

# Walking In Faith

THE JOURNEY IN FAITH

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# A B O U T



Hello there. My name is Karla. Thank you for taking out time out of your busy schedule to read this e-book. More about me would be: **I love to create for the glory of God.** I founded *Significance Christian Bilingual Ministry* through my **creative outlet thoughts**. Not just my thoughts but through my personal relationship with God. The word of God is significant, it's of importance. But if we are careful to observe, it does transform and helps us change, for the better. **I can testify that I've been transformed by the Bible**, just like any other countless souls out there. The journey in faith has been long, messy, yet beautiful. I've learned that a part of being Christian is owning **change and being impactful for others** to experience new things too. You can follow the instagram account of my ministry and [my blog space](#) if you're able to in order to have [access to my content](#) and other's content.



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*If you want to start or learn something new and/or simply grasp Christianity in a glimpse, this e-book is for you.*

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## Introduction

### My Perspective Of God's Work In Us



Throughout this Christian journey, it's like God has been taking me through different seasons where I've gotten to experience His love, His grace, His favor, His will, His mercy, His forgiveness, & etc. If He did it with me. He can do it with you too.



But let me tell you that: **it doesn't stop there.** For we all are a continual work in progress in the Lord. I'm a work in progress in the Lord... You are a work in progress in the Lord. All Christians are a work in progress in the Lord. If you believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior of your life, you know that you've been saved because of Jesus's sacrifice on the Cross, repented of living

your life your own way, now you are trying daily to live God's way, and you have knowledge that His Holy Spirit lives in you? **Welcome to your own personal spiritual journey with the Lord** where you will start to have personal encounters with God, you'll receive personal revelations. Where God starts this molding process (continually) in your character, spiritually, mentally, & etc. God is a God of order so best believe that whatever work God is doing in your life: it will be in an orderly way (**1 Corinthians 14:40**). Everything will happen at the proper time. The doors of opportunities to continue to do His will will open at His perfect timing. For there's a perfect time for every plan God has for your life. For it isn't just one plan, no. No. It's more than one plan: **Jeremiah 29:11**. God knows the plans He has for you. Plans for your good and not for evil. To give you a future in Him and a hope in Him. Don't doubt God. Don't look at your circumstances but keep your eyes on Jesus. The moment you decided to become Christian was the moment where you decided to lay it all at His hands so that He can do what only He can do. Let me tell you something: **just because God is working in your life, it doesn't mean that you just sit back and do nothing.** There's a kingdom calling upon your life and you have to walk it out. That God-given calling upon your life is worth living it out for God. You were called to do great things for His kingdom. It may not seem like much to you, but bringing at least one soul into the Father's courts is an accomplishment. It may not seem like nothing to you, but praying earnestly for your family's salvation is kingdom work. It may not seem like anything to you, but putting God's word into practice is kingdom work. Don't limit God's work in your life. Don't ever limit the continual work He started within you. One process may end but another may start. You must trust God and you must trust His guidance through such processes. Some processes end. Others are prolonged 'till God decides to take you with Him or 'till Jesus returns for His church for we don't know the time or the day when it will occur.

## **Continuous Processes**

### **Part-1: Thorough Examples**



### Examples of continuous processes are:

- Working out your salvation through fear and trembling (**Phil.2:12**).
- Sanctification through His truth (**John 17:17**). Sanctification is the Father's continuous work through His Holy Spirit in a believer's life.
- Spiritual growth (**Colossians 1:9-10, 2 Peter 3:18, 1 Peter 2:2**).
- Spiritual maturity (**Romans 12:2, 1 Corinthians 2:6, John 15:2, Hebrews 5:12-14**).
- Growing in faith (**Hebrews 11**).
- Renewing our minds (**Romans 12:2**).

### Examples of short processes are:

- Healing.
- Liberation (also referred to as deliverance).
- Preparation for ministry process.

We must remember to walk in faith and put that faith into your steps, your actions, and decision making. Having faith that God will provide a decision, a strategy, and a way. You can't expect anything from God if your faith is wayward. That's the beautiful thing about this journey: **we must not stop the process due to the way we perceive things for we have the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:6) available through His Holy Spirit and we can't be carnally minded (Romans 8:6-8) because that doesn't please God.** So let's start to renew our minds daily through His word. For there is a calling upon your life, answer it. Calling means mission, vocation, and purpose.

Every Christian is called to serve God. To live out God's ultimate truth. To renew their minds daily. To live out the will God predestined over their lives, if they don't stand firm, they can lose a lot. Their Christian witness, Christian testimony can be ruined, and fall apart. But there's grace. If someone comes to a knowledge of the truth, leaves it, and comes back to firmly stay: there's grace, forgiveness, and mercy reaching towards them as soon as they come back to God. So whoever is planning on leaving God, don't do it because you can also lose your salvation.

There's a difference between being weak in an area and struggling to overcome an area (reach out to God, He'll help you) than living a sinful lifestyle. You must go through that letting go process till you overcome that struggle. Throughout this journey in faith, take heed unless you fall. Stand firm in your faith (**1 Corinthians 10:12**). Before you ever step into your calling, you must be prepared by God first because God is not going to position you to become a leader if you're not prepared for it. So don't listen to those who see your potential. But rather listen to God who sees what He can do through you. For people can say something today and change their mind. But God forever stays the same. God is forever faithful. When people fail you remember that, God will never fail you. As you spiritually mature, spiritually grow in the Lord, He'll tell you when you're ready. He always confirms His word as well. Just have faith.

The journey may seem long, but trust God.

A Christian must always live in God's will. But don't feel bad if you make a mistake or go down the wrong road. Repent, just lay it all down at the foot of the Cross and let Jesus transform your mind through His word so that you can see what God's grace is really like. For nobody is born knowing everything. Only God knows all things. We humans have limitations but when God gives us the capacity to fulfill a certain assignment or task, it is because He prepared us before-hand to do so. An assignment or task may end. But God will give you more. That's kingdom work. There's no condemnation for those who are in Christ (**Romans 8:1**). There is therefore now no condemnation to those which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit of God. Read **Romans 8**. So don't feel condemned by the devil. Trust that in Jesus, there's no condemnation. But you must repent. Which means to turn away from whatever doesn't please God & do the will of the Lord wholeheartedly (**Col.3:23**).

**A journey means it keeps going:**

- To have a spiritual journey with the Lord.
- To know you have your own personal spiritual journey with the Lord.

**Reminder(s):**

**Phil. 1:6:** Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ. (Kjv)

**Notes:** (fulfill. Perform: carry out, accomplish, or fulfill: a task, a work, a function).

**Hebrews 11:6:** But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for He that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. (Kjv)

**2 Corinthians 5:7:** For we walk by faith, not by sight: (Kjv)

**Matthew 17:20:** And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. (Kjv)

**Notes:** What does the Bible say that faith is?: Let's look at what the Bible states that faith is:

**Hebrews 11:1:** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Kjv)

**Notes:**

Substance is a structure of a matter. The matter of what a thing actually is made up of.

Evidence is actual factual information showing that a belief or statement is true. Common words are proof, affirmation, truth.

