real relationship with you.

You Are Forgiven!

It is very important that you understand this next truth: **because of what Jesus has done, YOU HAVE BEEN TOTALLY FORGIVEN!**

God says, “*I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more*” (Hebrews 8:12). God has forgiven you for **all** the wrong things you have ever done—even the sins you may commit in the future. He has paid the price for you to be completely forgiven!

You are now clean in the eyes of God. When He looks at you, He sees a child He loves—one He gave His life for. Let that sink in. You can now begin to live as a brand new person. You are clean. You are righteous. You are holy! Even if you do not 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 has already paid the price for all your sin.

Now take a moment to talk to God. Pray this out loud, and thank Him from your heart:

Dear Heavenly Father, THANK YOU!
Thank You for sending Jesus to pay the price for my sin.
Thank You for giving me faith to believe in You.
Thank You for forgiving me.
Thank You that I am now Your child.
Thank You that I am clean in Your eyes.
Thank You that I am a follower of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

What Happened When You Believed.

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

2. What did you do to receive eternal life?

(READ MARK 1:15) _____

3. What is the Good News that you believed?

4. When you received Jesus, what does the Bible say happened to you?

(READ JOHN 1:12) _____

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

6. Can you take any credit for your salvation?

(READ EPHESIANS 2:8-9) _____

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

(READ ROMANS 5:8) _____

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

(READ HEBREWS 8:12) _____

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

10. Which truth in this lesson is most important to you, and why?

11. What does it mean to you that God has a purpose and mission for your life?

12. How do you think God might want to use your life to impact others?

LESSON 2

Becoming a True Follower of Jesus Christ.

Now, right at the start, I want you to understand something very important: you became a Christian in a moment—the moment you repented of your sin and believed in Jesus Christ to forgive you and give you eternal life. But growing into all that God has for you is the journey of a lifetime. This happens as you become a true follower—a disciple—of Jesus Christ.

So what is a disciple?

A disciple is someone 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. You were created to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Being a disciple is built on a deep and personal relationship with Him. God wants you to build your new life around knowing Him, loving Him, and enjoying Him. And as your love for Him grows, you will begin to obey Him—not out of obligation, but out of relationship.

Walking with Jesus is how you will learn to live in peace and joy. It is what will give your life meaning and purpose. And it is how you will experience the satisfying and abundant life that God has for you.

When you put your faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit came to live inside you.

Everything comes from our relationship with Jesus, and Jesus said, *“My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”* (John 10:10b, NLT)

Being a disciple of Jesus is a great honor—and the best way to live. There are countless reasons to follow Him. But at the center is this truth: Jesus is who He said He is. He is *“the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”* (Matthew 16:16, NIV)

You will never regret becoming a true follower of Jesus.

The Holy Spirit: The Key to Living with God’s Power.

Many people think that the key to living a powerful Christian life is to follow a lot of rules and rituals—lists of things you must do and not do. But that is not true. Christianity isn’t about rules. It is about a real, personal relationship with God—a relationship made possible through Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross and our faith in Him. Yes, our lives will dramatically change. But those changes happen because God Himself changes our hearts.

God does this by His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus. When you put your faith in Jesus, the Holy Spirit came to live inside you. That means God Himself is now living inside of you and He promised to never leave you.

The Holy Spirit will lead you through your life. He will teach you, He will guide you, He will comfort you. When

you need courage, He will give it to you. When you need strength, He will provide it. He will help you live the life God has called you to live. The Holy Spirit also speaks to you—not usually out loud, but in your heart. Soon, you will begin to recognize His voice.

And the Holy Spirit will begin to change you from the inside out. He will work in your heart, shaping your desires. You will begin to want what God wants for you. You will begin to want to turn away from sin and the things that destroy your life. As He works within you, those changes will begin to show up in the way you live. You will think differently, speak differently, and live differently—not because you are trying harder, but because God is transforming who you are.

Another important role of the Holy Spirit is an experience that is called the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is a work where the Holy Spirit supernaturally empowers you for ministry to others. The best place to experience this is in a local church that teaches on the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

So what is your part in this process?

Your part is to keep your heart open to God and pursue a relationship with Him. As you take the simple steps of following Jesus that you will learn in this book—spending time with other believers, praying, reading the Bible, and seeking God—the Holy Spirit will use those moments to change you. What may seem small at first will become powerful over time.

The Christian life is not about trying to change yourself. It is about walking with God and allowing His Holy Spirit to shape you into the person you were created to be.

The Holy Spirit: The Key to Living with God's Power.

