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## *Introduction*

### **The Purpose of this Booklet**

We want to help you get a great start in your Christian walk with Jesus. Like anything new, you will need to have determination in your faith to make advances in your growth. In short, we want to help you grow strong in the things of God.

These next thirty five days will be the most important days of your Christian walk.

The Apostle Paul, a great Christian leader of the church, was a mess before he asked Jesus to come into his heart and the five things that encouraged him not only helped him endure every storm he faced, they helped produce growth in the entire church. He went from being a destroyer of the church to a builder of the church. He went from being a bully to a blessing. But first he met up with God and then spent the rest of his life following Him.

## Introduction

"So, how did Paul do it?" I'm glad you asked! He had a man named Ananias that shared five things that God wanted him to know. It was those five things that kept him going through every trial that life threw at him. Through dangerous nights, long travels, persecutions, prison, death threats, and even being left for dead, Paul endured. Talk about needing help. Paul needed help, and God provided it for him!

"So what were the five things?" That's what you are about to find out in these next five weeks. What God has for you is too important to rush through, and clearly you will have to be willing to make a daily commitment to pursue God these next five weeks. Of course Satan, your old friends, and sometimes even your own human nature will attempt to discourage you. We know with God's help you can do this! You're not alone; we will help you through it.

Day 1

## God Chose You! Chosen by God

*Just as He chose us in Him, before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.  
Ephesians 1:4*

Your decision to receive Jesus came because the Holy Spirit made an impression on your heart. You see the Bible says that *'we love Him because He first loved us'*.

Your reaction came as a result of God's love for you. When you spoke words of faith from your heart and received him as your personal Savior and Lord, you became one of His. You are chosen by God.

**Consider *this*:** Holy - to be exclusively His. God's desire for you is to be holy.

**Question:** *If God can wipe away and see past all of your faults (and He has), what kind of life would you want to live for Him?*

## The Family of God

***Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed (or placed) on us, that we should be called the children of God!  
1 John 3:1***

When you gave Jesus all your heart and all your life, you became a child of God. Wow, it's hard for us to imagine such a love that would overlook all of our faults and welcome us anyway, isn't it? Yet that's exactly what He did. God sees your heart, not just your words. He places a title on you when He calls you His child. You are a member of God's Family!

**Consider this:** *You are no longer just a mere human being; you are a child of God!*

**Question:** *Since God sees you as His child, what kind of reaction should you have when He desires to bring change into your life?*

Day 3

## Free to Live for God

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.  
Romans 8:1*

Every day you will have to make choices. Our choices ought to be according to the Spirit of God. However, we all can make the mistake of choosing to follow our human nature. But the good news is that the Holy Spirit will bring a sense of correction to your heart so that you can choose to walk according to God's ways. You can live out life according to the Spirit and be free from the condemnation and guilt of past failures. You are free to live for God!

**Consider this:** *Jesus sets you free to get His truth that makes you free!*

**Question:** *Since God only thinks the very best of you, what sort of people should you be hanging around?*



## Confidence in Jesus

*Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.  
Philippians 1:6*

When you responded to God by faith you allowed Him to begin a *new thing* in you. Everything that is accomplished in your life is done by your *faith* or *choice*. The good news is that God completes what He starts. So begin speaking your faith to get through your day. You can have confidence in Jesus!

**Consider this:** *Jesus is always committed to complete what He starts!*

**Question:** *Since Jesus is willing and ready to help you, what kind of thoughts and actions should you have?*

Day 5

## You Are of Great Value to God!

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

When you gave your life to Jesus you may not have felt very worthy, but He considers you so valuable that He gave His life up so that you could have eternal life. Take a moment and think about this: God can speak anything into existence. He doesn't need any help. Yet He sent His Son to die knowing that we were in sin. Through His death and resurrection we have the power of choice. He did that for us. You are of great value to God!

**Consider this:** *The kind of love Jesus has for you is this: He loves you knowing all of your faults.*

**Question:** *Since Jesus died for us even though we were sinners, what kind of relationship do you think He wants with you?*

## Faithful to Forgive!

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
1 John 1:9*

When you became *born again* you came into a very special relationship with God. He forgave you of all your sin. That means He extended His mercy and grace to you even though you were guilty. And now that you are in a *personal relationship* with Him, He wants you to know that He is ready to forgive you if you are willing to make the necessary changes and confess your old ways as sin. God - *He is faithful* to forgive!

