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## **Praise the Lord, Welcome to the Family of God!**

I'd like to congratulate you because the decision you made today has placed you on a road that leads to a future greater and more fulfilling than anything you've ever dreamed of. If you will simply stay on the path, you are headed toward the best years of your entire life.

Several years ago there was a popular song in rotation called "Jesus Take the Wheel". Accepting Jesus as your Lord and Savior is similar to that song title because it means allowing Christ to control the direction of your life from now on. This book is a navigation tool that reveals several simple God-Planned Steps that will lead you to the future God has for you. If you will put your whole heart into following these steps, I promise you that you will not be disappointed.

- 1. Read just one chapter of this book every day for the next 7 days**
- 2. Watch our 2-3 minute devotional on [7daygps.com](http://7daygps.com) every day for the next 7 days**
- 3. Attend a Word of Faith service again in the next 7 days**
- 4. Attend our "Starting Point" class in the next 30 days**

As you are following these steps, feel free to give us a call at (248) 353-3476 ext. 357 to ask questions or receive prayer. Our office hours are Tuesday- Friday from 8:00am to 6:00pm. We'd love to hear from you. In the meantime, I am praying for you according to Ephesians 1:17, *"that God may give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you continuously grow in your knowledge of God"*.

In His Love,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "André Butler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Senior Pastor

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# day one

## Day 1: Trust Your Instruments

**Today is an exciting day.** You took a big step, and you should feel good about it. But it's important that you don't put too much emphasis on how you feel. When flying an airplane in certain conditions, it can be deadly for a pilot to rely on his sight and senses, which is why every airplane is equipped with certain instruments that help the pilot fly and land safely. When it comes to your relationship with God, you can't afford to rely on your senses either. God has given us the Bible as an instrument that can be trusted in every situation to guide us safely through life. Don't be moved by what you see, what you hear, or what you feel. You didn't receive Jesus based on what you felt, but because of what you believed. Salvation is based totally on what God has done for us, not what we do for God. It is fact not feeling. The fact of the matter is found in Ephesians 2:8–9: *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."*

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There is nothing we could have done to deserve God's gift of salvation. When Adam and Eve sinned in the garden, they doomed all mankind to death and destruction. Romans 5:12 says *"When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned."* (NLT) Through no fault of your own, you were automatically born a sinner. But God loved you so much He did not leave you in that sinful condition. God rescued us all from our sins by sending His Son Jesus to pay the price for sin with His own life. All we have to do is accept God's gift.

*"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16*

*"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9*

The way you accept salvation is by confessing with your mouth that Jesus Christ is the Lord of your life and by believing in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. The moment you did that and meant it from your heart, you became a brand new person.

*"For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives." Romans 6:4 (NLT)*

When you received salvation your transformation occurred invisibly on the inside. So, as an outward show of the salvation you received inwardly, God has instructed us to be baptized in water. When you go down into the water during baptism, you identify with Jesus' going down into the grave; when you come up out of the water you identify with His coming up out of the grave and rising from the dead. This "instrument" is marvelous confirmation of the new life you have received through Christ. Trust the instruments God gave you and you will soar gloriously into the future He has for you! If you're ready to be water baptized, give us a call at 248.353.3476, ext. 357.

#### **Scripture References**

Ephesians 2:8-9

Romans 5:12

John 3:16

Romans 10:9

Romans 6:4

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# day two

## Day 2: Personal I.D.

Our personal I.D. card is pretty important to most of us because it gives us access to things we might be denied without it. The ID card confirms who we really are. We can't drive, fly, vote or cash a check without displaying the proper identification.

Your spiritual identification is even more important. Your identity as a child of God gives you access to the authority and privileges of the Kingdom of God. It provides assurance of your salvation. It ensures your eternal security and confirms your rights as a citizen of Heaven. God's word is your I.D., so let's look at who His word says you are.

Romans 8:16–17 says *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children then heirs; heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ..."*



In other words, you have the same rights and privileges as the first-begotten Son of God. God doesn't love Jesus any more than He loves you!