**Extra Scriptures:**

**Exodus 13:21**

**Psalms 23:4**

**Psalms 119:105**

**Genesis 12:1**

## **Faith It Till You Make It**

### **Part-2: Don't Doubt Your Maker, God**

Don't be like some of the Israelites who doubted God & perished for doing so in Exodus & Deuteronomy (**Exodus 33:3, Deuteronomy 31:20**). Don't be a person that has experienced God moving in your life and out of nowhere decides to give up on God. Don't give up on God. Unless you want to perish in the world. For living like the world does not please God. When God takes you out of Egypt, don't look back but continue moving forward and don't complain about how difficult it is in the wilderness. Instead, stop trying to run away from the issues you'll have to encounter in that wilderness experience.... Instead, run towards God. Even if it hurts. Even if it gets hard and you're left alone: **run towards God**. Don't let your circumstances dictate your actions, but let God's word comfort you through every season of your life, for God really knows best, so trust in Him.

Christians must live by faith. We know based on **Hebrews 11:1**, that Faith is the substance of things hoped for. The evidence of things not seen & that we must walk by faith not by sight. But have you learned that your Christian walk must be seen as a spiritual journey that you personally have with the triune God? We know that God manifests Himself in three ways:

**God:** The Father.

**God:** The Son.

**God:** The Holy Spirit.

A Christian must also know that: they have been saved by grace, through faith; and that it is not coming from themselves. But it is a gift that God has given to Christians. Although, God desires everyone to receive this gift. But not everyone is willing to receive such a gift. It is not won by work... Unless anyone becomes boastful (**Ephesians 2:8-9**). We also see that without faith it is impossible to please God (**Hebrews 11:6**). Christians must live a life that pleases God. Not people. They must live in the approval God has towards them. Not the approval of people. Christians are called to serve God (**Galatians 1:10**). Not people. Christians are called to put their faith into actions

because faith without works is dead (**James 2:17**). You can read **James 2:14-26** to get a deeper meaning and understanding of the scripture. Christians must live by faith daily.

### **Part-3: My Testimony**

Throughout my journey with God, it's like He has been taking me “**slowly**” down a road “**unknown**” where I've had to hold His hand continuously and continually trust in Him. I've had to trust where He's leading me and trust His continual guidance in my life. What God gives you and where God leads you to be...may not be what you expected or had in mind. But trust that God is not rushing you, pushing you, forcing you, trying to manipulate you, or confuse you because that's not how God works. I had learned that, & grasped that truth. God works patiently, slowly, and one thing at a time. Also, God is not the author of confusion. But of peace (**1 Corinthians 14:33**). If God were to give you everything all at once... You'll probably won't be able to handle it all at once because it would be “**too much**” for you. God knows what He's doing. Just trust Him, trust in Him. Just like I had to too.

### **Discipleship**

#### **Part-4: Fundamentals Of Being A Disciple**

*Christians are called to be disciples of Jesus Christ.*

**What makes someone a disciple? (Let's see what the word of God says pertaining to this truth):**

**Matthew 28:20-** They observe God's word. Jesus is with them always, even unto the end of the world.

**Luke 14:27-** They bear their cross daily. For if they don't, they know they won't be referred to as Jesus' disciples.

**2 Timothy 2:2-** They're faithful (committed, devoted) to God, & His gospel.

**Luke 9:23-** They continue in sound biblical doctrine: God's word.

**John 8:31-32.**

**Matthew 16:24-25.**

**John 15:1-17-** They bear fruit for God's kingdom.

**John 13:34-35-** If you love God's people, you are Jesus's disciple indeed.

**Luke 6:40.**

**Luke 14:26-** God first. They have God first in their lives.

**Luke 14:33-** Full surrender and full submission to God's plans for their lives. Even if it means letting go of it all to be in His will/His plans for their lives.

So, as disciples of Jesus Christ, learning continually, spiritually growing in the Lord continually, we must continue in the faith we profess we have. We must go through tribulations, trials, & suffering(s) (in the Lord's will for our lives) because then we will enter into the kingdom of God. Even though we have God's kingdom among us... will we endure to actually live in His kingdom? For if we live in the flesh we won't be able to enter God's kingdom. The works of the flesh are nothing in God's kingdom, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. Those who do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God (**1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Galatians 5:19-21, Revelation 21:27, 1 Timothy 1**). So we must understand that we can't live like the world does, throughout this Christian journey we must let go of what God wants us to let go of. We must live a set-apart life because God wants us to do so (**1 John 2:15-17**). We can't befriend the world either: **James 4:4**. We can't live, talk, act or dress disorderly like them. We must be the difference. Make the difference by practicing God's word daily (**James 1, James 1:22-25**). We must not hang out with people that can corrupt our morals for: bad company corrupts good morals (**1 Corinthians 15:33**).

## **Part-5: Disciples Walk By Faith Not By Sight**

Faith. We must have faith in our Lord and Savior: Jesus Christ. Trusting and believing He'll provide for the ministry He's preparing us for. He'll provide with the knowledge, wisdom, understanding, and discretion we need in order to know how to manage well what He places in our hands to manage for His kingdom. Remember, you can have faith as small as a mustard seed and you can indeed move those mountains with that small measure of faith. We must have faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ (**Acts 20:21**).

**Extra Scriptures:**

**Acts 14:22.**  
**Acts 20:21.**  
**Acts 26:18.**  
**Col.1:23.**  
**Heb.10:22.**  
**Heb.11:7.**  
**Heb.12:2.**  
**James 2:5.**  
**Romans 3:27-31.**  
**Eph.6:16.**  
**Heb.12:1-2.**  
**1 Peter 1:17.**

We know that as Christians, we must go through sanctification through His word continually. Through His spirit and His word God sanctifies us. If you don't remain in His word and are dead spiritually then, you can't grow spiritually or spiritually mature. We must live in His spirit, not in the flesh. For those walking in the flesh, cannot please God and we must walk by the spirit and not gratify the desires of the flesh. To gratify means: **satisfy**. Don't satisfy your flesh and don't give a footstool to the enemy in your life (**Galatians 5:16-26**).

### **Extra Scriptures:**

**Romans 8:8.**  
**Romans 8.**  
**Romans 8:14.**

Since we believe (faith), we must live out the truth in which we believe in (works). So we are sanctified by faith that is available only in Jesus Christ. Some people may believe that Jesus is real. But are they living their life for Him? Or for themselves? You'll know them by their fruits (**Matthew 7:16-20, Galatians 5:9**). For He calls us to deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow Him. We must continue in the faith grounded and settled and we must not be moved away from the hope of the gospel, which we have heard, believed, and which is being preached by God's faithful servants. Let us draw



near to God with a true heart in full assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water (**Heb.10:22**). Knowing that faith without works is dead: **James 2:17**. Also, it is God who is working within you so that you can do what pleases Him daily: **Phil.2:13**. For you were called to freedom & that freedom is found when you stay in Jesus, lay it all down at the cross where it all began, and actually live for Him. For by living for Him and in His word, within His will, is that you show that you love Him. Do not go back! do not go back to the yoke of being enslaved to destruction..... For there is freedom in Christ. For where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom: **2 Corinthians 3:17, Galatians 5:1, 1 Corinthians 10:23**. How can a young person cleanse their way? By taking heed to God's word diligently (**Psalms 119:9-16**). By staying in His unchanging presence, by submitting to Him in full surrender, and living a life of purity. For in God's word it states: "don't let them look down on you because you are young, but set an example to the believers in life, faith, purity, speech, in love, in spirit (**1 Timothy 4:12**)." We must be willing to live honestly (**Hebrews 13:18**).

