

# FAITH BUILDERS

PART ONE



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STUDIES

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# LESSON 1

## *How Can I Know I Am Saved?*

### I. Gospel Deep Basics

A. God is:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 46:9-10** “remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’”

**Proverbs 16:9** “The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.”

2. \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 4:16** “So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.”

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Revelation 4:8** “And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say, ‘Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!’”

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 3:24-26** “in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show

his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”

B. The problem: We all have \_\_\_\_\_ God’s glory.

1. All people have chosen \_\_\_\_\_ and refuse God.

**Romans 3:10-11** “as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.””

2. All people come up \_\_\_\_\_ of God’s perfect glory.

**Romans 3:23** “for all have sinned and fall \_\_\_\_\_ of the glory of God”

C. The solution: God will \_\_\_\_\_ His glory, His complete character, against sin.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ expressed through providing Jesus Christ on the cross.

**Titus 2:11** “For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.”

2. \_\_\_\_\_ expressed on all who do not believe in Him.

**Romans 1:18** “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.”

**John 3:36** “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”

3. \_\_\_\_\_ expressed on all who do believe in Him.

**Titus 3:4-5** “But when the goodness and loving kindness

of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy.”

D. The benefits: God’s glory can be fully \_\_\_\_\_.

1. We have our sins \_\_\_\_\_ in full by Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

**Psalms 85:2** “You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin. Selah.”

**Romans 4:7** “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.”

2. We have \_\_\_\_\_ from God the Father.

**Colossians 1:13-14** “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.”

3. We have the \_\_\_\_\_ and power of the Holy Spirit at work in us.

**John 16:7-13** “Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ... When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.”

4. We have \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

**Romans 5:1** “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

5. We are made a new \_\_\_\_\_.

**2 Corinthians 5:17** “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.”

6. We are \_\_\_\_\_ as God’s children.

**Romans 8:15-16** “For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

## II. Gospel Deep Truths

### A. Justification (event)

**Romans 5:18-19** “Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous.”

**Galatians 2:16** “Yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.”

1. God covers our \_\_\_\_\_ of sin.

2. God \_\_\_\_\_ the sinner righteous.

“He declares of the sinner what He is going to do in them”

## B. Imputation (event)

**2 Corinthians 5:21** “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

1. His \_\_\_\_\_ applied to me.
2. My \_\_\_\_\_ placed on Him.

## C. Sanctification (process)

**Romans 12:2** “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”

**Romans 8:29** “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son.”

**Galatians 3:2** “Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”

1. The work of God \_\_\_\_\_ us to look like Christ.
2. How God \_\_\_\_\_ on the justification declared.
3. Not my work, but rather the work of the \_\_\_\_\_.

## D. Glorification (event)

**1 Corinthians 15:51-53** “Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.”

### III. Gospel Deep Confidence

A. You can \_\_\_\_\_ you are saved.

**1 John 5:10-13** “Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.”

B. When saved, we will \_\_\_\_\_ to the end.

**Philippians 1:6** “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.”

C. When saved, we are protected and \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit.

**Ephesians 1:13-14** “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.”

D. God began the work, \_\_\_\_\_ before the world started, and He will always follow through.

**Ephesians 1:3-4** “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.”



**Romans 8:29-30** “For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.”

#### E. Marks of the Christian Life

1. Conviction of sin, confession of sin, and a decreasing pattern of habitual sin.
2. A desire and thirst to read and study God’s Word
3. Holy Spirit guiding and revealing the truth of God’s Word.
4. Holy Spirit leading that aligns my life with God’s Word.
5. Exhibiting the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
6. Enjoyment of fellowship with God’s people and a rejection of the evil in this world.
7. Comfort and strength to endure trials.

### IV. Your Life with Christ

A. It is not easy, but it is as \_\_\_\_\_ as ABC.

**Romans 3:23** “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

**Romans 10:9** “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”

1. **A**\_\_\_\_\_ that you are a sinner, not perfect.
2. **B**\_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus is God, raised from the dead, and is your only hope.
3. **C**\_\_\_\_\_ Him as Lord of your life, absolutely in charge.