1. What is a Disciple?

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

(READ JOHN 10:10) _____

3. Do you want to become a disciple of Jesus? Why?

4. What is the difference between following rules and having a relationship with God?

5. Who is the Holy Spirit, and where is He now?

6. What are some ways the Holy Spirit works in your life?

7. Why do our behaviors begin to change when God changes our hearts?

8. What is one simple step you can take this week to grow in your relationship with God?

How to Grow Strong in Christ.

To grow into a strong disciple of Jesus, think about a plant.

A plant begins as a seed. For that seed to grow, it needs three main things: good soil, water, and sunlight. When a seed is planted in good soil, receives water, and gets enough sunlight, something amazing happens—it grows into a healthy plant that produces good fruit.

In the same way, there are a few important things you need in order to grow strong and live a fruitful life as a follower of Jesus.

Join a Good Church.

First, you need to be planted in good soil. This means becoming part of a strong, healthy church and connecting with other believers who will help you grow in your relationship with Jesus. You cannot do this alone. You need the help of others who are serious about loving and following Jesus. As you grow together, you will help one another become stronger in your faith. God created us to live this way—to support each other, encourage each other, and protect one another.

Even in nature, we see how being together makes us stronger. Geese are large birds that often travel long distances to find food as the seasons change. They fly in what's called a "V" formation. By flying together this way, they can go much farther than a single bird flying alone. When one goose falls out of formation, it feels the resistance of the wind and quickly returns to the group. The lead goose works the hardest, so when it becomes tired, another goose takes its place. As they fly, the geese make sounds to encourage one another to keep going. If a goose becomes sick or injured and cannot keep up, two



other geese leave the group to stay with it, helping and protecting it until it can fly again.

These are powerful lessons for us. The Bible teaches us again and again that we need each other. When you are part of a church, you share life together. If you are hurting, others will comfort you (Galatians 6:2). If you lose your way, they can help restore you (Galatians 6:1).

Another benefit of being part of a strong church is that we can accomplish much more together than we can alone. The Bible says, *“Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand”* (Leviticus 26:8). When we work together, our impact grows.

The Bible also encourages us, *“Do not give up meeting together... but encourage one another”* (Hebrews 10:25). Life will bring challenges. We will all face difficulties, loss, and hardship. But when you are connected to other believers, you do not have to face these things alone. Others will stand with you, pray for you, and help carry your burdens.

You are now part of the family of God. You need your family—and your family needs you. The Bible says, *“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another”* (Proverbs 27:17). As believers, we help each other grow stronger in the Lord. We help one another with questions, challenges, and learning how to follow Jesus. This is one of the most important truths to remember: **we need each other**. You need a church family!

Baptism

A good church is also a place where you can be baptized in water. Baptism is a very important step of obedience. It shows that you truly want to follow Jesus.

After the first message about Jesus was preached, about 3,000 people believed. They asked what they should do next. Peter, one of Jesus' first disciples, answered them: *"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"* (Acts 2:38).

You have already repented and believed the good news about Jesus. And Jesus has commanded all who believe in Him to be baptized in water. Because of this, baptism should be a priority in your new life with God. It is a meaningful step of obedience that publicly shows your faith in Him.

Baptism is both a joyful and significant experience. It marks the beginning of your walk with God and demonstrates to others that you have committed your life to Jesus Christ.



How to Recognize a Good, Biblical Church.

Here are some simple ways to recognize a good, healthy church:

1) **A Joyful and Loving Church**

Look for a church where people truly love one another. This love comes from the Holy Spirit. You will see it in the way people care for each other, welcome visitors, and are glad to be together.

2) **A Church That Teaches the Bible**

Look for a church that teaches the Bible clearly and believes that it is God's true and trustworthy Word. The Bible should guide how they live and what they teach.

3) **A Church That Reaches Others**

Look for a church that cares about people who do not yet know Jesus. Jesus said, *"Go into all the world and preach the good news to everyone"* (Mark 16:15). A healthy church shares the message of Jesus with others and helps those in need.

4) **Godly Leaders**

Look for leaders who live in a way that honors God. The Bible says:

"A church leader... must live a blameless life... He must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life..." (Titus 1:7–9)

No church or leader is perfect. But it is important to find a church that is seeking to live in a way that is humble, honest, and faithful to God's Word.

Fellowship, Church, and Baptism

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

2. Why is it important for you to be involved in a good church?

(READ GALATIANS 6:2, GALATIANS 6:1, LEVITICUS 26:8,
HEBREWS 10:25, PROVERBS 27:17)

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

(READ ACTS 2:38)

4. Since you have believed in Jesus, are you ready to be baptized? Why or why not?

5. What are some important things to look for in a church?

(SEE TITUS 1:7-9)



Let the Bible Shape Your Life.