**Consider this:** *Forgiveness always comes through confession.*

**Question:** *Since God is always ready to forgive, what keeps you from asking? And what are you going to do about it?*

Day 7

## Jesus Loves You!

*The LORD has appeared of old to me, saying:  
"Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
Therefore with loving-kindness  
I have drawn you. "  
Jeremiah 31:3*

When you recall the moment that you gave Jesus all your heart and all your life, remember that He drew you by His love. He loves you in spite of what you remember about your past. God wants you - all of you! He wants to bless your life. You've never had anyone love you like Jesus. He only thinks the very best of you. Hold your head up. You are special to Him; you are chosen.

**Consider this:** *Regardless of what life on earth throws at you, Jesus loves you with an eternal, never-ending love.*

**Question:** *Now that you've had a whole week to think about it, what does being chosen mean to you?*

## God's Word is His Will for You!

*Your word is a lamp to my feet and  
a light to my Path.  
Psalm 119:105*

Do you know that God has a plan just for you? You may not realize it yet, but He wants you to follow Him and learn His ways. This is where many new believers have failed because they just went about doing their own thing, but you are different. Even now you are placing a higher value on His word, and it is through His word that He reveals what's ahead for you. Be sure to pray before you read. When you pray, ask for understanding. Go ahead - He's generous. God's Word is His will for you!

**Consider this:** *B.L.B.L.E. is your Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.*

**Question:** *What will you have to do in order to set aside time for God's word each day?*

Day 9

## Change Your Thinking

*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

*Romans 12:2*

Do you know that you are the only one that can change the way you think? This may seem strange to you, but you can. Start off by going to God; ask Him to help you make changes in the way you think. Renewing your mind will take some effort on your part, but remember that you are partnering with God. You can change your thinking!

**Consider this:** *Discovering God's perfect will for your life comes through change!*

**Question:** *Since change is a choice, what holds you back from making new changes?*

## Seek God First!

*But seek first the kingdom of God  
and His righteousness, and all these  
things shall be added to you.  
Matthew 6:33*

Do you know that there is always one thing God seeks after? That's right, it's your heart. God's plan is that you would seek what He has already purposed for your life. That's what His Kingdom is all about. Along with that He wants for you to have a right-standing relationship with Him; that's His righteousness.

**Consider this:** God wants you to seek Him first!

**Question:** *Since the condition of your heart is so important to God, what can you start doing to make Him your top priority each morning?*

Day 11

## Pleasing God with Your Life

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.  
Hebrews 11:6*

Do you know that you can please God by the way you live? It's so simple that in most situations in life we overlook it. First, when we approach God we must treat Him as God. Wow, what a concept! Second, we have to see Him as the One who rewards those who value Him and diligently seek Him.

**Consider this:** *When we please God, we place our lives in a position to receive His blessing!*

**Question:** *Since it takes faith to please God, in what area of living can you start pleasing Him?*



## Living out Life in Love

*And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us.  
Ephesians 5:2a*

Do you know that to walk in love actually means to live your life in love? God's will for us is to love Him and those around us. It is His desire that we would walk or, rather, live our life out in such a way that it would affect others. Jesus gave His entire being for us. By living out life in love, we share with everyone around us the supernatural love of God.

**Consider this:** *Walking in His love is living out life to its fullest.*

**Question:** *Can you think of one way you can begin today to walk in love toward others? What would that be?*

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## Drawing Near to God

***Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he (the devil) will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. James 4:7-8a***

When you draw near to God, He draws near to you! But notice that you have to go first. He will not push His way into your life. You have to choose Him. Drawing near to God means that you take the time and effort to pursue Him. Resist Satan's cheap tricks to draw you back into the world.