2 Corinthians 5:17 & 21 says *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new... For he [God] hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."* You received a brand new identity when you accepted Jesus as your Lord. The mistakes of your past have been erased, and you have been given the same credentials as Jesus. Jesus never sinned even once, and yet God made him to be sin for us. Even if you'd never done a single thing right your whole life, the moment you received Jesus you were made righteous (innocent and worthy)!

The New Living Translation of Hebrews 4:14–16 says *"So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most."*

Take God at His Word. You are who the Bible says you are. You can do what the Bible says you can do. You can have what the Bible says you can have. So flash your new I.D. and access the abundant life that is exclusively available to the children of God.



#### **Scripture References**

Romans 8:16–17

2 Corinthians 17, 21

Hebrews 4:14–16



# day three

## Day 3: U-Turn

Welcome to Day 3. Even though you're a brand new person on the inside, your mind and body may still want to do the same things they did before you received Jesus. As a child of God you have the power to think and live like a Christian. Romans 12:2 says *"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."* This doesn't happen automatically though. This transformation is a process that happens as you reprogram your mind with the Word of God. That's what you're doing with this 7-day book, so you're well on your way.

You need to know, however, that sometimes you are going to make mistakes. Many times when people sin they run away from God. They stay home from church. They stop praying and stop reading the Bible. This is the worst thing you can do. If you are driving in your car and realize that you made a wrong turn,

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what should you do? Turn around! It's nonsensical to continue going the wrong direction once you know you made a mistake.

*"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*

God is not a "big bad judge" waiting for you to mess up, so He can throw you away. He is your loving Heavenly Father who is ready and willing to forgive you. When you sin, don't run from God, run to Him and confess your sins. He's willing and waiting to forgive you. Satan (your & God's enemy) wants you to isolate yourself so he can wipe you out. He's a thief and he comes to steal the Word of God from your heart. Don't let him.

When you know that you have messed up, stop right where you are and confess your sin to God. Make a "U-turn" and He will not only forgive your sin, but He'll act as though it never even happened. Thank God for His love and patience with us!



### **Scripture References**

Romans 12:2

1 John 1:9

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## Day 4: Unlimited Voice & Data Plan

Communication is an essential part of the human experience, and nothing has transformed communication quite like the cell phone. The introduction of the “smart phone” has opened up a world of mobile possibilities far beyond simple conversation. However, the extent to which a person is able to tap into that handheld world is likely limited to the amount of bandwidth he is willing to pay for.

Thankfully, God’s network offers an unlimited voice and data plan and he has an app for every situation you’ll ever face. And the best part is that it’s all free! The plan is called prayer. Just as communication is an essential part of the human experience, prayer is an essential part of the life of a Christian. God is a personal God. He’s interested in every detail of your life. He wants you as His child, to get to know Him in a personal way. Through prayer, you have unlimited access to the

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only one in the universe that actually knows everything about everything. There is no question you'll ever have and no problem you will ever face that God does not have the answer to.

If you will commit to pray everyday, before long you will begin to discover God's will for your life. You'll also begin to experience the comfort and peace His presence provides you. As you accept His invitation to come into His presence, Christianity stops being just a religion to you and becomes what God meant it to be—a personal relationship with the One who created you and who has given His all that you might be one with Him.

In order to pray accurately, you're going to have to learn what God's Word says about the situations you face. Reading the Bible every day is a valuable part of your unlimited data plan because through it you have direct access to God's thoughts. How different could your life be if you received a text message from God every day? In essence, that's exactly what the Bible is. It's God speaking to you... through a text.