## **Biblical Perspectives**

### **Part-6: Several Characters In The Bible Who Professed Their Faith**

Some characters in the bible that knew God personally showed their faith in God accompanied by actions. If we read the whole entire chapter of **Hebrews 11**, we see a demonstration of faith accompanied with actions. But let us look at **Hebrews 11:7**: "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of His house; by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." A Christian must live by faith. But knowing we walk by believing in God and what He says to us personally through His word and revelation through His Holy Spirit. Totally not by what we see occurring currently. Let God shape you in the midst of every storm. Let God prune you from the thorns in your stem. So that you'll continue being rooted in Christ, blooming, flourishing & continually. We walk by faith. Not by sight. Abraham is another example of a man who walked by faith and not by sight. For he could have chosen to stay with his family when God called him to the unknown but he decided to trust that God's plans are for his good. He had faith when God told him to sacrifice his son Isaac and he knew that God

didn't work that way; that God was just testing his faith... that God was going to provide with the actual sacrifice which wasn't his son after all. He trusted in God's faithfulness. He trusted in God's leadership and guidance. He trusted the fact that His love for God was to be treasured because loving God is a privilege and that it's a privilege to serve Jehovah Jireh our Provider. He knew that "where God guides, He provides, always" because God's plans for your life were thought out by Him and He will bring it to pass each and every day because as soon as you decide to become Christian... you decided to lay it all down at the cross. Which is where you began indeed (**Genesis 22:1-24, Genesis 12**). Abraham never got to see his promise come to pass... But his faith was unshakeable. God's word still came to pass. But he didn't get to see God's promise for his life because he died naturally before it ever occurred. Trust God's agenda. Trust God's work in your life. Trust God at all times. Don't let anybody cause you to doubt God's plans for your life for it will surely come to pass in God's perfect timing & we know that all things work out for the good of those who love God. Those who are called according to His purposes (**Rom.8:28**). Trust God's faithfulness for He will never leave you nor forsake you. Trust that God will help you. Trust that God's Holy Spirit is guiding you. Trust that God's Holy Spirit is teaching you His truth. Trust that faith accompanied by actions is what God expects from you. Trust that the enemies' schemes will not prevail because His grace is sufficient and when you are weak then you are strong because you're not relying on your own strength which is perishable and limited. But in God's strength which is imperishable and not limited. Don't limit the capacity God has placed in you to preach and teach His word just because others claim that you're not "good enough" or that you don't "deserve the calling God has over your life" but all those negative criticisms will not fall on you because you believe God, you believe God's word, and you believe that God can indeed help you finish what He told you to start. When others persecute you, call you names, look at them through grace, and simply walk away: for all have sinned and fallen short of God's glory (**Romans 3:23**).

What you've been through (those dark times) don't define you. So continue to grow and mature in the Lord spiritually and you will see your faith growing. Maintain yourself in the Lord and you will see great big things occurring. Not just in you but around you. You are indeed God's masterpiece. You are God's servant and don't let anyone tell you otherwise. I want to tell you something:

*The God who started the work in you will bring it to completion but at His timing and His way.*

**You must have the mindset of:**

“Not my way Lord, but yours. Not my will God. But yours be done **(Luke 22:42)**.”

Trusting that His grace will always cover you. Always. As long as you remain in Jesus Christ. Trusting the fact that when God prompts you to keep going, it's for your own good and for His glory. For when He shows Himself mighty in your situation: others may see, and give Him glory. Let go of what must leave so it can give room to the new thing God is doing in your midst **(Psalm 46:5 and Isaiah 43:19)**.

You know God's promises for your life. Believe they'll come to pass. You don't need to talk every single day about it. You don't need to be impatient. Just pray about it. Trusting that God will provide with those promises at the exact opportune moment (in His plans for your life). Nobody needs to know about the work you're doing for God's kingdom because you don't need the approval of men. You need God's approval. When God says: “**yes,**” nobody can say: “**no.**” Even if they do.... That “**no**” is irrelevant for it is God's will for you to do a certain thing and nobody can stop it for if this work is from God, it will be accomplished **(Acts 5:38)**. Men (Human term not the gender term) weren't the once to call you. To handpick you. God did. God is the one doing it. You're just doing what He tells you to do and that pleases Him. That makes Him want to delight in you. Believe God and delight in Him. For **Psalms 37:4** is the truth. Have faith! Unwavering faith! Let us look unto Jesus, constantly. The Author and Finisher of our faith. Allow Him to increase your faith continually **(Hebrews 12:2, Luke 17:5-6)**. Not looking to the right or to the left **(Proverbs 4:25-27)**. But keeping our eyes on Him constantly. Not looking to the right or to the left. But keeping our eyes on Him constantly. Removing distractions so we can focus solely on Him. Let us look unto Jesus. Let us always look to Jesus. Who for the joy set before Him endured the Cross, despising the shame and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God **(Hebrews 12:2)**. God has chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to them that love Him **(James 2:5)**. We have biblical promises as well and we will obtain them if we continue walking in our faith. Continue being obedient to God. Continue in sound doctrine because all of this is occurring, and

found within our faith in Jesus Christ alone. The faith we profess we have in the Lord must be lived out daily. We must be strong minded (**Hebrews 12:3**). We were walking like the Gentiles (at least some of us: every testimony varies) & now we've been saved by grace. We are part of the faith family in Jesus Christ. We are the body of Christ. Some of us were enemies of God, due to the way we were thinking. Due to the people we used to hang around with. Due to the fact that we weren't yet saved. But we've been saved by grace through faith and it is truly a gift from God. This gift has been received by those who truly want to get to know the truth and live their lives in faith knowing that Jesus is real and they're willing to suffer persecution for God. Our faith is a shield against all the darts of the wicked (those being used by the enemy), the devil, the fallen angels that work for him. All those curse words, we cancel it in the name of Jesus by faith. All those lies spoken to us in our youths currently, we cancel it in the name of Jesus by faith. For no weapon formed against us will prosper and that's a biblical promise for those who serve God faithfully. Let us lay aside the sin that besets us and every weight that is damaging us (if we are continually in it) and let us run with patience the race that is set before us. Looking to Jesus, our partner in this spiritual journey. Call on the Father with faith in your heart. Call on God with faith rooted in your heart. Let your actions match your faith. Let's be radical for Jesus.