B. Put a \_\_\_\_\_ in the ground.

Dear Heavenly Father, I understand and do admit that I am not perfect. I have come up short and need a savior. I believe that you are God, Jesus. I believe that you came to this earth and died for my sin on the cross, and that you also rose again. You are alive and in you is all power and authority. I confess you as my Lord and my God. Please take charge of my life. Thank you. I love you. I am yours.  
In Jesus mighty saving name I pray, Amen.

## LESSON 2

### *How Can I Have Victory Over Sin?*

#### I. Understanding Victory Over Sin

A. Why should I strive for victory over sin?

**Titus 3:5** “he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit,”

1. NOT to \_\_\_\_\_ salvation

2. NOT to \_\_\_\_\_ salvation

3. To \_\_\_\_\_ God

**1 Cor. 10:31** “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”

4. \_\_\_\_\_ in Him

**Phil. 4:4-6** “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Him

B. How does victory over sin occur?

1. Victory requires \_\_\_\_\_

**Luke 24:46-47** “and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should

be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

a. Repentance and \_\_\_\_\_ go hand in hand. They are two sides of the same coin.

“We turn to Jesus Christ for salvation from our sins, as we simultaneously turn away from the sin we are asking Christ to save us from.” (CONVERSION)

b. Repentance and faith continues throughout the \_\_\_\_\_ of the believer; for repentance is not just a commitment to turn from sin, but also a genuine commitment to follow Jesus all my life. (DISCIPLESHIP)

**Mark 8:34-35** “And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.

**1 John 3:6** “No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him.”

“Repentance is not perfection. Repentance does mean however, recognizing Jesus’ authority and submitting to it, even though you know your heart is weak, divided, and pulled in conflicting directions. Repentance includes a plea for God to change your inconsistent, divided heart”

- J.D. Greear quote

Therefore...

2. Repentance leads to \_\_\_\_\_

**Rom. 12:2** “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

3. Transformation requires:

**2 Cor. 3:16-18** “But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit pouring on us

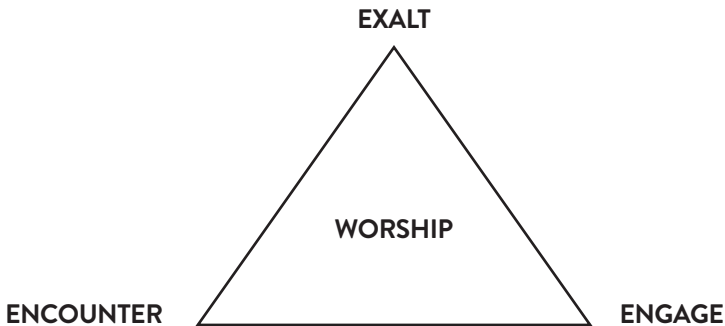
b. \_\_\_\_\_ His glory

c. Time: Transformation is a \_\_\_\_\_, one degree of change at a time

4. Transformation involves \_\_\_\_\_

**Phil. 2:12-13** “continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”

5. \_\_\_\_\_ steps to transformation



## II. Worship Is The Main Purpose

### A. Worship defined:

1. Desire to place Him as \_\_\_\_\_

**Col. 1:16** “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.”

2. In \_\_\_\_\_ and in \_\_\_\_\_

**John 4:24** “God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

### B. Wrong worship:

**Ex. 20:4-5** “You shall not make for yourself a carved image ... You shall not bow down to them or serve them”

1. \_\_\_\_\_; Placing anything or anyone before God Himself

“What am I willing to sin to get?”

### C. Worship expressed:

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ worshipping something or someone.

- a. God
- b. Myself
- c. Others

2. Transformation is about \_\_\_\_\_ our worship.

### III. The Transformation Journey

#### A. Encounter: Discover who God is.

##### 1. Through His \_\_\_\_\_

a. Holy Spirit's role: \_\_\_\_\_; Teach all things

**Ps. 119:130** "The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple"

**John 14:26** "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 that I have said to you."

b. My role: \_\_\_\_\_ and apply God's Word well

**2 Tim. 2:15** "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

##### 2. Through \_\_\_\_\_ experience

a. Holy Spirit's role

b. My role

#### B. Exalt: Spend time with your God in response

##### 1. Holy Spirit's role

a. He \_\_\_\_\_ us

**Eph. 5:18-20** "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit"

i. Filled = more Spirit influence,  
not more Spirit

ii. "Be filled" is \_\_\_\_\_

iii. "Be filled" is \_\_\_\_\_

iv. "Be filled" is continuous

b. His glory \_\_\_\_\_ us

**2 Cor. 3:18** "And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2. My role: be \_\_\_\_\_

**Heb. 4:12-13** "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account."

a. \_\_\_\_\_; Spiritually Breathe

i. \_\_\_\_\_;