**Consider this:** *Read the above verse again. "Draw near" means you have to take the first step.*

**Question:** *What action will it take on your part to carve out time to get with God?*

## Choose God's Way over Your Way

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
And lean not on your own understanding;  
In all your ways acknowledge Him,  
And He will direct your paths.  
Proverbs 3:5-6*

Living a life of faith is God's plan for us. It's too easy to forget God and live life according to our own plans and understanding. Yet God promises to direct and guide us when we trust and involve Him in our daily lives. Start using your faith in your daily activities. Trust Him.

**Consider this:** *Acknowledging* (verbal communication to) *God is a form of worship that He enjoys and one you will benefit from!*

**Question:** *We've been talking about God's plan for a week. What have you learned about His plan for you?*

Day 15

## Seeing Jesus in Your Life

*Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher  
of our faith, who for the joy that was set  
before Him endured the cross, despising  
the shame, and has sat down at the right  
hand of God.  
Hebrews 12:2*

Seeing Jesus with eyes of faith is seeing Him on that cross having died for our sins. He is the author and completion of your faith. Look, if you would, at Jesus, and see that He endured the pain of the cross for you. Yes, you! But don't stop there. He is the King on the throne that overcame death just for you!

**Consider this:** *Jesus was obedient to His Father's plan, and as a result we have eternal life!*

**Question:** *Take a moment and think about what Jesus did on the cross. Now what do you see when you look or think about Jesus?*

## Following Jesus

*For to this cause you were called, because  
Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an  
example, that you should follow His steps.  
I Peter 2:21*

Living for Jesus is an everyday choice. By choosing to follow His example, you practice making Him Lord. Jesus was faithful to His Father, and He often had to endure others and correct the unrighteous, especially when it came to placing people in bondage. He did all of that by speaking and operating in faith. Start following Him. You can do it regardless of what life throws at you.

**Consider this:** *Seeing Jesus and following Jesus is the same thing when you make Him your example.*

**Question:** *Jesus overcame obstacles using faith and by staying connected with His Father, so what can you start doing to follow Him?*

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## In His Presence

*You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of Joy; at Your right hand are pleasures for evermore.  
Psalm 16:11*

It's so important to understand that, while we do not see Jesus in the natural, we can see Him supernaturally. We may not see a face, but we know Him. How? Every time you enter into true praise and worship, you enter His presence. That's where your courage and faith are found. That's where you will experience His joy!

**Consider this:** *It's in the presence of Jesus that JOY becomes your strength.*

**Question:** *Where do you go to praise and worship Him?*

## God is Good

*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good;  
Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!  
Psalm 34:8*

Taste and see Jesus by reflecting on what He has done for you today. When you do, you will find that everything that He has done for you is good. People may fail you, but God is not a man that He would be capable of failure. God doesn't make mistakes, people do! You can operate in the goodness and blessing of God if you'll place your trust (faith) in Him.

**Consider this:** *Anyone can eat, but to taste all of the flavors you have to pause and identify what you are experiencing.*

**Question:** *Name one area of your life where you've sensed God's goodness.*

Day 19

## When the Kindness Came

*But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit.*

*Titus 3:4-5*

God's kindness and love came into your life the moment you spoke your faith and committed your life to Him. All of the ugliness of sin and death was removed, not because of some work or achievement on your part, but because of His mercy. It was the Holy Spirit who responded to your heart commitment; He washed you and made you brand new.

**Consider this:** *God's love is the greatest power force in the universe!*

**Question:** *What areas of life could you be using God's (power of) love?*



## Mercy to All

*For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive,  
And abundant in mercy to all those  
who call upon you.  
Psalm 86:5*

It's important that we know that God is a big God. What He offers to one person, He offers to all. In the same way that He is ready to forgive you, He is also ready to forgive others. God's mercy is abundant. Our job is not to judge others or to desire that God hold back His mercy. His mercy is for all.

**Consider this:** *Mercy is kindness that exceeds our expectation.*

**Question:** *Are you ready for God's mercy? If so, who can you show mercy toward?*

Day 21

## All Will Know

*By this all will know that you are My disciples,  
if you have love for one another.  
John 13:35*

The trait of a transformed life is displayed every time we love others openly. This love is not of a sexual nature; rather, it is one of caring for others beyond our personal gain. Jesus views this as a confirming mark of the true Christian. It's the fruit of the Spirit dwelling inside you. By this all will know you love Jesus.