### **Scriptures to help increase your faith:**

**Matthew 21:22.**

**Romans 10:17.**

**Mark 11:22-24.**

**Luke 1:37.**

**Ephesians 2:8-9.**

**Proverbs 3:5-6.**

**Hebrews 13:25.**

**Ephesians 2:8.**

**2 Corinthians 5:7.**

**James 2:14-26.**

**James 2:24.**

**James 1:5-8.**

### **Part-7: Your Journey Of Faith (Motivational Encouragement Message)**

Be content in your faith towards Jesus Christ: (**Genesis 3:1-7; Philippians 4:10-14, 1 Timothy 6:6, Hebrews 13:5**). Adam and Eve weren't content with the fact that they were vulnerable and naked. As soon as they ate from the tree their eyes were opened. They knew that they were naked and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves aprons. All of a sudden they didn't feel comfortable in the presence of God because they sinned against Him. In v.8 it stated that they heard the voice of God and they hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden. When God calls you to go deeper, He'll make you feel uncomfortable, because He'll prune you from the things that don't please Him. Be content in the season God has you in. Even if you feel stuck or like nothing's happening. Trust that God is working and that this is not by how you feel but by the truth of the gospel. Let God's word be the light in your midst. What do you know that is wrong and that you're holding on to and is making you uncomfortable in His presence? What is hindering you from getting closer to God? It is time to be content wherever God has you in currently and do what He wants you to do and in His timing He'll move you, position you, and redirect you. But all in His timing. Don't look back. Continue to move forward.

Adam and Eve showed that they lacked contentment in their relationship with God. If they were, they wouldn't have given in to the temptation Satan offered Eve and then Eve tempted Adam; and caused him to sin against God. Paul is a perfect example of being content in whatever season God has placed him in. In **Phil.4:11**, he states: "**Not that I speak in respect to want: for I have learned in whatsoever state that I am therewith to be content.**" This includes: when others are persecuting you. Be still and know that He's God. He will be exalted among the nations. He will be exalted in all the earth. Paul learned to be content through everything God placed him to go through. Those who persecute you don't really know who they are persecuting, because him or she that touches you, touches the apple of His eyes. So just pray for them so God can have mercy on them like He did with you. You keep enduring. You keep pursuing God. Indeed greater is coming. God sees when someone is truly content. He can't be mocked! Nor fooled! v.12 states: "**I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: everywhere and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.**" v.13: "**I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me.**" v.14: "**Notwithstanding you have well done, that you did**

**communicate with my affliction.**” Paul knew to be content even throughout his affliction for he knew that whatever God placed him to endure and overcome was not in vain; and he knew indeed that he can do all things through Christ who strengthens him. **(Phil 4:13)**. Be content in whatever season God places you in. Knowing He’s on your side. Let the scriptures comfort you when you’re going through a season you know God has placed you in but you didn’t want to be in it. I’m telling you that the season may appear as a wilderness experience. You may feel abandoned? But are you really? Lonely? But are you really? This is a season to be content in whatever position God has placed you in (not just in this season but the rest as well). This is a season to be content wherever you are in your spiritual walk with the Lord. Not comparing yourself to nobody else’s journey with Jesus. For you yourself have a journey to fulfill in the Lord. This is a season to not look back just because you feel a little uncomfortable and just because you feel like nothing is occurring. Learn to relax. Do your part and continue having faith that this season has an expiration date and you’ll be ready to enter the next season with contentment and the season after that too. Knowing that you can indeed do all things through Christ who strengthens you, even go through the wilderness experience. If Paul did it, so can you! Just have faith that nothing you do for God is in vain. Also, knowing that godliness with contentment is great gain. Lastly, let your conversation be without covetousness and be content with such things as you have. For He has said, “I will never leave you, nor forsake you.” This season has an ending. But are you content where God places you? Be content. When God calls you to go deeper in Him: do so. Don’t stay in the same place spiritually. Continue to grow and to mature spiritually. Be content in the wilderness season as well. When you move closer to God, you’re going to feel uncomfortable because He’s going to change you and prune you. But don’t let sin be the reason why you aren’t getting closer to God.

*Flourish.*

*Bloom.*

*Wherever God has planted you. Being careful not to receive the things that contradict His word, and that could be a stumbling block in your life towards your spiritual growth.*

## **Journeying Through Faith**

### **Part-8: My Journey Of Faith**

Throughout this whole entire journey it's like God has been taking me "slowly" down a road "unknown" where I've had to hold His hand and simply trust Him. Trust where He's leading me and trust His guidance. I learned that what God gives and where God leads you to be may not be what you expected or had in mind. But trust that God is not rushing you, pushing you, forcing or trying to manipulate you or confuse you because that's not how God works.

I learned that God works patiently, slowly, and one thing at a time. Also, God is not the Author of confusion but of peace. If God were to give you everything all at once... You'll probably won't be able to handle it all at once because it would be "too much" for you.

I learned that God knows what He's doing. Just trust in Him. If you're not okay with God right now and you know He is prompting you to let a lot of things go so that you can seek Him, serve Him only, and keep your eyes on Him without any distractions... Repent in order to listen to His promptings because God will never give you anything you couldn't handle. God will never leave you alone. You don't need responses from people. What you need to do is be obedient to God wholeheartedly and look to Him wholeheartedly because at the end of the day: His love will be there. He will be there and when you look at the Cross... You'll find what you've been looking for because at whatever moment in your life..... You may find people leaving. You may find that everything surrounding you is falling apart but what if God is just trying to teach you a lesson from what you've been through? What if God is trying to teach you to let things go? What if God is trying to teach you His word so that you can help those that need to understand and be taught His word? What if God just wants you to finish what you started with no distractions in your midst? What if God leads you to do something so that you can end it as well and start a new chapter in your life? Clean, new, and with no blemishes or stumbling blocks? What if God wants you to let go because He knows best and He has better in mind for you?: "For I know the plans I have for you: declares the Lord. Plans of welfare and not of evil to give you a future and a hope (**Jeremiah 29:11**).” Surrender it all to God, and watch Him work the impossible in your life. At times you may feel like nothing is occurring....but this is not by emotions. This is by faith combined with your actions, accompanied with your actions. A Christian must live out the faith they profess they have. If someone tells you they have faith. Yet they are



sowing corrupted seeds in their minds. Do they actually have faith? For faith indeed can move mountains.

## **Part-9: Your Journey Of Faith Continued (Part 2)**

The journey may seem long. May seem hard. May seem difficult. May seem impossible to overcome certain things. But in Jesus all of that fades away because your main focus in this journey is Jesus Himself. So continue to do everything for the Lord and watch Him work faithfully in your life.

**Remember:** Don't limit the capacity He has placed within you. Keep moving forward. At times you may not see a way out or a way through. But just know, that we serve a God who moves mountains and breaks chains and makes a way where there seems to be no way.

Depend on God for everything. Save yourself the trouble. Stop listening to every dysfunctional thought and start listening to what God has to say about you. The fight isn't over until God states that it's over. As a soldier of Jesus Christ, you must submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you.

How are you supposed to keep running this race, if you keep looking back instead of forward? Trust God and let go of what was hurting you. Let go of past regrets. Let go of all of that baggage, and lay it at the Cross. He died for you so you wouldn't have to go through this alone. Trust God's transitions. Trust His new beginnings because **Jeremiah 29:11**. He has good plans for you and in order for them to come to pass, you must submit and surrender. Obey God's word. God is preparing you for ministry. Whom God calls He alone qualifies. He may use the mouth of another person who He has taught and trained in His word to teach you, exhort you, and bring correction to your actions or your words but that doesn't mean that you should depend on that person. God places people to help you because He knows the condition of that person's heart.