- Claim His promises
- Praise His character

ii. \_\_\_\_\_;

- \_\_\_\_\_ known offenses against His glory

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



- Cry out for cleanliness: “Search me, O God!”

**Ps. 139:23-24** “Search me, O God, and know my heart. Test me, and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.”

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

**Eph. 5:18-20** “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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

d. Be \_\_\_\_\_: Trust, stop battling

**Ps. 46:10** “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

i. \_\_\_\_\_ – rest in Him

ii. Offer your whole self to Him

iii. \_\_\_\_\_ on His work

iv. Reflect on His Word

### C. Engage

**Phil. 2:12-13** “continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.”

1. Holy Spirit's role: He transforms our will.

2. My role: I work in \_\_\_\_\_,

## **Notes**

## LESSON 3

### *How Can I Trust the Bible? (And how do I study it?)*

#### I. Introduction

- A. Do you believe the Bible is true?
  - I. Common complaints
    - a. Bunch of stories and fairy tales
    - b. Filled with contradictions
    - c. The Bible is outdated; written too long ago
  - 2. Some things which really aren't in the Bible
    - a. Cleanliness is next to godliness
    - b. Money is the root of all evil
    - c. God works in mysterious ways
    - d. Hate the sin not the sinner
    - e. God helps those who help themselves
    - f. Once saved always saved
    - g. Sinner's prayer
  - 3. Three primary tests of a trustworthy document:
    - a. Bibliographic Test - Having many accurate copies
    - b. External Test - Matches history, archaeological finding, and ancient writers
    - c. Internal Test - Consistent with the claims it makes about itself and independent eye witness accounts.

#### II. The Bible meets all three scientific tests of a trustworthy document

- A. Bibliographic tests
  - 1. \_\_\_\_\_ of manuscripts
  - 2. \_\_\_\_\_ of manuscripts
  - 3. \_\_\_\_\_ span of manuscripts

	Written When	Earliest Copy	Time Span	Manuscripts
CAESAR	100-44 BC	AD 900	1000 YRS	10
PLATO	427-347 BC	AD 900	1200 YRS	7
ARISTOTLE	384-322 BC	AD 1100	1400 YRS	49
HOMER	900 BC	400 BC	500 YRS	643
BIBLE	40-100 AD	AD 125	25 YRS	25,000

### B. External Test

1. Verifiable historical \_\_\_\_\_
2. Roman, Greek, and Jewish \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_ findings

### C. Internal Test

1. \_\_\_\_\_ accounts
2. Fulfilled prophecies
3. Its \_\_\_\_\_ testifies to its reliability
4. Logical consistency
5. \_\_\_\_\_ testifies to its reliability
  - a. Apostles and other eyewitnesses
  - b. The empty tomb
  - c. Affirms divine authority
6. The message of the Bible has shaped and impacted history, thought, and culture

The English philosopher John Locke wrote, “It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter.”

## II. What The Bible Claims About Itself

A. God's Word is \_\_\_\_\_

1. Inspired – It is God-breathed revelation.

**2 Tim. 3:16-17** “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

**2 Peter 1:20-21** “knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.”

a. We believe in the verbal, plenary inspiration of Scripture.

i. Verbal-every word chosen by God.

ii. Plenary – every part of the Bible is important; there is not part we don't believe, like, teach, preach, and obey.

iii. \_\_\_\_\_ –the Holy Spirit used the vocabulary and experiences of the prophet to specially reveal His truth.

Inspiration is NOT:

- God and humans collaborating
- Humans drafting, God editing
- God dictating words to humans

2. \_\_\_\_\_ – It is based on God’s character and is accurate, truthful, trustworthy, and incapable of error in its original manuscripts.