**Consider this:** Love is personal *self-sacrifice*, the giving of yourself for the betterment of someone else.

**Question:** In your "old life" before Christ you may have been shy, but now you are a 'new creation'. What can you do to show His love to others? Can you see Jesus in your life?

## Becoming a Faithful Listener

*So then faith comes by hearing, and  
hearing by the word of God.  
Romans 10:17*

Anyone can hear words, but a faithful listener is one who treats the Bible as the very words of God Himself. Think about it; the Bible is God's word preserved just for you. As Christians, if we will approach His words with great respect and awe, our faith will grow. It grows when we use our faith to hear Him.

**Consider this:** *Asking God for wisdom and understanding will increase the value of what you hear from His word.*

**Question:** *What hinders you from spending time reading your Bible?*

Day 23

## Hearing the Holy Spirit

*But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.  
John 14:26*

Do you know that when you became born *again* that it was the Holy Spirit that spoke to your heart? That's right, you heard the Holy Spirit. It may not have been your ears that heard Him, but it was certainly your heart. This may seem strange because He is a new friend to you. But the great thing is that Jesus spoke of Him as a gift from the Father. What's even more encouraging is that Jesus said that He would teach and bring to your remembrance all the things that you hear from Him.

**Consider this:** *Because of the Holy Spirit you're never alone.*

**Question:** *Describe the prompting in your heart when you heard the Holy Spirit.*

## Hearing While You Pray

*Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.  
1 John 5:14*

Prayer is having a conversation with God. It is not some formula of religious sayings. It would be ridiculous to think that God could be treated as an idol or non-living thing and respond to a heartless set of commands. However, by taking the time to make God important in our prayer life we can begin to build a personal relationship with Him. The result of this should be a desire to seek His will. When we do this we can be confident that He hears us.

**Consider this:** *God is always after your heart.*

**Question:** *What are some thoughts that you should have when speaking to God?*

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## The Hearing of Faith

*Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you  
and works miracles among you, does He do  
it by the works of the law or by the hearing  
of faith?  
Galatians 3:5*

We need to hear ourselves speak faith-filled words. It will encourage your faith and strengthen your commitment. But even more important is the truth that God hears of faith. God doesn't respond to just anything spoken. We need to be thankful for that! Instead, He responds to our faith. Begin to speak words of faith, and watch God get involved in your life.

**Consider this:** *God is not interested in mere human words or emotions; He wants to hear how much you believe and trust in Him.*

**Question:** *Jesus often went off by Himself to talk with His heavenly Father. Where can you go for a private time with God?*

## Praying for Direction

*Cause me to hear Your loving kindness in the morning, For in You do I trust; Cause me to know the way in which I should walk, For I lift up my soul to You. Psalm 143:8*

This verse is actually the prayer of one who trusts in the leadership of God. We can start off every day with this heart-felt plea and pledge to trust in Him. As you do, take a moment of silence and listen to the Holy Spirit. He will fill you with His ways. By lifting up your soul (*mind, will, and emotions*) you are saying to God, "I've emptied my ways and thoughts and I seek Yours."

**Consider this:** *How many days do you really want to start without Him?*

**Question:** *What will it take to add God to the start of your daily routine?*

Day 27

## Hearing from the Heart

*Keep your heart with all diligence,  
For out of it spring forth the issues of life.  
Proverbs 4:23*

One of the biggest mistakes humans make is to get set in their ways. Responding merely with our heads can be devastating. On the other hand, we should never throw away common sense. But the real issues of life are the ones that are in our hearts. We must guard our hearts with all diligence. This is where the Holy Spirit deposits the things of God. And this is the very deposit or safe house that the Holy Spirit comes to for the purpose of reminding us about the ways of the God.

**Consider this:** *Everyday new decisions are made. Whose are you making, yours or God's?*

**Question:** *Name two or three things that are deposited into your heart.*



## Always Near to Hear

*For He himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."  
Hebrews 13:5b*

There may have been times that you've felt all alone. You may have even asked yourself, "Does *anybody really* care?" If so there's great news for you today! God not only cares, He is always available. Our problem is that when we look around we see no one. But that's because we look with our human eyes. Spiritually speaking, God is with you. When you're going through tough times, He is there. When you think no one understands, He does. He is always near to hear.