At times it may seem like everything's falling apart. You're getting attacked on every side. Distractions are almost everywhere and you're just like "is this what life is truly about?" At times you may feel stuck, alone but God is with you, and just believe that He's guiding you somewhere beautiful. At the end of the day: God will have the final

say. No pain? No molding. No suffering? No equipment. A soldier must go through the struggles of life until God decides to change the season and place them in another so that they can overcome all the obstacles the enemy will be throwing at them. But they know that giving up was never an option. Learn to let things go and to really be cautious. Not everyone was meant to be in your life.

## Part 10: Depending On God

Stop trying to befriend the world and start seeking God. This isn't a game where you decide to sit on the bench. No, this is a life and death situation. You choose, whether to serve God or to serve mammon? You can't serve both. You must choose.

God wants to use you for bigger and greater purposes but the beautiful thing about God is He knows. He knows the perfect time to use you. He knows when you need your rest. He knows when you need to help a brother or sister out. He knows where exactly to place you. He knows. He knows that you need preparation because without Him preparing you, how are you supposed to go to a whole other level?

<b>He wants to take us from glory to glory.</b>	He wants to use us at the level of capacity He has placed in us. He wants to see good fruit bearing on every tree He has called, He has chosen, & He's equipping. Are you one of them? If so, pick up your cross and follow Him. You must deny yourself and let Jesus finish the work He started in you. Yes, you are a work in progress. You are still learning, growing, & maturing. But you must understand some processes have expiration dates. The work He's doing in you is to prepare you for ministry (so that He can get the glory and you can help others out as well). Everything has its proper, strategic time in the Lord. Don't let men promote you. Let God promote you. Don't listen to false doctrine teachers, etc..That can hinder your relationship with God. Don't go anywhere you know will be a great temptation and stumbling block to you. Don't go anywhere a Christian shouldn't be going. Don't listen to things that won't edify your spiritual walk. Don't read or watch anything that won't edify
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	<p>your spiritual walk as well. Also, know your worth. Yes love those who persecute you but there's a line... don't allow anyone to mistreat you. You are a child of God. Not a doormat for others to step on. Know your worth.</p>
<p><b>Bless and do not curse.</b> //Forgiveness-ss</p>	<p>We are called to bless those who persecute us and mistreat us... Meaning don't return evil for evil. But return a blessing. For you were called to inherit a blessing from God. Vengeance is of the Lord and He will repay. But His way!! <b>(Romans 12:14-21).</b></p> <p><b>Matthew 6:4-15.</b> You were also called to forgive.</p>

**Remember:**

That God always confirms His word.  
Read, meditate, and learn from His scriptures.

**Part 11: Allowing God To Mold You (Character Refinement, Growing, & Going Through Changes)**

Every human has limitations but God doesn't. At times God wants to do a work in us but we ourselves hinder it with lack of faith, lack of trust, doubt, fear, lack of forgiveness as well, and etc. Don't try to run away from God and His calling. Stay in Him, let Him mold you, even if it means stepping into the unknown and uncomfortable situations. Let God change you continually until Jesus returns for His church so that He can mold you and capacitate you for the work He desires to do through you. At times you may think that this is all God has for you. But God has more. Everyday, God desires for you to seek Him. For you to look to Him for help because flesh is like grass. One day they'll perish. Friends come and go but God will forever remain. God is good. When God gives you the strength, ensure to have the willingness to simply let go of what you must let go of. Just listen to God's promptings because all He's trying to do is protect you from taking the

wrong turn that can eventually affect your future in a bad way. Let go of everything. Just to hold on to Jesus. Better to be alone than to be surrounded by bad company. When people start questioning who you are..... don't pay attention to that. Just keep moving forward because at the end of the day, whom you have to give account to is God on the day of judgment. Not people. When people start to criticize who you are and how God created you to be..... just keep moving forward. Who cares? .... What can mere mortals do to you if God is for you? God will never tell you to act in such a way that leads you away from Him. Temptation will always show up anywhere and everywhere. Even in church. But you must submit to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you. So many excuses on why they don't want to submit to God's word just because they're afraid to do so because they rather live a life that pleases people instead of God. To please God, it will require you to displease people. Meaning you're not here to please men. You're here to please God.... in all areas of your life. You're not here to entertain sin.

The bible claims 'modesty'... even if your flesh doesn't want to submit to that: submit to God's word because you simply love Him, desire to serve Him, and reflect your love for Him by obeying His word. Who cares if they don't like how you dress? You weren't created to please men but to please your Creator: God. Modesty is a heart posture of full surrender in heart posture first, that outpours outwardly.

Some people don't like the idea of covering up so they leave church because they don't want to submit to God's word or the idea of worshipping God by obeying His word. Don't be like them. Be different and submit to God's word anyways. The fruit on that tree is not to be ignored. So don't be ignorant. Time usually tells people's motives. It's like when you're walking in God's Spirit: you can discern people's intentions. Mentality like: "something ain't right about this one" & like: "something's definitely not right about this one." Like God makes you feel uncomfortable about a relationship that clearly was not from Him. God knows what's best for all His children and He knows what's best for me because I'm His daughter. Same goes for you. God is right when He says in His Word: "bad company corrupts good morals."

It's like the negative criticism is to try to keep you away from God. I'm going to be honest with you: the only time something will work out, is if God is in it: if God is not in it fully: it will only lead to sin.

Also when two people are not spiritually mature.... There's a problem with that because they will easily fall into sin. That's the truth. I don't know about you but giving up was never an option. Let them criticize. Let them bully. Let them call you names: continue to bless your enemies. Continue to pray for your enemies because clearly if the enemy is using them it is because they need prayer. "Something is not right about that one." Listen. I don't care if the Pastor states: "this is the one" or if that person states: "God doesn't want me to leave you because one thing I've learned is that God will tell me first." If God never told you: then that's a problem because God reveals through His Holy Spirit.

I trust nobody's guidance first but I trust God's guidance. One minute they reject you: the next they want to 'love up on you' hiding a mask trying to catch you fall. But you're not imprudent & you weren't born-again without discernment. It's like the persecution, God is allowing it so that something can spring forth out of you. The faith journey is completely worth it. No pain equals no pruning. No process equals no position. No process, trials, & persecutions equals no promotion from the Lord. So keep going anyways .

## **Don't Give Up On God For It Means Giving Up On Your Faith**

### **Part 12: Changes Through And Through**

Don't give up just because things are getting "harder." God gave you your own load to carry. Don't try to carry a load that you were never called to carry. It's better to be alone than with someone who doesn't have the same mindset as you or doesn't want to run towards God with you. Have the mindset of: "I don't need companionship that will lead me away from God. I need God and if you're a stumbling block to my spiritual growth then... You can gladly leave." Forgive those who mistreat you, use you, abuse you, and try to construct on God's work in you yet God never called them to construct on the work He is doing in you. Others opinions don't matter. What God says about you is what matters.

