

*As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

*—1 Peter 4:10*

### SHARE

God has already placed people in your life – family, friends, co-workers, casual acquaintances—who are just one invitation to church away from experiencing all that God has for them. Begin to pray for opportunities to share your story with others!

### SOW

There is no greater investment than contributing to the only thing Jesus ever built, the local church. With God's favor and the faithful support of so many people, our church is making an incredible impact by offering the hope and purpose found in Jesus Christ. When we sow, we equip families and leaders, empower the next generation, and support those who are less fortunate. When you give back to God financially through the local church, you are helping us extend the reach and build God's Church.

*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.*  
*—Malachi 3:10*



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SAVED...  
NOW  
WHAT?

THE NEXT STEPS  
OF MY LIFE



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## STEP 1: COMMIT YOUR LIFE TO JESUS

### WHY DO I NEED JESUS?

We begin life separated from God because of sin, which is falling short of God's perfect standard. Sin leads to death and eternal isolation from God. There is nothing we can do to bridge the gap between us and God. Only Jesus can rescue us by bridging the gap.

*"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." —Romans 6:23*

Committing your life to Jesus starts with the ABC's:

- **A**dmit you need Jesus.
- **B**elieve that Jesus died and rose from the grave for you.
- **C**ommit to follow Jesus the rest of your life.

## STEP 2: GET BAPTIZED

After you have made the decision to commit your life to Jesus, baptism is your next step! Baptism is an outward display of your inward decision to trust Christ with your life.

### WHY IS BAPTISM SO IMPORTANT?

Going public with your faith through baptism is the first step of obedience after committing your life to Jesus. It identifies you as a follower of Jesus Christ.

## STEP 3: GROW DAILY WITH JESUS

Like any healthy relationship, your relationship with Jesus Christ needs intentionality, communication, trust, and time. As you grow closer to Jesus, you will begin to understand who you are in Him and discover more of what He wants for you. You can strengthen your relationship with Jesus Christ by praying, reading your Bible daily, and attending Church regularly.

### BIBLE

The Bible is God's very own words spoken to you. The Bible is true, timeless, and able to equip you for every step in your journey with God.

### CHURCH

Jesus established the local church because this journey of faith isn't meant to be traveled alone. Every week we unite to worship God, discover His plan for our lives, learn to live out His priorities, and build relationships with others who have a commitment to Christ.

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

*—Hebrews 10:24-25*

### PRAY

Prayer is simply having a conversation with Jesus Christ, something everyone can do. There's no one way to pray but here is a template:

**PRAISE**—Begin your prayer with PRAISE. Praise is thanking God for who He is, what He can do, what He has done, and what He will do.

**REPENT**—Take a moment to REPENT. Recognize your shortcomings and turn away from them. Remember that God isn't surprised by anything you bring to Him, so don't be afraid to admit the things that fall short of His standard for your life.

**ASK**—Be willing to ASK. God wants us to ask Him for things in our lives. He wants His children (that's us) to come to Him with our requests.

**YIELD**—Finally, YIELD. Prayer is not just asking God for what you want; it is putting yourself in a position to want what God wants. When we yield to His plan and His purpose above all, we show that we trust in His goodness.

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*  
*—Philippians 4:6*

### SERVE

Jesus Himself said that He did not come to be served, but to serve others. When you volunteer your time and talents in the local church, you discover the key to unlocking a life of influence and change. As a new follower of Christ, one of the most powerful steps you can take is serving in the church; it's stepping outside of your comfort zone and stepping up to be used by God.