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dedication

This book is dedicated to my wife Carmen and our three children: Joshua, Daniel and Alise.

Carmen has wonderfully and faithfully stood by me for 23 years of marriage. Together we have matured in the ministry, and in our calling as pastors and leaders.

Our children are our greatest blessing and we treasure them dearly. They have showed us our strengths and defined our weaknesses. They have reminded us to consider the true love and nurture of our Heavenly Father as we help disciple and lead others toward maturity.

This book is also dedicated to all the REACHers of A New Day Church. Thank you for your prayer, support, and work together for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your passion for people and reaching to help pastor people, families and leaders. You will reach our city, region and the world.

the author

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They have reached and pastored people, families and leaders for 23 years. They have ministered with integrity, faithfulness and passion not only in this region, but also in numerous countries strengthening pastors, leaders and churches around the world.



introduction

Congratulations on making the right choice – it's A New Day for you!

You have just made the greatest decision – to dedicate your life to make Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior. You are now on your way to becoming His disciple in the greatest adventure of your life.

A disciple is simply a learner. One who dedicates themselves to learning and responding to the principles and patterns of a growing Christian from the Bible, God's Word. You must now respond to the process of being made like Christ.

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Eph 4:15 ...we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

1 Peter 2:2-3 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

You have made a great decision! Now continue in your decision to discover all that you have in Christ by reading and following through with each chapter. By doing this you will place yourself in an environment where Christian habits and a godly lifestyle can be formed.

how to use this book

This book is designed for one-on-one discipleship. This means that you should go through this book with a mentor or coach or friend – someone who has already begun their process of growing in Christ.

To successfully complete this first step in discipleship, you and your mentor, coach or friend should both commit to meeting together for one hour, for seven consecutive weeks.

Each week your mentor, coach or friend and you should meet having already read the assigned *day* lesson, read through the scriptures given-including the *must read* references, and responded to the *to do* list. As you meet together, you can then discuss the material and any question you may have.

This book will continue to help you as you reread, affirm and continue to practice the *to do* list.

Philippians 2:12-13 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed-not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence-continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

As you continue to invest, commit, and work out your salvation in Him, God will be at work within you helping to complete what He has begun.

Please note: Scripture references are taken from the NIV or NKJV of the Bible.



to do:

Review the previous scripture references that address your need to commit to a discipleship lifestyle.

Set up a consistent time and meeting place with your mentor, coach or friend for the next seven weeks.

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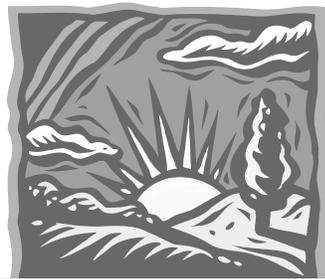
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Time of meeting: _____

Location of meeting:



a new day dawns



a new day dawns

“On the dawn of the new day, the believers went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away with two messengers sent from God standing near. "Why do you look for the living among the dead?" they said, "Jesus is not here; he has risen!"

(Luke 24:1- 6 paraphrase)

it's all about Jesus

What we believe about Jesus Christ will determine the life we will live and our eternal destiny.

The Bible reveals Jesus as:

1. The only way to know and experience God.
2. The only truth that will truly set you free from yourself and your sin nature.
3. The only real way to life, both now and for eternity.

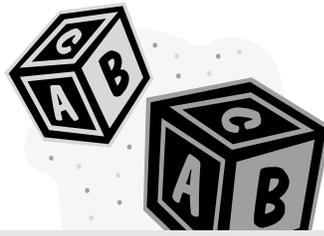
The Bible reveals that Jesus was both God and Man. He was God, fully and completely and represented God in every way. He was also Man; the Perfect Man. Jesus had no sin, and came to show us the way to God.

The Son of God had to become the Son of Man so that every person could become a child of God and be part of God's family.

Jesus came to this earth to bring us into covenant – family – relationship with God.