**John 10:35** “Scripture cannot be broken”

**Titus 1:2** “in the hope of eternal life, which God, who does not lie, promised before the beginning of time.”

3. \_\_\_\_\_ – The truthfulness of God’s Word is timeless.

**1 Peter 1:25** “BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER.” And this is the word which was preached to you.”

**Matt 24:35** “Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

B. God’s Word is \_\_\_\_\_

1. For explaining the plan of salvation

**2 Tim 3:14-15** “But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.”

2. For \_\_\_\_\_ a full and fruitful Christian life

**2 Tim 3:16-17** “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.”

## **THIS IS MY BIBLE**

I am who it says I am.	Matt. 5:16
I can do what it says I can do.	Phil. 4:13
I am going where it says I will go.	John 14:3
God's Word is milk for my soul.	1 Pet. 2:2
God's Word is seed for my faith.	Luke 8:11
God's Word is light for my path.	Ps. 119:105
God's Word is power for my victory.	Heb. 4:12
God's Word is freedom for my life.	John 8:32

When I...

...read God's Word, it brings me joy.	Jer. 15:16
...study God's Word, it keeps me from shame.	2 Tim. 2:15
...memorize God's Word, it purifies my heart.	Ps. 119:11
...abide in God's Word, it gives me confidence.	John 15:7

### **III. How Do I Study The Bible**

A. Level 1 (Basic)—Ask 3 questions

1. What do I learn about \_\_\_\_\_? (who He is; how He acts; character)
2. What do I learn about \_\_\_\_\_? (his condition; challenges; how God uses him)
3. What is my \_\_\_\_\_? (worship; ask forgiveness; action/movement/change)

B. Level 2 (Mid-level)—“O.P.A.”

1. \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Pick \_\_\_\_\_ passage, bold to bold
  - b. Read several times

- c. Rephrase each word or phrase, detailed
- d. Find all the verbs
- e. Find \_\_\_\_\_ words
- f. Look at the context (chapter, book, etc.)
- g. Summarize the view that has been cleared up
- h. Form a single, doable \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

- a. What is the point God is trying to make?
- b. What is the eternal ‘principle’ or ‘truth’ that we’re supposed to get from the story?
- c. Put it in sentence form

3. \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Give one or two practical examples of how I can apply this principle this week.

### C. Level 2 (Mid-level)—“SPECKA”

S – Is there any sin to avoid?

P – Is there a promise to claim?

E – Is there a good example to follow or bad example to avoid?

C – Is there any command to obey?

K – Is there any knowledge to remember about who God is or how He works?

A – Is there an application to my life?

- “Steps to Studying the Bible” sheet
- Bible Knowledge Commentary
- LOGOS Bible Study Software
- Gotquestions.org
- Use additional tools
- ESV Study Bible
- blueletterbible.org
- bible.org



## LESSON 4

*How Can I Know What God's Will Is for my Life?*

*How do I pray?*

*How do I share my faith?*

### I. Biblical Basis

**Proverbs 3:5-6** “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

A. We are asked to do three things:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord with all your heart
2. Do not \_\_\_\_\_ on your own understanding
3. Acknowledge Him in all your ways

B. He will make your paths \_\_\_\_\_!

C. Note the first step is ... \_\_\_\_\_. Why is this?

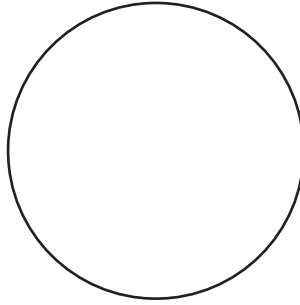
### II. What Has To Be True Before We Can Go After God's Will?

A. \_\_\_\_\_; Remember that Jesus died to save you.

B. \_\_\_\_\_; Be filled daily by God's Word. (Read the Bible!)

C. \_\_\_\_\_; We are all sinners, but do not choose the sinful path.

### III. What Does God's Will Look Like?



### IV. 7 Principles To Know God's Will For Your Life And Be Guided By Him.

**Psalm 37:4-5** Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ wise biblical counsel.
- C. \_\_\_\_\_ for God at work – open doors and closed doors.
- D. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Holy Spirit.
- E. Align with personal desires and talents.
- F. Use common sense.
- G. \_\_\_\_\_ commitments.

### V. How Do I Pray?

- A. Purpose

**James 4:3** “You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.”

1. It is not for what I get, rather for what \_\_\_\_\_ gets.
2. “God what do you want? As far as I can see, it seems like this. If I am wrong, show me and change me. Your will be done!”

## B. Method

1. **A**\_\_\_\_\_: Worshiping Him!
  - Reflecting on God Himself.
  - Praise Him for ... His love, His power
2. **C**\_\_\_\_\_: Admitting your sins to God.
  - Honest and humble confession of sins.
  - “I agree with you that this is wrong.”
  - “Please forgive me.”
  - “My desire is to never do that again”
3. **T**\_\_\_\_\_: Telling God how grateful you are
  - For everything He has given you—even the unpleasant things.
  - This will help you see His purposes.
4. **S**\_\_\_\_\_ – Specific requests for needs
  - Others
  - Yourself

## C. Three possible answers to prayer

1. Sometimes it is a “\_\_\_\_\_,”

2. Sometimes it is a “\_\_\_\_\_”

3. Sometimes it is a “\_\_\_\_\_”

- In every answer, God is seeking to make our joy more complete in Him, for our good and His glory.

D. The effect: unexplainable \_\_\_\_\_

**Phil. 4:6-7** “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

## VI. How do I share my faith?

A. Testimony

1. What was life like before?
2. What did Jesus do?
3. What is life like now?

B. How do I lead someone to Christ? (A,B,C’s)

1. **A**\_\_\_\_\_ you’re a sinner!

**Rom. 3:10, 23** “None is righteous, no, not one...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

2. **B**\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus Christ.

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

**Rom. 5:8** “but God shows his love for us in that while we

were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

**Eph. 2:8-9** “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.”

3. **C** \_\_\_\_\_ Him as Lord.

**Rom. 10:9-10** “because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”

## Notes

# FAITH BUILDERS

RESOURCES

SUMMITPOINT  
STUDIES

# THE ATTRIBUTES of GOD

## OMNISCIENT

God knows everything.  
(Psalm 139:1-6, Psalm 147:5)

## OMNIPOTENT

God has all power.  
(Genesis 18:14, Jeremiah 32:17, Job 42:2)

## OMNIPRESENT

God is present everywhere all the time.  
(Proverbs 15:3, Jeremiah 23:23-24, Psalm 139:7-12)

## ETERNAL

God has no beginning or end; God is not confined by time.  
(Deuteronomy 32:40, Isaiah 57:15, Daniel 4:34, Deuteronomy 33:27, Genesis 21:33, Isaiah 40:28, Psalm 90:1-2, Revelation 1:8, Jude 25)

## IMMUTABLE

God never changes.  
(Psalm 102:25-27, Malachi 3:6, James 1:17, Hebrews 6:17, Hebrews 13:8, Romans 11:29)

## INCOMPREHENSIBLE

God is beyond our understanding.  
(Job 11:7, Job 26:14, Romans 11:33)

## SELF-EXISTENT

God depends on nothing for His existence.  
(Exodus 3:14, John 5:26)

## SELF-SUFFICIENT

God brings about his will without help.  
(Psalm 50:12, Acts 17:24-25)

## INFINITE

God has no limits; The heavens cannot contain God.  
(1 Kings 8:24, Isaiah 66:1, Psalm 145:3, Job 5:9, Job 9:10)

## TRANSCENDENT

God is above Creation; God exists totally apart from His Creation.  
(Isaiah 55:8-9, Isaiah 40:22, Psalm 40:5, Psalm 113:4-5)

## SOVEREIGN

God is in total control and is totally supreme; God does whatever He pleases.  
(Psalm 135:6, Ephesians 1:11, Isaiah 46:9-11, Daniel 4:32, Daniel 5:21, Daniel 4:35-37)

## HOLY

God is morally excellent; Perfect.  
(Exodus 15:11, Isaiah 6:3, Leviticus 19:2, Luke 1:49, Job 34:10)

## RIGHTEOUS

God always does right.  
(Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 119:142)

## JUST

God is fair in all His actions.  
(Numbers 14:18, Psalm 89:14)

## MERCIFUL

God exhibits active compassion against those who offend Him.  
(Psalm 62:12, Psalm 89:14, Psalm 106:44-45, Psalm 116:5, Psalm 17:7, Romans 9:14-16)

## LONGSUFFERING

God's righteous anger is kindled slowly.  
(Numbers 14:18, 2 Peter 3:9)

## WISE

God has perfect discernment; God only chooses righteous ends.  
(Isaiah 40:28, Daniel 2:20)

## LOVING

God exhibits a love not based on worth or merit.  
(Jeremiah 31:3, Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:8)

## GOOD

God gives according to His good will.  
(2 Chronicles 5:13, Psalm 25:8, Psalm 106:1, Psalm 68:10, Psalm 145:9, Nahum 1:7)

## WRATHFUL

God hates all unrighteousness  
(Exodus 34:6-7, Romans 1:18)

## TRUTHFUL

Whatever God says is...Truth; God of Truth.  
(Deuteronomy 32:4, Psalm 33:4, John 8:31-32, John 14:6)

## FAITHFUL

God is always true to promises.  
(Deuteronomy 7:9, Lamentations 3:22-23, 2 Timothy 2:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:24, Hebrews 10:23, Psalm 77:8)

## JEALOUS

God is unwilling to share what is rightfully His.  
(Exodus 34:14, Deuteronomy 32:16-21, 1 Kings 14:22, Psalm 78:58, Ezekiel 8:3; 16:38; 16:42, Ezekiel 23:25; 36:5; 38:19)

## Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him.

<sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup> And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"



Verbs/Action Words

said

took

arose

were breaking

was filling

woke

rebuked

said

be still

ceased

were filled

said

Key Words/Phrases

evening

let us go to the other side

Him/Jesus

in the boat

other boats

windstorm

waves

He/asleep

Teacher, do you not care

we are perishing

he

wind

peace

wind

calm

afraid

have you still no faith

fear

who is this

even the wind and sea obey him

## Colossians 3:12-17

<sup>12</sup>Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, <sup>13</sup>bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

# 5 Questions for Godly Decision Making

1. Could this lead me into bondage? 1 Corinthians 10:23
2. Will this cause a weaker brother to stumble? Romans 14:21
3. Will I be proud of this at the Judgment seat? 2 Corinthians 5:10
4. Does it have the appearance of evil? 1 Thessalonians 5:22
5. Will it bring glory to God? 1 Corinthians 10:31

# PRAYER TIME

## ADORATION

*“your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live...”  
Psalm 63: 3-4*

***Adore God for WHO He is.***

Shield	Deliverer	Redeemer	Fortress
Rock	Healer	Shepherd	Almighty God
Counselor	Strong Tower	Most High	Light of the World
Prince of Peace	Holy One	Savior	Everlasting Father
Friend of Sinners	The Way, Truth & Life		Lamb of God

***Praise God for some of His attributes.***

Goodness	Knowledge	Power	Patience	Forgiving
Loving	Holiness	Wisdom	Glory	Grace
Sovereignty	Just	Merciful	Perfect	Eternal

***Worship God for what He has done for you.***

## CONFESSION

*“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*

***Spend some time in prayer asking for God to reveal any sin you may need to confess.***

***Confess this sin and ask forgiveness. Pray for God’s help to have victory over this sin.***

***Pray through Psalm 51:1-12 and 139:23-24***

# THANKSGIVING

*“giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ”  
Ephesians 5:20*

***Recognize where God is working and moving. Thank God for His faithfulness and work in your life and those around you!***

***Spend some time thanking God for His work and provision in your own life in the areas listed below.***

## Spiritual Blessings

- Forgiveness
- Salvation
- Grace
- Answered Prayer

## Physical Blessings

- Health
- Hedge of Protection

## People

- Family (spouse, kids, etc)
- Friends
- Church Family

## Possessions

- Clothing
- Shelter
- Food

# SUPPLICATION

*“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.  
And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,  
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus”  
Philippians 4:6-7*

***Lay your requests at His feet. Some specific areas on which to focus:***

- Personal (health, work, relationships, future)
- Family & Friends (salvation, protection, health issues, etc)
- Church (ministries; protection; wisdom; leadership)

***Make a list of your requests (include things people ask you to pray for).***

- write the date down when you started praying for this
- write down the date when God answers and how He answered it