There's a difference between being there for someone because you want to be there for them and being there for someone who God wants you to help. When God wants you to help someone, it's usually because they actually need what God has deposited in you to freely give. You never know if that person needed that phone call, text message, that sermon or that word of encouragement because you truly aren't God and you don't know what that person goes through on a daily basis. That's the beauty of fellowship in the church. Isn't God good? He will always be good. God is God and there's no other God but Him.

When you read His word, you tend to fall in love with Him even more because you realize that God isn't what others claim that He is but He is exactly who He says He is.

At times, temptation will come. But you can overcome it because greater is He who is in you than He who is in the world.

Talk to God and trust that He'll answer you at His timing.

Friendships come and go but God will forever remain.

Trust the fact that God knows whom He chooses to help you.

Trust that yes, you may have your differences but God calls you both to love each-other despite those differences.

You were anointed to be yourself. Don't let the enemy tell you otherwise.

You were knitted together in your Mother's womb. Called for a purpose bigger than yourself. If my God called you to it, He can surely provide and capacitate you and love up on you as much as He can and God can do the impossible so best believe that He can.

You can do all things through Christ who strengthens you. Don't let the enemy tell you otherwise. The enemy is considered the father of lies, that's how you know that nothing good truly comes from him. He loves to twist the scriptures. He loves to deceive, etc. So don't trust him when he tries to twist your understanding of who God is. Don't trust those emotions either. Don't trust yourself. You aren't God, how well would you know to make decisions on your own?

Let God guide you when making decisions. Walk by the spirit of God, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.

## **Galatians 5.**

### **Phil.4:13.**

Waiting on God and His timing. His timing is always precise.

Don't ever limit the capacity God has placed in you, and relax, child of God. Vengeance belongs to God. He'll repay. Some people judge by appearance but God looks at the heart.

God is looking for such people who desire to worship Him in spirit, and in truth. He is looking for those who desire to make a change in their generation. At times, God will prompt you to do something that you thought you weren't capable of doing on your own & you're right, you can't do it on your own because it requires God's guidance.

It requires a lot of God and you alone time. It requires getting before His presence, kneeling, and asking God: "God, what would you have me do on the day of today?" It will require discernment from your part, and looking for God to reveal what's the next step you should take or the next strategy. Trust that God's got this.

Trust God's guidance. God's leadership and trust the processes He places you in because they're so worth it. Trust that God has joy for you in exchange for the mourning you had to go through (speaking in general). Trust that God has healing in store for you from the pain and anguish you had to go through as a child. Trust that God is a God of vengeance and He will have vengeance on those whom were persecuting you. Trust that God is with you even when you can't see a way out of your situation. Trust that God's got this. Just pray. Talk to God when everything is falling apart. Trust God when nobody seems to understand you or the vision God placed in you. Trust that God realizes your pain and your hurt. He understands exactly what you're going through and He wants to help you. Trust that God's got this, yes, trials and tribulations will come especially when you're deeply rooted in Christ. But remember, there are people out there battling with symptoms, battling with depression, battling with suicidal thoughts, & battling against the enemy himself. There are Christians that are so weak in the faith. Not everybody is like you, not everybody thinks like you. Not everybody feels the same way you do towards God and His word. Get it together. You were called for more. You were called to be a leader. Not everyone is as strong in the faith as you. Instead of looking down on them, pray for them. I'm not stating that you are looking down on them, but just in case



the enemy tempts you to do that instead of praying for your brother, or sister. Pray for them. Even if they don't tell you to pray for them, pray for them because you honestly don't know the battle they are facing.

Learn from your own experiences. Learn from others' experiences. Learn from your mistakes. Learn from other people's mistakes. Learn from the battles you've had to overcome. Learn from the failures and decide that this time you will overcome. Learn from other's testimonies and learn from your own. Listen, this life is going to consist of battles. You won one, girdle up your loins because there's going to be a next one. Don't expect for the enemy to be okay with you overcoming things he planned for your own destruction. Don't expect that others will celebrate your victories with you. Understand that some people won't care. Others will just be simply envious because they want what you have but can't obtain it because they aren't putting in the work and the sacrifice you've had to make to get to where you're getting to. Others will celebrate with you, and woo-hoo!! Glory to God for that. Perhaps those are the people God-ordained to celebrate your victories with them. Everything has its proper timing in God. At times people just want to be left alone and you need to be okay with that. You need to be okay with people leaving. But don't ever be okay with people leaving and coming back and then leaving again. Know your worth.

Pray for those going through hardships. Pray for Christians around the globe. Pray for your family. Pray about everything. Pray and talk to God throughout your day. Pray until you fall asleep. Be that radical Christian you always tried to be, and don't let anyone put you down. But set an example to the believers in life, faith, purity, conduct, speech, & love.

This time should be for you, and God alone. Remove distractions so you can focus on Him. Solemnly, fully on Him. Focus! Stay Focused. Remain hidden in Him. Guard your heart. Stay away from any form of evil and remain in Him. Abide by His law & abide by His rules.

He's got you in the palm of His hands. He is mighty to save. He'll deliver you. Remember who took you out of Egypt, Sodom, and Gomorrah.

God liberated you, and He continues to liberate you. Trust in Him. Confide in Him. Trust, everything is already finished, you just need to walk it out. Walk it out, walk into your blessing of deliverance.

*Everyday is a blessing.*

*No more sorrow.*

*No more pain.*

*Everyday is a blessing.*

*You are free in Jesus alone.*

I learned to trust God for everything. I learned that trials will come. Tribulations will come but God is bigger than what I go through. I learned that I don't have to walk by emotions. I don't have to please people. All I have to do is please God. Obey His word and stay planted where I've been planted by God Himself. Where I go to church, where I am right now is not a surprise to God. God is sustaining me through my difficulties. God alone sustains me. God is indeed enough. I also learned that God loves me just the way that I am. I learned to depend on His strength on His love for me. He's got this. My life is for Jesus. My tears are for Jesus. He made me. He knitted me together in my Mother's womb. Handpicked me. Loved me. Cherishes me. Provides for me. Desires relationship with me. I have all I need in Jesus. He's indeed where my strength comes from.

Your spiritual state should be adorned with the fruit of the Spirit of God, growing in all manner of godliness. Sanctify the Lord in our hearts, give reverence to His holy name, and respect towards His things, His word, His statutes, & His commandments because as Christians we are setting an example to outsiders of who Christ is and how He wants His church to act. So it's not a matter of losing yourself, and not being who God made you to be (personality wise) but it is a matter of trusting that God can change your heart and while doing so change your mind. Alongside that, the way you view yourself. Seeking God is one of the truest forms for a believer to possess because they're seeking the vine. The effortless vine that never changes and is rooted in the Father because the Father and Him are one. So He wants us all to be one.

As Christians we are called to walk by the spirit and not gratify the desires of the flesh. We must deny what's ungodly in order to pursue what is righteous. Daily we must fight against the flesh and against the enemy. It's no longer what I want but what God wants

for me. His truth is the source. It's by His truth that we live daily. We cannot and must not focus on the things of this world but be transformed by the renewing of our minds.

So we may test and know what the will of the Lord is. We are dead to sin, to transgressions. But alive in His Spirit. It's simple, even babes can understand the gospel. Sin leads to death. Spirit leads to life and life eternal. As newborn babes crave pure spiritual milk that you may grow by it, taste and see that the Lord is good.