*"Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do." Joshua 1:8 (NLT)*

Hopefully, today's chapter has motivated you to commit to spending time with God every day, praying and reading the Bible. If you're new to reading the Bible, I encourage you to start in the book of John, a biography of Jesus' life authored by an actual eyewitness. Also, here is a simple plan to follow in your prayer time:

- Start by thanking God for some things you're grateful for
- Then praise God for something you admire about Him
- Next worship God by acknowledging who He is
- Then pray to the Father in the name of Jesus about whatever is on your heart
- Pray using the gift you received when you were filled with the Spirit (More about this on Day 6)
- Thank God by faith, believing that God has answered your prayer

#### **Scripture References**

Joshua 1:8



# day five

## Day 5: Who's In Your Circle?

When you accepted the call to follow Jesus you joined His circle as a disciple and the course of your life changed forever. You're now on the road to a future that is brighter and more fulfilling than anything you can imagine. However, being in Jesus' circle will make some of the people in your old circles uncomfortable. Your friends have probably already noticed that you are different and they may even think you're strange. Some may even find it offensive when you talk about Jesus. This can really challenge your decision to walk with God, which is why it's important to surround yourself with people that are also walking with God. Proverbs 27:17 says *"Iron makes iron sharp; so a man makes sharp his friend."* (BBE) Just like one piece of iron is used to sharpen another, God uses other Christians to strengthen us and develop us as believers.

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Life change happens in circles as well as rows, which is why in addition to attending church services, Word of Faith members also participate in small groups that we call Faith Groups. A Faith Group is an excellent place to develop genuine friendships with other Christians. The groups meet in homes, dorms and businesses all over the Metro Detroit area and they usually consist of four to twelve people who share something in common. There are groups for men, women, single-parents, married couples, twenty-somethings, seniors, and even groups that meet around common interests such as basketball or baking.

Connecting with a small group is more than just a good idea; it is a God-planned step to the future He has for you. Acts 2:46 says *“And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from **house to house**, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart.”* In Acts 12:12 there was a meeting in the home of Mary—the mother of Jesus. The Apostle Paul sent greetings to the church home groups in Romans 16:3–5, 1 Corinthians 16:19, and Colossians 4:15. Meeting both in the “temple” and in a small group was clearly a way of life for Christians in the Bible, and it should be a way of life for Christians today.

Ultimately, Faith Groups provide four things:

1. A place to **CONNECT**: “They continued steadfastly in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayer” (Acts 2:42).
2. A place to **PROTECT**: “Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many” (Hebrews 12:15 NLT).
3. A place to **GROW**: “Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend” (Proverbs 27:17).
4. A place to **WIN** Your World to Jesus: “...Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him” (1 Corinthians. 9:22b TLB).

God’s plan is for us to “do life together,” enjoying and sharpening each other. You will receive information on how to get involved in Faith Groups when you attend our Starting Point class, which I encourage you to do as soon as possible. You can also get information about Faith Groups online by visiting [www.wordoffaith.cc/grouplink](http://www.wordoffaith.cc/grouplink).

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Proverbs 27:17  
Acts 12:12  
Romans 16:3–5

1 Corinthians 16:19  
Colossians 4:15  
Acts 2:42

Hebrews 12:15  
Proverbs 27:17  
1 Corinthians 9:22b



# day SIX

## Day 6: Upgrade

It's Day 6 in your brand new walk with God. As a Christian, there is another gift God has for you, and it is a gift that is certain to upgrade your life as a believer. In Luke 24:49 Jesus said, *"And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."* In Acts 1:8 Jesus said *"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."*

The promise we just read says that God's Spirit will come **upon** you. In other places, the Bible describes this as being "baptized in" or "filled with" the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:5; Acts 2:38). Every Christian receives the Holy Spirit immediately when they accept Jesus as their savior, but there's a difference between receiving something, and being completely filled with it and baptized in it. It's similar to

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the difference between a rowboat and a speedboat. What distinguishes one from the other is POWER! God's promise is that the Holy Spirit will come upon you and completely fill you and when He does, you will receive a power upgrade that enables you to do everything God has called you to do. When you are filled with the Holy Ghost, you will be empowered with the ability to speak in tongues just like Jesus promised in Mark 16:17: *"And these signs shall follow **them that believe**; in my name shall they cast out devils; **they shall speak with new tongues.**"*