**Consider this:** *God is better than a cell phone—no dropped calls and always available.*

**Question:** *How much effort are you willing to make to hear from God?*

Day 29

## Receiving the Power

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.*

*Acts 1:8*

Jesus has personally promised that we will receive power to become a witness of God's kingdom when we acknowledge and receive the Holy Spirit's gifting on our lives. Yes, as Christians we have the Spirit of God in us. But it is the empowerment of the Holy Spirit on us that will work through our lives to promote the things of God to a needy world. God wants to do great things through you; for that He has promised His Spirit!

**Consider this:** *The same Spirit that worked through Jesus wants to go to work through you.*

**Question:** What does God mean to you, and who can you share *Him with*?

## Passion for People

*For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established.  
Romans 1:11*

As a Christian you have Jesus on the inside of you. That means that you have Christ in you, and you have the very hope of eternal life living in your heart. Along with that, God has planted a passion for people. Think about it: God's truth has brought encouragement to your life, and now you have the opportunity to pass that blessing on to others. Truly God has blessed you so that you can be a blessing to others.

**Consider this:** *God is too big to be placed in a box! Let Him out and let others see the gift.*

**Question:** *Identify one area of difficulty you may have in sharing Jesus. Now ask for His help in that area.*

Day 31

## Making Disciples

*Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
Matthew 28:19*

Take the time to tell someone about Jesus. But before you do, be sure to pray and ask God to give you the words to speak. You need to know that God wants you to succeed at this. In fact this is the very reason that we are alive on the planet today: to share Jesus to a dark and hurting world of people. Don't worry about failing because when you partner with God you can't fail. The first thing you can do is pursue Jesus yourself. That's the mark of a true disciple: one who follows Jesus.

**Consider this:** *A commitment without consistency is really not a commitment at all.*

**Question:** *What steps can you take to strengthen your commitment to Jesus?*

## Not of this World

*They are not of this world, just as I am not of this world. As You have sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world.*  
*John 17:16, 18*

Do you know that Jesus wants to share His ministry with you? The Father God in heaven sent Him to this earth to redeem man from sin by His great love. Then Jesus comes along and hands over, or *commissions*, His ministry for us to complete just like a runner in a relay race hands over the baton to the next runner. Run the race, but as you do, know that you also are not of this world.

**Consider this:** *You may be the only Jesus that people around you will ever see!*

**Question:** *What are some obstacles that you need to pray about in order to run your race?*

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## Reason for Hope

*But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts,  
and always be ready to give an answer to  
everyone who asks you a reason for the  
hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.  
1 Peter 3:15*

We all need to live the life of a Christian so that the unsaved can see the difference in us. We need to be in church as often as possible so that we get filled with God's word and God's goodness. Perhaps today you will meet someone who wants to know what is so special about you and about your joy and hope. We need to be a living model of Jesus. We need to be prepared. We need to be a reason for hope.

**Consider this:** *Actions speak louder than words.  
Be sure that others see Jesus in your actions.*

**Question:** *What actions can you start taking that will cause others to notice Jesus in you?*

## Overcoming Testimony

*And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus) and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.  
Revelation 12:11*

A testimony is an account of what you personally know to be true. You will have many testimonies of God's goodness throughout your life. But the testimony with the greatest power is about what God did for you the moment you invited Him into your life. Don't ever diminish or water down what He did for you. Your testimony about Jesus is worth telling even with your last breath.

**Consider this:** *There is no such thing as a small testimony because what God does is always great!*

**Question:** *What is your testimony? Practice it out loud and be ready to share it with someone.*

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## Fruit that Remains

*You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.  
John 15:16*

We love Him because He first loved us. That's what the Bible says about God. The love of God should grow and grow, but love cannot grow without producing fruit. Did you know that every fruit produces a seed? God placed the seed of His salvation in you. Your life should produce new seeds whenever you tell someone about Jesus. This will become the fruit that remains. There's fruit coming in the future that will grow because you planted a seed.

**Consider this:** *Fruit will never show up from the ground where no seed has been planted.*

**Question:** *What does it mean to you to be a witness for the kingdom of God?*





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