*Live in Jesus daily. Be intentional in daily living with the Lord.*

Meekness is humility before God. Denying self, obeying God, & not denying Him but uplifting His name. All glory to God. Amen!

Delight in the abundance of peace is only to those who truly seek God and His rest. They shall abide in the abundance of His peace. For in the world there's no true lasting peace. It's perishable. Though some things may give them peace, it's not lasting. Amen & amen.

You're uniquely you and that's what matters.

God's pursuit of you should teach you that you are worthy of love, that you are loved, pursued, honed, and entrusted with things you have.

## **Conclusion**

### **It's Your (Our) Salvation After All**

We know that salvation is found in Christ alone. That Jesus is the way, the truth, the life, and no one can come to the Father but through Him. We all have responsibilities to tend to in the Lord. If God wants you to do something in the now? do it. But make sure it's from Him. Remember that God will never give you anything you couldn't handle. Salvation is a free gift as well and it's found in Jesus Christ. Nowadays, there are many religions pulling people away from the real God because its teachings and lifestyles contradict the way God would want a believer to live. So just know that only Jesus can

save a soul from desolation, destruction, the issues they have to face on a daily basis that they can't seem to find a way out of, & they don't know how to remove the emptiness within them.

So they turn to mankind to teach them on how to temporarily remove the emptiness inside of them, instead of turning to God for help and for the answers. God wants to free everyone from such bondage and He wants to help those in their weak areas. But it's up to them personally. It's up to everyone to either decide whether to receive Him or not into their lives. Don't look at the world. But look to the Cross. Jesus wants to save everyone. He desires for everyone to come to a knowledge of His truth but some turn their backs at Him, and expect for Him to still answer their prayers.

How can a holy God listen to a prayer that is not filled with humility? How can a holy God listen to a prayer that is not filled with love and genuine repentance? How can a holy God answer a prayer that is filled with so much evil intentions? Don't expect God to answer your prayer if you're living a sinful lifestyle. Don't expect God to give you your heart's desires if they are wicked and are not His plans for your life. Don't expect God to lower Himself just to meet your daily expectations. God doesn't work that way, and it's sad to know that this isn't just occurring outside of the church but inside the church as well. Where are those without faith?

Ask God to increase your faith and don't give up on Him because you are no longer seen as a Gentile in God's eyes. You are God's son. You are God's daughter and anyone who tries to hurt you, mistreat you, God will take vengeance upon within His timing. Trust God.

This journey will consist of many bumps in the road: people persecuting you for being different. People talking bad about you because of Jesus. People turning their backs on you because of Jesus. A relationship with Jesus will cost you a lot. But in the end: it will be worth it because you know that your rewards are being treasured and kept safe by God. One of them is your eternal life in heaven. Do you want to go to heaven? So continue in your faith journey towards God. You may claim with pride in your heart that you could do it on your own... but can you really? You can't do anything without God in your life. You can't expect for God to do everything through you. There's the body of Christ. There's a body, it's the body of Christ and we all were assigned specific tasks,

assignments, etc. Someone may not have been called to lead in a pulpit but another may be called to build churches all around different nations.

But what God deposited in you was not just for your own edification. It's for the building up of the body as a whole. I'm not stating to depend on anyone, I'm stating that we are members of one another so we should treat each other with respect, and not have selfish ambition or motives but to love one another as God has called us to. Congregating is part of this journey, so stop trying to state that you don't need to congregate, that you don't need to fellowship, you don't need to break bread with the brethren because that's disobedience to God's word, and God wants His children to congregate. To be in unity. I'm not saying to depend on them. But depend fully on God and ask God to change your thinking if you have so much pride that you only think about yourself, your needs, and you don't do anything for God's kingdom.

Have you prayed? Have you fasted? Have you helped someone by encouraging them? Have you borne someone else's load? In other words: are you bearing fruit for God's kingdom? How can you claim to want to be up there yet you're not happy with those that God has positioned to lead? Stop trying to be up there and start trying to build a personal relationship with God because the work is plenty but the laborers are few. We need to change the atmosphere when we worship. We need to worship God in spirit and in truth.

We need to continue in God's plans for our lives because if we don't, there are souls that are perishing each and every day without seeing the church doing its job. There are people in beds sick when God has deposited within a person the capacity to heal but they're so afraid to do what God calls them to do because they're scared. I'm talking to those that have been prepared already and are not doing their job. Do your job, for you can't mock God and get away with it. You will have to give account for every deed you've done. Everyone does!

Leaders? Start taking care of your flock and stop listening to every dysfunctional thought that does not come from God and repent of believing lies... Instead of the truth. For the people that aren't on the altar? Get it together so God can use you even if you're not on the altar. For this journey is not about being up there, but about living for God.

It's about living for Jesus. It's about Jesus. It's not about what others have done to you, but about Jesus healing you, restoring you, & etc. So let go of lack of forgiveness. Let go of pain because if you don't, God can not use you because your heart will be getting hardened, and it will be hard to hear God's voice clearly because you're so wrapped up in the pain and hurt that you've forgotten about what God's word says and all you're thinking about is how you will have vengeance towards the person. If you're in this situation right now: repent, turn away from such thoughts for those are seeds that are being planted in your heart, and will only grow destruction.

**Proverbs 4:23**, guard your heart from any evil, and know your worth! Know that your worth is found in Christ Jesus. Learn how to set healthy boundaries, biblical boundaries that will help you keep the foxes away from your vineyard. It's time to take this journey seriously, submit to God, and resist the devil for he will then flee from you (**James 4:7**). Stop looking at what others are accomplishing for God's kingdom, and start living your life for Jesus. Start doing exactly what He wants you to do and live a life guided by His Holy Spirit.

We are called to follow Jesus. Deny ourselves daily, pick up our Cross and follow Him diligently. Christians are followers of Jesus. There are those that claim to be Christian but truly aren't. With those you must be careful because a Christian lives by what the word of God says. A Christian must be set apart from the things of this world. Meaning we can't do the things they do that can destroy our Christian testimony (our Christian story, lifestyle, etc). An example would be: partying, drinking to get drunk, & etc. We must let go of what God puts in our hearts to let go of and surrender to His plans for our lives (**Jeremiah 29:11**). Trusting that: **Psalms 46:10**. And that if we delight in Him, to seek Him with the whole heart we will find Him. We must desire His desires not our own desires because at times some of our desires can not be what He desires for us: **Psalms 37:4**.

So as a Christian, God wants us to grow spiritually. Not stay as babies. But actually grow spiritually and spiritually mature:

**1 Peter 2:2.**

**2 Peter 3:17-18.**

## **Hebrews 5:12.**

You must be filled with His Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 5:18**).

When you pray, worship, read His word, study it, etc, you'll be filled more, and more with His Spirit. Attend church gatherings and fast (don't fast if you aren't ready to do so).

God loves when His people come together to read the word, meditate on His word, worship together, are in unity, praying, and having *koinonia*. That's what occurs when we gather in a church building. But we are the church: the people. Not the actual physical structure architectural building:

**Matthew 18:20.**

**Hebrews 10:25.**

**Acts 2:1.**

**1 Corinthians 12.**

As a Christian you must seek God on your own too. Not just when you go to church and are amongst other believers (other Christians):

### **You must:**

-Pray.

-Read and study His word (**2 Timothy 2:15**).

-Worship God. But remember that worship is a lifestyle. You must worship God with your life. It's not just singing songs to Him. It's actually living out the truth in the bible for Him.

-You must go to church. A Christian church because if you go to a Catholic Church or any other church that isn't a Christian one, you won't be able to grow spiritually because some of their teachings are not the way we should be living. So going to a church that isn't Christian can be a stumbling block to your spiritual growth & relationship with God (**Hebrews 13:15, & Joel 4:23-24**).

-Fellowship with other Christians. But that doesn't mean that everyone was God-ordained to be a friend. Yes, you have brothers and sisters in Christ. But to be a friend, let God choose your friends.



-You must confess your sins to God. Daily. Even if you think you didn't do anything because we all have fallen short of His glory. Meaning we all have sinned, and we have come up short of His standards of living.

**An Ex:**

“God, I confess my sins to you, all of them. Even the unconfessed once because I truly don't know if I have done something to offend your Holy Spirit. I'm sorry God. Please forgive me. I repent of my sins: I turn away from them & I don't want to do it again, can You help me? In Jesus name, I pray, amen.”

Just because you've sinned doesn't mean that you must live a sinful lifestyle. No, you keep going intentionally. Keep believing in God, living for Him, and trying to live for Him. God can only change you. Ask Him to. It starts in the heart.

So ask Him to.

-And other things like fasting. But I don't recommend this at first, if you're starting your walk with the Lord and you have no knowledge on how to go about it.

Fasting is when you sacrifice 1, 2 or 3 meals, and you don't eat so that you can spend that time with the Lord and in His Word, worshipping Him. Whatever He leads you to do, do it.

**A fast must be 6 hours or more:**

**Matthew 6:16-18.**

**Joel 2:12.**

There's other things you should know. We have an enemy called: the devil & he seeks to destroy, steal, and kill (**John 10:10**).

But Jesus came to give us life, and life abundantly.

There will be temptations. But the good thing is, God can help us overcome temptations. You can be tempted just don't fall into the temptation. In other words: don't fall into sin.

**1 Corinthians 10:13.**

**James 1:12.**

**Matthew 26:41.**

You must ask the Holy Spirit for help. Continue asking God to change you. To help you congregate in a church that pleases Him for you to go to, etc. Trust Him. He's got you.

You must do your part & watch how God does His.

A Christian must live by faith. But faith without work is dead. Meaning believe and live out the Truth.

**James 2.**

**Hebrews 11:6.**

It's a continual process (**Phil.1:6**). We must learn, grow, and submit to God daily. Resist the devil and his temptations daily. It's hard but it's worth it.

You'll gain more of God, His peace, joy, & etc (**Gal.5:22-23**).

The works of the flesh are the things that don't please God. It's in **Gal.5**.

At times it may seem like everything's falling apart. You're getting attacked on every side. Distractions are almost everywhere and you're just like "is this what life is truly about?" At times you may feel stuck, and alone but God is with you, and just believe that He's guiding you somewhere beautiful.

At the end of the day: God will have the final say.

"I love my Heavenly Father."

No pain equals no molding. No suffering equals no equipment. A soldier must go through the struggles of life until God decides to change the season and place them in another so that they can overcome all the obstacles the enemy will be throwing at them. But they know that giving up was never an option.

Victory. Victory in Jesus alone.

Don't let circumstances stop your worship unto God.

*What if watching another person walk away was part of the idea of letting go?*

*What if letting go was part of God's plans for your life?*

Those are things that truly only God knows.

*What if the devil is the one lying to you that you need to hold on to thoughts of that person when in reality God wants you to place it in His Hands so He can work?*

*What if the hurt was part of something much more than just hurt? What if God wants to heal you so that you can help others?*

It's really time to let it go and give it over to God.

Salvation is one of the ways God has shown His love through His son Jesus Christ (**John 3:16**). At times things may look chaotic and like everything's falling apart. But God doesn't want us to think that our life is actually falling apart. He has you standing. He's providing for you. He's there for you. He has given you your life. Start by being grateful for everything God has given you and see how blessed you are by God. For what God gives will always be for your good. God, the Father, knows what you need in this current moment of your life. Don't give up. Keep going. Keep believing in God and watch Him do His part while you do yours. Do it all for the Lord & thank God that you are still alive, breathing. Thank God that you are still standing. This journey of being a Christian is not over yet. If you're still breathing: your faith walk is not over yet till God states that it is. Let God prune you, mold you, and change you.

Trust God, and take that step because it's no coincidence that God is drawing you near. Let this year be a year where you decided to lay it all down at the Cross so you can pursue the vision God has placed in your mind. Let God change your mind so it can align with His word. Let God show Himself mightily on your behalf. Let God get the glory.

**Stop the:**

Complaining.

Doubt.

Dwelling on destructive thoughts.

Giving the enemy a footstool in your life.

You were called to live by faith. Not fear, worry, nor doubt. Continue reading God's word. Continue congregating. If you aren't, then start doing so. Continue to seek His truth because there's so much deception nowadays and it will be hard to depict the lies from the truth if you don't stand firm in your faith. In this journey you're taking in faith: you'll see so many things in the Lord.... If you would just let Him show you. Let God use you as an instrument for His glory. Let Him alone be the risen why you do what you do. You want to see His glory? You want chains to break? Submit yourself to God's plans for your life. You want others to get saved? Submit to God's plans for your life. You want to see those promises come to pass? Submit yourself to God's plans for your life. You want to go higher in the Lord and for God to take you to a whole other level? Let go of it all to find Him. There's freedom in Christ. There's freedom when you lay it all down, and walk the road Jesus wants you to walk in: that narrow road.

Let Jesus change you, prune you, & transform you through His word.

**Meditate:**

On His word: day in and night in.

On His law.

Who He is and what He has done for you.

Let Him continue to lead you. Oh how beautiful it is to see God's hands upon His children's lives. God wants to bless you so you can be a blessing to others. But everything in God's timing. For there's a time for everything under the sun (**Eccl.3**).

Let God stay in the center of your heart. If He isn't and something is preventing Him from being there.... Allow him back into the center of your heart. Give Jesus your all. Anything preventing from God to move in your life: remove it. Have faith that God is leading you through the seasons where you feel like nothing's occurring. You'd need to have faith that God is leading you through the seasons where you feel like nothing's occurring because He will move mountains & He will make a way through the wilderness into a land flowing with **milk and honey**. Continue to study His word. Continue to be faithful to God and don't let the enemy or anyone stop you from doing what God wants you to do. Continue to endure the trials, persecutions, etc.

Stay rooted constantly in Christ, continue to show God that you really want to serve Him. Obey Him, & etc. The journey is worth it. Everything will work out for your good.

Trust God. Remember to deny yourself, pick up your Cross, and follow Him. God is worthy of it all. Continue your own personal journey with the Lord in faith. Faith in Him. Have faith that God can do the impossible in your life. Do it all for God.