- **Covenant:** Jesus made the decision to reach and reveal Himself to you. To save and restore you back to God's original purpose.
- **Commitment:** Jesus took away sin once and for all by His life, death, and resurrection.
- **Security:** Because of what Jesus has done, we are adopted into the family of God and know that He will never leave us or turn away from us.
- **Trust:** This fact enables us to trust and obey Jesus.
- **Openness:** We then develop openness to be changed into the character, attitude and likeness of Jesus and to experience abundant living.
- **Intimacy:** As we continue to identify with Jesus, we grow closer and deeper and begin to become and do all that Jesus is.
- **Fulfillment:** Ultimately we complete God's plan and desire for our lives, which He had planned for us from the beginning of time – to be with Him forever.

It's all about Jesus...



birth

day one



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Acts 2:38-39 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. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

In the previous verses Peter is speaking to a group of people who realize that they need God. They understood that they were sinners and therefore separated from the life and family of God. They knew that they needed to be saved so they cried out to Peter, "What must we do?" Peter told them that they needed to repent (and be born again through Jesus Christ). He then told them they must be baptized and receive the Holy Spirit. This is God's clear plan for a new life in Christ.

repentance

Wherever there is sin there needs to be repentance.

Mark 1:14-15 Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

Acts 17:30-31 "In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. 31 For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead."

Before you made your decision to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior you may have come to the same conclusion that a group of people came to in the book of Acts; that you are a sinner in need of a Savior.

- The Bible says "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23).
- Our sin separates us from God, and as such we are moving away from God and literally against Him.
- Repentance stops us from moving away from God, turns us around, and moves us towards God.
- Repentance is a purposeful choice we make to do a u-turn away from sin and self, and embrace the will and ways of Jesus Christ.

Repentance is more than conviction of sin or being sorry for our sins. Repentance is also not a self-help endeavor, or trying to be or look better, or acting religious. Repentance is returning to God with a changed mind, emotions, and will resulting in a change of action to follow Jesus Christ. This is what is called being "born again."



Acts 3:19-20 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, 20 and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.

John 3:3, 5-7 In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again..." 5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

John 3:16-18 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son."

When we were born physically, we were born in sin because of the sin that was in Adam (Romans 5:12-17). That is why we all have a tendency toward self-centered, self-determined living. Realize, we did not become sinners because of our acts against God or other people; we were all born with this nature that compels us to this way of life. The only way out of this empty life is to be born again.

believe

Mark 1:15 “Repent and believe the good news!”

The second response we must have to Jesus is to believe. We must have faith toward God that what he has said is true and for us now. If we do not believe and have faith after repenting, we will not have the power of God to walk with Jesus. We will go back to being the person that we were.

Faith comes by hearing and hearing and hearing the Word of God. God rewards those who come to him with faith. (Romans 10:17, Hebrews 11:6)

Our faith is on the Word of God that says when we repent and are born again, Jesus Christ completely and fully pays the price for our sins through His death on the cross. Because Jesus freely and willingly took our sin upon Himself, God is now able to come to us, live within us, and impart his spiritual DNA and nature to us. God has given everyone who is born again a new life – making us completely new in Christ. We agree with God concerning this truth by faith.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18, 20-21 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ... 20 therefore, we implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. 21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.



Ezekiel 36:26-27 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Once we are born again in Christ, by the Holy Spirit, we have a new heart, and a new tendency to live like God intended us to live. We are not saved and born again because of any righteous things we have done, but are born into the kingdom of God through the righteousness of Christ.

must read: John 3:1-21, Romans 3:10-26,
5:1-21.

to do:

Read the previous scripture references about repentance and faith.

Are you willing to take this step of repentance and believe that Jesus has made you a new person?

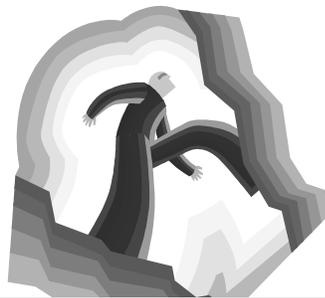
Repent of your sins and ask in faith for Jesus to be your Savior from sin and Lord of your life.

Write out a brief description of the events of how you were born again.

Rejoice and tell someone you trust about what Jesus has done in your life.

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water baptism **day two**

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water baptism day two

Acts 2:38 Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ..."

After we have accepted Jesus' work on the cross through faith, we must obey the command of Jesus to be baptized in water. This important step will help you to identify with Christ in every area of your life and empower you to live for Him.

what is baptism?

Baptism means to immerse, submerge or saturate something or someone. In baptism, you are briefly immersed into water, which symbolizes death to sin. As you are raised out of the water this symbolizes you being resurrected with Christ to his new life. This act of obedience demonstrates to you and others the inward confession of repentance and faith you have made in Christ.

You are placing your old sinful nature in the grave and receiving a new birth of resurrected life by placing your life in the control of Jesus.

Rom 6:3-5 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4 Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should

walk in newness of life. 5 For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection.

All Christians need to be water baptized. Jesus stressed its importance when He said, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved..." (Mark 16:16).

It is not necessary for you to be water baptized in order for you to be a Christian, but it is a decision of the will, and an act of obedience in following Christ and His example.

Matt 3:16-17 When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. 17 And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Col 2:11-12 In him you were also circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, 12 having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

Gal 3:26-27 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.



If you have accepted Jesus in repentance and faith and have truly turned toward Him, now is the best time to follow Christ's example in water baptism.



must read: Luke 7:23-30, Romans 6:1-23

to do:

Read the previous scripture references about water baptism.

Memorize Romans 6:3-5. This is God's promise for you.

Are you willing to take this step of obedience following Jesus in water baptism?

Communicate to your mentor, coach or friend of your desire to be baptized in water.

Receive confirmation of the time and place for water baptism.

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holy spirit baptism day three



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Acts 2:38 Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Peter is proclaiming in this verse a promise for us that when we repent, believe and are water baptized we will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. He is referring to the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

the initiation of the holy spirit

Acts 1:4-5 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "...wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

This free gift of God is a baptism of power – immersing us ever deeper into the life, love, character and fulfilling power of Jesus Christ.

In the book of Acts 2:1-4, the believers were all baptized with the Holy Spirit. When they were filled with the Holy Spirit they began to speak in tongues. Speaking in tongues is the initiation evidence that you have received by faith the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:44-46 While Peter was still speaking these words; the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

how do I begin?

1. Ask. Luke 11:13

Ask for the free gift of the Holy Spirit from your good heavenly Father.

2. Believe. Mark 16:17

Believe by faith that what you ask for you will receive.

3. Receive. Acts 8:15-17,19:6

Receive from the Father wherever you are or ask for spiritual leaders to lay their hands on you and receive.

4. Worship. Acts 4:24, 31

Begin to thank Jesus for His Word of promise, His work and His giving specifically to you.

5. Speak strange words. Isaiah 28:11

Now stop speaking in your everyday language, continue to open your mouth, move air through your voice box, and speak out the strange words the Holy Spirit is giving you to speak.



6. Open your mouth. John 7:38

As you trust the Holy Spirit and speak aloud what is coming to you from the Holy Spirit, it will become a river of living water.

7. Speak one language at a time.
Acts 2:4

You can make the decision to speak in tongues whenever you like. This is a matter of your will and desire. All you need to do is to open the tap of your mouth and drink again from the water of heaven.

When you speak in tongues you speak to God, and at the same time you build yourself up in faith.

Eph 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Jude 20 But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

now what?

Once you are filled with the Holy Spirit you have a greater capacity to know and respond to Him. You can ask Him to help you with anything.

- The Holy Spirit gives you power to share your testimony of faith. Acts 1:8

- The Holy Spirit helps you to pray.
Romans 8:26
- The Holy Spirit gives you the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:9-16
- The Holy Spirit transforms your life.
2 Corinthians 3:18

is there more?

Absolutely.

After a baby is born it transitions to life outside the womb. After a number of months the baby progresses in life and begins to walk. The same is true with our relationship conceived of the Holy Spirit.

We are born again of the Spirit. This is new Life.

We are made alive by the Spirit. This is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Finally we grow up and mature through the Holy Spirit. The Bible describes this as learning to walk with the Holy Spirit (or being sanctified).

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

1 Thess 5:23-24 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.



how do I, daily, live and walk in the Holy Spirit?

1. Pray in faith daily to be filled with the nature, image and likeness of the Holy Spirit (Jesus Christ).
Ps. 51:10, Luke 11:13, Ephesians 5:18
2. Pray in the Spirit every day (pray in tongues).
1 Corinthians 14:14-15, 18, Jude 19-20, Ephesians 6:18
3. Develop the Character and Attitudes of Christ.
Romans 14:17-18, Galatians 5:22-23, Proverbs 4:23-27
4. Operate in the Spirit's Love and Power.
2 Timothy 1:7, Romans 5:5, 1 Corinthians 1:18, Luke 4:18-21
5. Renew your mind.
1 Corinthians 2:9-16, Romans 8:5-6, 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:17-24
6. Sow to the Spirit.
Galatians 6:7-9
7. Obey the Spirit's promptings.
Isaiah 30:21, Galatians 5:18, Isaiah 50:4-5, 1 Samuel 3:2-14, 19, 20
8. Make no provision for your flesh.
Romans 13:11-14, Galatians 5:24, Colossians 3:5, James 4:7-8

must read: The whole book of Acts.

to do:

Read the previous scripture references about the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

Pray and receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

If you have any doubts or confusion about this experience please communicate with your mentor, coach or friend.

Now follow the steps to daily live and walk in the strength and power of the Holy Spirit.

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exchange

day four

Acts 2:40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation."

2 Tim 3:1-5 But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power.

We live in an increasingly godless and wicked society. We feel its impact not only around us but also in the very framework of our lives. As Peter continued to speak to these new believers (Acts 2:40) he was imploring them to walk in the new purity of Christ. He challenged his hearers to commit themselves to Christ and not compromise to the surrounding culture or our fallen nature.

What are the primary battle zones of our culture and inner man, and how do we live successful, growing and committed lives for God?

exchange our idolatry for worship

Idolatry is anything that comes between or takes the place of our first love: the Lord

Jesus Christ. You can idolize people and their lifestyles, what others have or own or can do, careers, entertainment and sports.

In every form idolatry is the focus on self and will destroy you from within. Eventually idolatry can separate you forever from the presence of God.

Rev 9:20 The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood-idols that cannot see or hear or walk.

Rom 1:21-23 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

God is seeking a people who will put away foolish and temporal things and focus their attention and worship on the only true God. It is only when we worship Him in spirit and in truth that we will love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. Idolatry is defeated when true worship comes out of our hearts.

Ps 29:2 Give unto the LORD the glory due to His name; Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.



Ps 33:1 Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

Ps 30:4 Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

Ps 79:13 Then we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will praise you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

Therefore, consider what you worship as god, or what is so important that it keeps you from your relationship with God. Repent of it. And through worship, place the Lord Jesus Christ in the center of your being, in control and valuable above all else.

exchange our rebellion for authority

Rebellion is the empty search for personal control and security. In our reaction to the wrongs and abuse by others, or the need for standards and discipline, Satan has stirred up our heart with roots of hatred, bitterness and independence. These strongholds can be leveled at other people; parents, employees, religious leaders, but ultimately are directed towards God. It was Satan who was the very first rebel who turned against God and exalted himself.

Isaiah 14:12-14 How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! 13 You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God;

I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

1 Sam 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.

Rom 13:1-2 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

We must repent of our self-serving, independent, disrespecting spirit of our age and yield control to Jesus Christ. The Bible says, "Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10:39). God desires us to draw near to Him in humble submission and give ourselves in obedience to His Word, His Spirit and His Spiritual representatives. Yielding to authority is the key to overcoming rebellion.

exchange our bondage for power

Luke 21:34 "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with dissipation, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you unexpectedly like a trap."

There are all kinds of traps that we have found ourselves in. Illegal drugs, alcohol, prescription medications, fears, worries anxieties, witchcraft, magic, cults, false

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religions, overwhelming debt and credit card interest have left us weakened, broken, and ensnared in bondage.

Rom 8:15-17 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs--heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

It is the power of God that we need to deliver, transform and restore all that has been held entrapped or broken or lost. The supernatural Word and Work of God overcomes any bondage or power. Repent, turn from your entrapment. Cry out. Look for the escape and embrace the power of Jesus.

Luke 4:18-19 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

John 8:31-36 "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. 32 Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." 34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin... 36 So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Ephesians 5:18 "And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit."

exchange our immorality for love

Immorality is the empty search for affection, attention, inclusion and meaningful love. We are blasted with images and the message of adultery, promiscuity, pornography, abortion, and homosexuality from every media source every day. As a result people are without self-control and are self-absorbed lovers of pleasure.

1 Cor 6:9-11 Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

This degradation of immorality can only be overcome with true, genuine, godly purity and love. As sanctified people of God we are to be givers not takers, pure not defilers, maintaining covenant relationships with unadulterated affection. As justified people of God, he has forgiven our sin and now sets us on His course of godly affections.



exchange our fantasy for truth

Fantasy is the false search for reality. The search and mimicry for truth is found with excessive amounts of entertainment, TV, videos, movies, magazines, websites, chat rooms, video games, science fiction, mythology, fantasy sports leagues and the like. We engage in the surreal. We absorb the illusions, and turn aside to believe the lie that these will satisfy our need for authentic realism.

2 Tim 4:2-4 Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage-with great patience and careful instruction. 3 For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. 4 They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

1 Tim 1:3-4 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain men not to teach false doctrines any longer 4 nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. These promote controversies rather than God's work-which is by faith.

Truth is the only cure for fantasy. Truth is the ultimate reality. A foundation of godly truth is the only basis for reaching your destiny. God is calling for a people who will clothe themselves and walk in truth.

John 17:17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

Eph 6:13-14 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist.

3 John 3-4 It gave me great joy to have some brothers come and tell about your faithfulness to the truth and how you continue to walk in the truth. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.

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must read: Ephesians 6:10-18,
Romans 1:16-31, 2 Timothy 3:1-17.

to do:

Read the previous scripture references concerning the commands to exchange our former way of life with the new life of Christ.

Pray and receive deliverance from bondage through the Word of truth, your faith in agreement, the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

*Memorize as a part of your spiritual weapons
1 Corinthians 10:13*

“No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.”

Take a spiritual inventory with the Holy Spirit on what you spend your time, energy and money. Make needed changes and flee or get rid of anything that will tempt you to sin in any of these areas according to Acts 19:19.

As they become available, attend an ENCOUNTER weekend.

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Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

The born again Christian life is a dynamic personal relationship with the living God. This relationship is to be advanced throughout our lifetime. The believers in the first church in the book of Acts grew steadily in their faith through basic Christian disciplines. There is no better time to learn the godly habits of these great disciplines of life. These day-to-day basics of Christianity will help foster your first love with Christ and cultivate a growing, maturing lifestyle of godliness.

prayer

Prayer is simply talking and listening to God. There are all kinds of prayers: 911 – “help me now!” prayers, mealtime prayers, twice a year prayers, but God desires prayer relationship on a continual and daily basis. Prayer is the foundation for a close and intimate relationship with Jesus.

Psalm 4:3 The Lord will hear when I call to him.

John 10:27 My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

1 Thess 5:17-18 pray continually; 18 give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Our prayer model comes primarily from Jesus when he taught the disciples to pray.

Luke 11:1-4 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." 2 So He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread. 4 And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." Matthew 6:13 adds "For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen."

This prayer is like an outline and starting point from which to begin to speak to God the Father. Our prayers can include the following themes:

- Praise to God for who He is (His names).
- His purpose for our life.
- His provision and blessing over our life.
- Listening and looking for answers to our questions and needs through His Word.
- Repentance and forgiveness of sin toward God and others.
- His purity and righteousness in our life.
- His power at work in our life.



- His priorities leading our life.
- His promises encouraging our life.

the Bible

The Bible is God's instruction manual. It includes spiritual food for growth, His principles, plans and patterns for successful Christian living, and reveals to us who God is and what He has given to us. His Word was given so that we could really know Him and do what He says. His Word is living and can speak to us everyday in very practical and relevant ways. In fact, the Bible is the place where we can "hear" what he is saying to us. You can read the Word, pray the Word, sing the Word, and meditate on the Word.

Ps 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you!

Ps 119:26 I have declared my ways, and you answered me; teach me your statutes.

Ps 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

2 Tim 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

church

When people came to Christ in the first church, the Bible says that they listened to the apostles' teaching and had fellowship with one another. This is an essential pattern for every believer. Consistent church attendance and participation helps to connect and establish people to Christ and His people. The church is God's instrument to meet together, worship together, be taught together, and grow with other believers who are going in the same direction.

Ps 92:12-13 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; 13 planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

Heb 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Acts 2:46 Every day they continued to meet together...

serving

God not only wants you to attend church, but He also wants you to get involved in the responsibility of serving. The best way to grow, find new friends, and discover your God-given gifts and talents is to serve in an area of ministry. Your church needs you. There are people needs; group needs; facility needs; supporting needs; physical needs, etc.



Serving with a heart of joy will be the most fulfilling thing you do!

1 John 3:16-18 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

Mark 10:43 "...whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant."

1 Peter 4:10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.

1 Cor 9:19 For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more.

giving

The giving of our finances for the extension of the kingdom is one of the greatest privileges of being a Christian. From the very first man and woman of creation true believers have intuitively given their best to God. Giving is an extension of God's character of generosity and grace.

Matt 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

We recognize that God does not need our money, but He wants the totality of our heart. When we give, we are saying to Him, "I thank you for providing for my needs and giving me the ability to earn money. Your will and purpose is the treasure of my life."

The Bible teaches three kinds of giving: tithes, offerings, and alms to those in need.

The tithe is God's, and is to be given to the church God has planted you in. It is the first 10% of our income or whatever has been put into our possession.

Our offerings are in addition to our tithe. These are monies given as prompted by the Holy Spirit and the opportunities He puts before you. The Holy Spirit will often lead the pastors and leaders of our church to give opportunity beyond our tithe to give to people and ministries that extend, multiply, build the church and kingdom of God, both in our region and throughout the world.

Finally, we are instructed to give alms, considering the poor and those who are without. Your heavenly Father is an awesome giver – be like Him!

Mal 3:9-12 You are under a curse-the whole nation of you-because you are robbing me. 10 Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. 11 I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your



fields will not cast their fruit," says the LORD Almighty. 12 "Then all the nations will call you blessed, for yours will be a delightful land," says the LORD Almighty.

1 Cor 16:2 On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper.

Remember, there is always a reward for faith and obedience towards God and His Word. Therefore freely give and receive, believe for prosperity with a purpose towards His work.

Phil 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

must read: 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18,
1 John 5:14-15, Philippians 4:6-7,
1 Timothy 4:12-13, 1 Peter 4:10,
1 Corinthians 9:19, 2 Corinthians 8 & 9,
Deuteronomy 28:1-14.

to do:

Read the previous scripture references for each of the five basics of Christian responsibility.

Start praying 10 minutes a day (or more if you can). Be sure to “check-in” with the Holy Spirit throughout the day, asking for direction and help and listening to His promptings.

Start reading your Bible every day. Begin with the book of Mark, then Luke, Acts, John, and the Psalms and Proverbs.

Attend the services and gatherings of the church regularly.

Ask your coach or care center group to help you identify needs where you can serve.



Start giving tithes and offerings on a dependable basis.





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Acts 2:46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.

In the Book of Acts we see that once people were born again, they began to build relationships with other growing believers. As you develop new, godly relationships, your Christian growth will be accelerated. Don't be deceived:

1 Cor 15:33 Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

The good news is that good relationships foster good relationships.

Prov 13:20 He who walks with wise men will be wise.

Prov 18:24 A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

The Bible tells us a story in the book of Acts (chapter 9) about a man who truly hated Christians. He hated them so much that he asked for and received permission to imprison them just for being Christian. Then one day Jesus revealed himself to Paul and his life was changed forever. He became a model Christian and traveled throughout the Mediterranean region preaching and planting new churches. Paul wrote two-thirds of the New Testament. He lived and died consumed

with a passion for Jesus and a passion for people.

One of the keys to Paul's spiritual growth as a Christian was godly relationships that he fostered. These significant types of relationships are necessary for every growing Christian.

mentor

When Paul first came to Jesus, he didn't know what to do or where to go. Notice what the Holy Spirit led him to do.

Acts 9:6 "Lord, what do You want me to do?" And the Lord said to him, "Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

Meanwhile the Holy Spirit was preparing a mentor for Paul.

Acts 9:10-12 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."

Each one of us needs a spiritual mentor who can teach us, help lead us, open our eyes to spiritual truths, be accountable, and give us wisdom. A spiritual mentor should be a mature Christian that you can trust, one that you could model your Christian life after.



Acts 9:17-19 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. 19 So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus.

God loves us so very much he has placed each one of us in a local church where we can find godly men and women who can help mentor us. A mentor could include your parents; care center leader or group, a youth or adult leader or a spiritually mature friend. Everyone needs a good "pastor" to care for him or her and encourage his or her spiritual development toward maturity.

1 Cor 4:15-16 Even though you have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. 16 Therefore I urge you to imitate me.

In order to build a relationship with a leader or mentor we must first pray, asking the Holy Spirit to lead us. Then as we faithfully attend church we should then ask for a leader to speak into our life. We can't always wait for a leader to approach us.

As we begin to connect with a mentor it is important for us to stay in constant communication, sharing our spiritual successes and difficulties. This communication and mentorship will help ensure our steady spiritual growth.

friends

The phenomenal popularity of the TV show *Friends* only serves to confirm what we already know. We need friends. The good news is that the Christian life is not meant to be walked alone, rather together in the fellowship of other believers who are being disciplined after Jesus Christ. Fellowship is the company of other believers, encouraging and building you up in faith.

Prov 13:20 He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm.

In this wisdom proverb it says that our friends will either make us wise or make us fools suffering harm. What do you want for your destination – harm or wisdom?

Once we repent and turn to God we can't walk shoulder to shoulder with someone who is walking in sin and self-determination.

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

2 Cor 6:14-16 Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? What does

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a believer have in common with an unbeliever? 16 What agreement is there between the temple of God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will live with them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people."

From these scriptures it is obvious that we need friends who are going where we are going, and doing what we are doing. A godly friend is one who will influence you toward relationship, character, and the work of God. A godly friend will pray for you, believe for you, and pick you up when you are struggling. A godly friend will need the same from you – so be a friend, too.

reaching to mentor

It is good to be mentored and have godly friends, but the Bible declares this principle as well, “freely you have received, freely give” (Matthew 10:8). In other words, you need to reach to someone else and mentor them.

As you become built up in your faith, you must build others up as well. The best way to do this is by telling your friends about the goodness of Jesus Christ and what He has done for you. As you share the wisdom of God that is being formed in you, you will naturally become a person of influence – and be a mentor to those around you.

People are looking for good, balanced, wise friends. Your motive is love and generosity,

sharing the good news of Christ with those you care about.

1 Peter 3:15 But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Prov 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.



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Acts 2:47 Praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

How does God the Father make known the blessing of His salvation, life and family with others? He uses people like you to share, witness, and reach out to others.

*Acts 17:27 God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps **reach** out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.*

*2 Corinthians 4:15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is **reaching** more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.*

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

The Holy Spirit has been given to every believer to enable us to be a bold witness of the life and work of Jesus Christ. As someone who has personally experienced the work of Christ's salvation, restoration and the transformation of the Spirit, you have something to say and demonstrate to others. You are a credible eyewitness because you

have experienced a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

Acts 10:40-43 “God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. 41 He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen-by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. 43 All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The sharing of your own personal salvation experience is called your testimony. Your testimony is one of the most powerful tools the Holy Spirit can use to reach others with the message of Christ. Your testimony was always meant to be a daily part of your life, conversation and interaction with others. We can unashamedly share our testimony about Jesus wherever we go. There is nothing more exciting than sharing your testimony and seeing someone's life changed by the simple message about Jesus.

Mark 8:38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels.



To be an effective witness, your testimony should include these three subjects.

- Tell your story. Who and what you were before your personal encounter with Christ and what He has done in your life. This should include the victory you now have over sin, and the transformation that has occurred in your life: peace, joy, hope, direction, healing, deliverance, etc.
- Tell His story. What did Jesus specifically do? This should include the message of Jesus Christ dying on the cross and His resurrection – resulting in His power to take away sin, and giving His righteousness, and make us a new person.
- Ask the question. Ask those you are sharing your testimony with to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Ask them to repent of their sins and to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

must read: Romans 10:9-13,
Deuteronomy 30:11, Micah 5:4, Acts 17:27,
2 Corinthians 4:15, Proverbs 31:20

to do:

Read the previous scripture references that declare our responsibility to reach others and share our testimony.

Memorize Romans 10:9-13

Write out your testimony by using these subjects as a grid.

Tell your story

Tell His story

Ask the question

Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to people whose hearts are seeking Him and who will be open to hearing about Jesus.

Start sharing your testimony.

Other Resources:

Please check out A New Day Church web pages: www.anewdaychurch.com