The next important step in growing in your new life with God is His Word—the Bible.

Think again about a plant. Even if it is planted in good soil, it will not grow unless it receives water. In the same way, you will not grow into the person God created you to be without the Word of God.

The Bible is the most amazing book ever written. It is made up of 66 books and letters, written by men who were guided by God. The Bible says, *“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to show us what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us and teaches us to do what is right”* (2 Timothy 3:16).

God’s amazing book addresses every topic of our lives and offers God’s perfect counsel for every situation. The Bible teaches us about God—who He is and what is important to Him. It also teaches us about ourselves. When you trusted in Jesus, you became a new person. The Bible shows you who you have become in Christ, and the power that is available to you as you walk by faith.

The Bible is not like any other book in the world. It is God’s Word, and it has power. It will make your faith grow. The Bible says, *“Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ”* (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 child, parent, friend and spouse. It will teach you how to succeed in school, 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. 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. 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.

As you spend time in God's Word and grow in your relationship with Him, the Holy Spirit will shape your heart, your thinking, and your desires.

As God's Word takes root in your life, you will begin to live it out—not by your own strength, but because God is at work within you. This is how real and lasting change happens.

The Bible:

1. Why is the Bible different from any other book?

(READ 2 TIMOTHY 3:16) _____

2. What happens when we read and listen to God's Word?

(READ ROMANS 10:17) _____

3. What kinds of things does the Bible teach us?

4. Do you want to learn the Bible?

5. What does it mean that the bible is a "locked book"?

(READ LUKE 24:45) _____

6. Before you begin to read the Bible, what should you do?

7. How often should you read and study the Bible?

8. What is one step you will take this week to spend time in God's Word?

9. If you cannot read, what can you do to still learn God's Word?

Fellowship with God in Prayer.

We have been comparing the Christian life to a seed growing into a healthy plant. We are the seed. The church is the soil. The Word of God is the water. And prayer is like soaking in the warm sunshine of God's presence.

Prayer is simple. It is talking with God. It includes both speaking to Him and listening to Him. The amazing truth is this: the Creator of the universe—the one true and living God—wants to talk with you. He cares about you and wants you to share every part of your life with Him. Through prayer we can bring our fears and worries to God. It is how we can share our needs, our desires and our dreams. Prayer is our direct connection to God!.

Because prayer is so important, the Bible tells us to pray continually. 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”* (Philippians 4:6). You can pray anytime and anywhere—out loud or silently. You can pray while sitting, walking, working, or resting. There is no place where God does not want to meet with you.

Your prayers do not need to be formal or perfect. They simply need to be real and from your heart.



Prayer Has Power

Prayer is powerful because you are speaking with God. And prayer changes things. The Bible says, *“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective”* (James 5:16). Jesus also said, *“Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours”* (Mark 11:24).

This teaches us a beautiful truth: when we pray, we can have full confidence that God hears us and delights in answering. We can pray with great expectation, knowing that God’s will for us is always “good, pleasing, and perfect”. As we grow in our relationship with Him, we learn to pray for things that align with His heart and His wonderful plans for our lives. The Bible promises, *“If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us... we know that we have what we asked of Him”* (1 John 5:14–15). Remember, God loves you and wants to hear every detail of your life! While you can talk to Him anywhere and anytime, setting aside a special ‘quiet time’ each day helps you focus on His presence and hear His voice more clearly.”

Here is one simple way to begin—these are not rules, just helpful suggestions as you learn to talk with God.

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.

Thank:

Let thankfulness to God flow from your heart. Take time to thank Him for the good things in your life—simple things like clothes on your back or food on your table. Thank Him for the breath in your lungs and a sound mind.

As you do, you will find yourself naturally overflowing with His deep joy and perfect peace. *“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:18)

Ask:

Bring God all of your requests. Ask Him for those things you need and want. Pray for your family and friends. Ask God for wisdom 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 loves to give good things to His children.

Listen:

Take time to be quiet before God. The Holy Spirit will guide you. He may speak through the Bible or through thoughts in your heart. Jesus said, *“My sheep listen to my voice”* (John 10:27). Learning to hear God can take time, but as you practice, you will learn. As you’re learning to hear God, always remember: God will never say anything that goes against the Bible.

My friend, the blessings of prayer are too great to fully describe. As you continue to pray, you will discover them for yourself.