Notice, the phrase in Mark 16:17 "them that believe." This promise is for every believer, not just a chosen few. Don't allow fear or doubt to rob you of one of the most important gifts God has given to us as Christians. Speaking in tongues is the ability to pray in a language you've never learned and do not understand. 1 Corinthians 14:2 & 14 says *"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. . . . For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful."* Even though you don't understand exactly what you're saying, you can have confidence knowing that you are praying the perfect prayer and that God's answer to this prayer will cause the things in your life to work out for your good.

The first account of people being baptized in the Holy Spirit is in Acts 2:4, where it says that "they" were filled with the Holy Ghost, and (they) began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Utterance means style or manner of speaking so, in other words, the Holy Spirit gave them the words to speak, but He did not speak through them. THEY did the speaking. When you are filled and receive the ability to speak in tongues, the Holy Spirit will give you the words to speak, but you will have to open your mouth and speak it by faith.

When you come to *Starting Point*, you'll have the opportunity to join us in a prayer to be filled with the Holy Spirit. But you don't have to wait until then. Jesus said in Luke 11:13 that if you ask, then the Holy Spirit would be given to you. Don't delay in receiving this supernatural upgrade. Once you're filled, begin praying in tongues every day and you'll experience power and boldness that wasn't there before. You'll be living proof that God's Word is true because everything will be working together for your good!

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Luke 24:49

Acts 1:8

Acts 1:5, Acts 2:38

Mark 16:17

1 Corinthians 14:2, 14

Acts 2:4

Luke 11:13

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# day seven

## Day 7: Connect

In the beginning of the book, I challenged you to attend a Word of Faith service again in 7 days. Well today is that day! The foundation of Christian life is the church. You will grow spiritually as you hear the Word of God and connect with other believers that are strong in the faith. The New Testament places a major emphasis on the need for Christians to help, encourage, and be accountable to one another. For example, Hebrews 10:24–25 (NLT) says, *“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.”* You cannot be motivated, encouraged, or accountable when you’re not connected to any specific church family.

There are many analogies for a Christian disconnected from a church: a football player without a team, a soldier without a platoon, a tuba player without an or-

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chestra, a sheep without a flock, a child without a family. God does not want his children growing up in isolation from each other. 1 Corinthians 12:25 (AMP) says *“That there should be no division or discord or lack of adaptation [of the parts of the body to each other], but the members all alike should have a mutual interest in and care for one another.”* The Christian life has a corporate nature. We are connected, joined together as parts of one body. We belong together. We need each other.

I am inviting you to make Word of Faith International Christian Center your church home, and our family will become your family. Here are some of the ways that we care for our family at Word of Faith:

- **Faith Group Ministries** – This includes bi-weekly meetings in homes, dorms and businesses across Metro Detroit and quarterly events.
- **Preaching the Word** – We have worship services, healing services, lunch-time services and Bible studies that are held every week.
- **Prayer** – We hold early morning prayer from 6:00am to 7:00am, Tuesday through Friday where we come together to pray for the members, our city, nation and world.
- **Counseling** – This is available free of charge by appointment.
- **Hospital Visitation and Ministry to Shut-ins** – This includes ministry to members as well as their immediate family members.
- **Bereavement** – We care for our members during times of bereavement, providing assistance with homegoing planning, and offering services to be held at the church.
- **Weddings** – We provide pre-marital classes and counseling, and assist members with wedding ceremonies held in our beautiful chapel.
- There are also special ministries for children, youth, college students, singles, married couples, men, women, seniors, the deaf community, and a ministry that provides food and clothes to the poor.

*Congratulations on completing the “Where Do I Go From Here” booklet.* I look forward to having the honor of meeting you, ministering to you, and hopefully serving as your pastor.

Sincerely,



André Butler  
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#### **Scripture References**

Hebrews 10:24–25

1 Corinthians 12:25





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