Prayer:

1. What is prayer?

2. Does God want to talk with you? Why?

3. What parts of your life does God want you to share with Him?

4. What can we pray about?

(READ PHILIPPIANS 4:6) _____

5. Where can we pray?

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

(READ JAMES 5:16) _____

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

(READ MARK 11:24) _____

8. What gives us confidence that God will answer our prayers?

(READ 1 JOHN 5:14-15) _____

9. What are four simple things you can do when you pray?

• PRAISE • THANK • ASK • LISTEN

10. What is one thing you will begin praying about every day?

12. When will you set aside time each day to pray?

13. How will you continue to grow in your relationship with God?

LESSON 6

Learn to tell others about Jesus!

As a follower of Jesus, one of our greatest blessings and responsibilities is sharing His love with others so they can know Him, too. People are hurting and lost and they don't know how to change their lives. You can be the very person that brings them the truth that will set them free.

Remember, God doesn't want anyone to perish in sin. He wants everyone to turn to Him, to be forgiven, and to receive new life. That's why Jesus gave His followers what we call **"The Great Commission"**:

Jesus told His disciples, *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

(Matthew 28:19–20)

God loves the whole world and just as He forgave you and gave you eternal life, He also wants to use you to help others experience that same hope. Sharing our faith in Jesus with the people in our daily lives is a key part of being a disciple. Every believer is called to be a witness to the people in our lives. That includes you!

Becoming an effective witness for Jesus starts with two key steps: 1. crafting your personal testimony and 2. learning the ‘Five Finger Gospel’ method of evangelism. The exercises below will help you master both and will empower you to share the good news naturally as a regular part of your daily life

Two Simple Steps to Share Your Faith in Jesus

1. Learn to tell Your Personal Story of trusting Jesus (Your Testimony)

You will be amazed at how many people want to hear what Jesus has done for you. Your story only needs to be about **90 seconds long** and cover three simple things:

1. **Before:** What your life was like before knowing Jesus.
2. **How:** How you came to trust in Jesus.
3. **After:** How Jesus has changed your life since.

Your story is powerful because it is your real-life experience of being changed by Jesus—no one can argue with what God has done for you!

2. Learn to share the Good News (The Five Finger Gospel)

Next, you’ll learn how to explain how someone can place their trust in Jesus and start a new life.

On pages 2 and 3 of this booklet, you’ll find “**The Five Finger Gospel**”. It’s a simple memory tool using your five fingers to explain the Gospel message step-by-step. I encourage you to take some time and learn this simple message. Once you have learned this, you will have all you need to share the love of Jesus with almost anyone at any time.

Below is a worksheet to lead you as you write your own personal testimony.

My Personal Story: What God Has Done For Me

Taking a few minutes to write down your story will help you organize your thoughts so you can share Jesus naturally with a friend, neighbor, or family member.

Part 1: Before I Knew Jesus

What was your life, attitude, or inner state like before you trusted in Jesus? (Example: feeling lost, lonely, fearful, guilty, without purpose, or trying to do everything on your own)

What was the main thing missing or troubling in your life before coming to faith?

Part 2: How I Came to Trust Him

How did you realize you needed Jesus? Was there a specific moment, event, church service, or conversation that led you to Him?

How and when did you decide to turn to Jesus and ask Him to forgive and lead you?

Part 3: How My Life Has Changed

What peace, hope, or changes have you experienced since trusting in Jesus? (Remember, you don't have to be perfect—just share how God gives you hope today!)

What is the biggest difference Jesus has made in your heart or daily life today?

My 90-Second Testimony Summary

Combine your answers above into a simple, 3–4 sentence story you can practice saying out loud:

“Before I trusted Jesus, I felt _____

Then, I realized my need for Him when _____

Ever since I gave my life to Jesus, He has given me

I share this because God loves you and wants you to have that same peace!”

Final Thoughts

As I come to the end of this booklet, I want to remind you again how much God loves you. He has a life for you that is full of love, joy, and peace. He will give you purpose and direction. He will help you grow in wisdom, strength, and grace.

Pursue Him with all your heart. The decision you made to trust in Jesus is only the beginning. God has more good things prepared for you than you can imagine. Love Jesus with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength—and you will never regret a single day of your life.

May God bless you and keep you. May He protect you and grow you into everything He created you to be.

Your friend and brother in Christ,

Dana Morey

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Morey". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Dana" and "Morey" being capitalized and prominent.





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DECISION CARD

Name: _____

Age: _____ Male ☐ Female ☐

Location of residence: (Write specific details) _____

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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GOD HAS A WONDERFUL PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE!

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation;
the old has gone,
the new has come!"*

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

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YOU HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE!