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Dedication

This book is lovingly dedicated to every new believer who has just opened their heart to Jesus Christ — to every soul taking the first steps of faith, and to every returning child of God who is being made new again.

It is dedicated to The Good News City Church family — a people called to love God, build believers, and carry the Good News to the city and the nations.

And it is dedicated to every reader who will not stop at salvation, but will grow from grace to grace, from glory to glory, into the fullness of a life that pleases the Father.

Chapter 0

A Welcome From the Author

Beloved friend,

Welcome to the most beautiful journey of your life. If you have just received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour, I want to be the first to congratulate you. Heaven is celebrating over you right now. You are not the same person who picked up this book — you are a new creation in Christ.

I want you to relax. You do not need to understand everything today. You do not need to feel like a perfect Christian tomorrow. Salvation is not the end of the road; it is the beginning of a lifelong walk with a loving Father who has been waiting for you.

This little book has been written with you in mind — slowly, carefully, prayerfully. It will guide you, step by step, into the truths every new believer needs: assurance, prayer, the Word, the Holy Spirit, church family, baptism, identity, and growth. Take your time. Read a chapter at a time. Let the Holy Spirit speak to your heart.

Please know this: **The Good News City Church** is praying for you. We are here to help you grow. You are not alone. The same Jesus who saved you will keep you, lead you, and bring you into your destiny.

Key Scriptures

“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...” — 2 Corinthians 5:17

“To all who received Him, He gave the right to become children of God.” — John 1:12

“He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion...” — Philippians 1:6

Walking with you in Christ,

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Chapter 1

You Are Saved: Understanding What Just Happened

Opening Thought

Something eternal happened the moment you said yes to Jesus. Heaven moved, your name was written in the Lamb's Book of Life, and the God of the universe called you His own. Before you take another step, let us pause and understand what just happened to you.

Main Teaching

When you received Jesus Christ, you did not merely join a religion — you entered a living relationship with the eternal, loving God. Christianity is not a system of rules; it is a Person, and His name is Jesus.

Salvation is a gift. You did not earn it, you did not deserve it, and you cannot buy it. The Bible says you are saved by grace through faith, and even that faith is from God (Ephesians 2:8–9). All you did was open your heart and receive what Jesus already finished on the cross.

Jesus died for your sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day. His death paid the debt you could not pay, and His resurrection gives you the new life you could not produce. Romans 10:9–10 tells us that when you confess Jesus as Lord and believe God raised Him from the dead, you are saved. That is exactly what happened in your

heart.

Because of this, you are now forgiven. Every sin — past, present, and future — has been placed under the blood of Jesus. You are rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the Kingdom of God's beloved Son (Colossians 1:13–14). You are no longer an outsider. You are a child of God (John 1:12).

Notice this carefully: salvation is not based on how you feel. Feelings rise and fall like the weather, but God's Word does not change. You are saved because Jesus said so, because the Word says so, and because you received Him by faith — not because you cried, trembled, or felt goosebumps.

Key Scriptures

- *John 3:16*
- *Romans 10:9–10*
- *Ephesians 2:8–9*
- *2 Corinthians 5:17*
- *Colossians 1:13–14*
- *John 1:12*

Practical Steps

1. Thank God out loud for saving you, even if you feel ordinary today.
2. Write down the date and time you received Christ — this is your spiritual birthday.
3. Tell at least one trusted person that you have given your life to Jesus.
4. Begin to call yourself what God now calls you: forgiven, loved, and His.

5. Read John 3:16 every morning this week and let it settle deep in your heart.

Reflection Questions

1. What does it mean to you that salvation is a gift you cannot earn?
2. How does it feel to know your sins are completely forgiven?
3. What old labels has God removed from your life today?
4. Who is one person you can share your salvation news with this week?

A Prayer

Father, thank You for saving me. Thank You for the blood of Jesus that washes me clean and the resurrection power that gives me new life. I receive Your forgiveness. I receive my place in Your family. Help me to live every day in the truth of what You have done for me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

Beloved, you are not who you used to be. The cross has spoken over your life, and Heaven has answered. Walk gently, walk gratefully, and walk forward — you are a child of God now.

Chapter 2

Assurance: How Do I Know I Am Truly Saved?

Opening Thought

Many new believers face the same quiet question in the days after salvation: “Did it really happen? Am I really saved?” Do not be afraid of that question. God is not offended by it — and He has already answered it in His Word.

Main Teaching

Your assurance of salvation does not rest on how strongly you felt that day, how loudly you prayed, or how dramatic the experience was. Your assurance rests on a Person and a Promise. The Person is Jesus. The Promise is the Word of God.

1 John 5:11–13 says God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.” God wants you to know — not guess, not hope, but know.

Romans 8:16 teaches that the Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. That gentle inner knowing, that pull toward the Father, that new tenderness toward sin — these are the fingerprints of the Holy Spirit confirming your new birth.

Jesus said in John 10:27–29 that His sheep hear His voice, He knows them, and no one can snatch them out of His hand. You are

held by hands that were pierced for you. That is a grip that will not let you go.

Feelings will rise and fall. Some days you will feel God's presence strongly; other days you will feel ordinary, tired, or distracted. Do not panic. Salvation is not a feeling — it is a covenant sealed in the blood of Jesus and confirmed by the Spirit of God (Hebrews 10:22).

Key Scriptures

- *1 John 5:11–13*
- *Romans 8:16*
- *John 10:27–29*
- *Hebrews 10:22*
- *Philippians 1:6*
- *John 6:37*

Practical Steps

1. Write 1 John 5:13 in your own words and keep it where you can read it.
2. When doubt comes, speak the Word out loud instead of arguing in your head.
3. Begin a simple journal of small ways God is changing your desires.
4. Refuse to let yesterday's emotions define today's standing with God.
5. Thank God daily for the assurance that you belong to Him.

Reflection Questions

1. Where do you usually look for assurance — to feelings or to the Word?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is holding you in His hand?

3. What new desires for God have you noticed since you believed?
4. How will you respond the next time doubt knocks on your heart?

A Prayer

Father, thank You that my salvation is not built on my feelings but on the finished work of Jesus and the promise of Your Word. By Your Spirit, give me deep, settled assurance that I am Yours. Silence every voice of doubt, and let me rest in Your love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

Do not measure your salvation by yesterday's emotions. Measure it by the finished work of Jesus Christ and the promise of God's unchanging Word. You are His — and nothing can change that.

Chapter 3

Repentance: Turning Away From the Old Life

Opening Thought

Salvation opens a new door, but repentance is what makes you walk through it. The God who forgave you also wants to free you — from old habits, old company, old thoughts, and old patterns that once held you in chains.

Main Teaching

Repentance is not simply feeling bad about sin. Many people feel sorry and still go back to the same things. True repentance is a change of mind that produces a change of direction. It is turning away from sin and turning toward God (Acts 3:19).

Look at the story of the prodigal son in Luke 15:17–24. He did not just regret — he stood up, left the pig pen, and went home to his father. That is repentance. It is a movement, not just a mood.

2 Corinthians 7:10 distinguishes between godly sorrow that leads to salvation and worldly sorrow that leads to death. Godly sorrow draws you closer to God; worldly sorrow only makes you feel guilty without changing you. The Holy Spirit gives you the first kind.

Proverbs 28:13 promises that whoever conceals sin will not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces it finds mercy. God is not waiting to expose you — He is waiting to cleanse you. 1 John 1:9

is your safe place: “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Romans 6:1–4 reminds us that we are dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. You no longer have to obey sin. Grace is not permission to keep sinning — grace is the power to live differently.

Key Scriptures

- *Acts 3:19*
- *Luke 15:17–24*
- *2 Corinthians 7:10*
- *Proverbs 28:13*
- *Romans 6:1–4*
- *1 John 1:9*

Practical Steps

1. Sit quietly and confess any known sin to God by name.
2. Remove yourself from environments that pull you back into old patterns.
3. Cut off unhealthy relationships or set firm new boundaries.
4. Ask God for grace and strength to walk in a new direction.
5. Find a mature believer who can pray with you and hold you accountable.
6. Whenever you fall, return quickly — do not stay away from God in shame.

Reflection Questions

1. What old patterns is God asking you to leave behind right now?
2. Which places, people, or habits weaken your walk with Christ?
3. How can you replace destructive habits with God-honouring ones?

4. Who can walk with you and help you stay accountable?

A Prayer

Father, I turn away from every sin You are showing me, and I turn toward You with my whole heart. Wash me, cleanse me, and give me strength to walk in a new direction. Where I am weak, be my strength. Where I have failed, be my Redeemer. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

Every step you take away from sin is a step deeper into the freedom Jesus purchased for you. Keep walking. The Father is running toward you, not away from you.

Chapter 4

Your New Identity in Christ

Opening Thought

You will never live higher than the way you see yourself. That is why one of the first things the enemy attacks in a new believer is identity. But God has already settled who you are — and His Word has the final say.

Main Teaching

When you were saved, God did not just forgive your past; He gave you a new identity. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away, behold, all things have become new.” You are not your past mistakes. You are not your old labels. You are new.

Ephesians 1:3–7 declares that in Christ you are blessed with every spiritual blessing, chosen before the foundation of the world, adopted as a son or daughter, accepted in the Beloved, and redeemed through His blood. Read that again — that is who you are now.

Romans 8:1 says, “There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.” Shame no longer has the legal right to define you. Guilt is no longer your home. You live under grace.

1 Peter 2:9 calls you a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people. Galatians 2:20 reminds you that Christ now lives in you, and the life you live in the flesh you live by faith in the Son of God who loved you and gave Himself for you.

Colossians 3:1–3 calls you to set your mind on things above, because your life is hidden with Christ in God. The enemy attacks identity because identity affects destiny. When you know who you are, you cannot be moved by every lie the enemy whispers.

Key Scriptures

- *2 Corinthians 5:17*
- *Ephesians 1:3–7*
- *Romans 8:1*
- *1 Peter 2:9*
- *Galatians 2:20*
- *Colossians 3:1–3*

Practical Steps

1. Speak the following declarations out loud every morning.
2. Write your new identity statements in a notebook or on your phone.
3. Refuse to agree with any voice — including your own — that contradicts God's Word about you.
4. Replace negative self-talk with Scripture-based truth.
5. Surround yourself with believers who reinforce your identity in Christ.

Reflection Questions

1. What old identity is God asking you to lay down?
2. Which of the declarations below is hardest for you to believe? Why?
3. How would your daily life change if you fully believed who God says you are?
4. What voice do you need to stop listening to this week?

A Prayer

Father, thank You that I am a new creation in Christ Jesus. I refuse every old label that no longer fits who You have made me to be. I receive my new identity as Your beloved child. Let my thoughts, words, and choices flow from this truth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

You are not who you were. You are who Christ has made you. Lift your head, child of God — the King of Heaven calls you His own.

Daily Identity Declarations

- ◆ I am forgiven in Christ.
- ◆ I am a child of God.
- ◆ I am no longer a slave to sin.
- ◆ I am loved, chosen, and accepted.
- ◆ I belong to Jesus.
- ◆ I am the righteousness of God in Christ.
- ◆ My past does not define me; the Cross defines me.
- ◆ My future is in God's hands.

Chapter 5

Learning to Pray Every Day

Opening Thought

Prayer is not a religious performance. It is the heartbeat of your relationship with God. The same God who saved you wants to hear from you — not in fancy words, but in honest, daily conversation.

Main Teaching

Prayer is simply communication with God. You do not need a special language, a special posture, or a special location. You only need an open heart and a willingness to come.

In Matthew 6:9–13, Jesus taught His disciples to pray. He did not give them long, complicated phrases. He gave them a simple pattern: honour the Father, surrender to His will, ask for daily needs, seek forgiveness, and stand against evil. That same pattern works for you today.

Philippians 4:6–7 tells us not to be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God — and the peace of God will guard your heart. Prayer is not just to change circumstances; it is to keep your heart at rest in God.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, “Pray without ceasing.” This does not mean you must be on your knees all day. It means you live in continual awareness of God — a quick word in the kitchen, a sigh on the bus, a whisper at your desk. Your whole day becomes a

conversation.

Jesus Himself rose early to pray (Mark 1:35). Hebrews 4:16 invites us to come boldly to the throne of grace. Jeremiah 33:3 promises that if we call to God, He will answer and show us great and mighty things we do not know. God is not hiding from you. He is listening.

Key Scriptures

- *Matthew 6:9–13*
- *Philippians 4:6–7*
- *1 Thessalonians 5:17*
- *Jeremiah 33:3*
- *Hebrews 4:16*
- *Mark 1:35*

Practical Steps

1. Set a daily time to pray — even ten minutes is a strong beginning.
2. Use the simple PRAY model below to guide your prayer time.
3. Keep a small prayer list of people and needs.
4. Pray short prayers throughout the day, wherever you are.
5. End each day by thanking God for at least three things.

Reflection Questions

1. What stops you from praying regularly?
2. What would it mean to talk to God as a Father, not as a stranger?
3. What burdens do you need to surrender to Him today?
4. What can you start thanking God for right now?

A Prayer

Father, teach me to pray. I do not always know what to say, but I bring you my heart. Help me to come to You honestly, often, and without fear. Let prayer become as natural to me as breathing. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

*Heaven leans in when you pray. Your Father is not far away. Speak
— He is listening, and he will answer.*

A Simple Daily Prayer Model: P.R.A.Y.

P — Praise God

Begin by worshipping Him for who He is and what He has done.

R — Repent and surrender

Confess any known sin and yield your day to Him.

A — Ask according to His will

Bring your needs, your loved ones, and your concerns before Him.

Y — Yield and listen

Be quiet for a few moments. Let the Holy Spirit speak to your heart.

Chapter 6

Reading and Loving the Word of God

Opening Thought

If prayer is how you speak to God, the Bible is how God speaks to you. You cannot grow strong as a believer while staying far from the Word. The Scriptures are spiritual food for your new life.

Main Teaching

2 Timothy 3:16–17 tells us that all Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that the man or woman of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. The Bible does not just inform you — it forms you.

Psalm 119:105 calls God's Word a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. In a world full of confusion, the Bible gives you direction. It tells you what is true, what is good, and what is the will of God.

Jesus Himself said, in Matthew 4:4, that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. If Jesus needed the Word, how much more do we?

Joshua 1:8 promises that those who meditate on the Word day and night, and obey it, will be prosperous and successful in God's eyes. Romans 12:2 tells us that our minds are renewed by the Word — that is how we are transformed.

John 8:31–32 says, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” The Bible is not a religious book to admire on a shelf. It is a living Word that will set you free.

Key Scriptures

- *2 Timothy 3:16–17*
- *Psalms 119:105*
- *Matthew 4:4*
- *Joshua 1:8*
- *Romans 12:2*
- *John 8:31–32*

Practical Steps

1. Start with the Gospel of John, then Mark, Romans, Psalms, and Proverbs.
2. Read a small portion daily rather than rushing through long chapters.
3. Use the simple Bible reading method on the next page.
4. Keep a small notebook for what God shows you.
5. Obey what you understand — do not wait until you understand everything.

Reflection Questions

1. How much time are you currently spending in the Word?
2. What is one Scripture that has spoken to you so far?
3. What is stopping you from reading consistently?
4. What would change in your life if the Word truly shaped your thinking?

A Prayer

Father, give me a hunger for Your Word. Open my eyes to see, my ears to hear, and my heart to obey. Let the Bible come alive to me. Renew my mind and order my steps according to Your truth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

A believer who feeds on the Word becomes a believer who stands in the storm. Open the Book. Heaven is waiting to speak to you.

A Simple Bible Reading Method

1. **Pray** before you read. Invite the Holy Spirit to teach you.
2. **Read slowly.** A small portion read deeply is better than a chapter rushed.
3. Ask: *What does this teach me about God?*
4. Ask: *What does this teach me about my life?*
5. **Write one lesson** in a notebook.
6. **Obey** what God has shown you — even a small step counts.

Chapter 7

The Holy Spirit: Your Helper and Guide

Opening Thought

You are not expected to live the Christian life by your own strength. The moment you received Christ, God gave you the most powerful Helper in the universe — the Holy Spirit. He lives in you to guide, teach, comfort, and empower you.

Main Teaching

The Holy Spirit is not a feeling, a force, or an influence. He is the Spirit of God Himself — fully God, fully personal. Jesus called Him “another Helper” in John 14:16–17, promising that He would be with us forever and would live within us.

John 16:13 tells us that the Spirit of truth will guide us into all truth. He helps us understand the Bible, recognise God's voice, and make wise decisions. He is the best teacher you will ever have.

Romans 8:14 says that as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God. The Christian life is a Spirit-led life. The Holy Spirit does not push or shout — He leads, He prompts, He nudges. Learn to be sensitive.

Galatians 5:16–25 contrasts walking in the flesh with walking in the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control — is the

natural outcome of a life that keeps in step with Him.

Acts 1:8 promises power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you — power to live for God and to witness for Christ. Ephesians 5:18 commands us to be filled with the Spirit. This is not a one-time event but a daily yielding. Keep asking. Keep saying yes.

Key Scriptures

- *John 14:16–17*
- *John 16:13*
- *Romans 8:14*
- *Galatians 5:16–25*
- *Acts 1:8*
- *Ephesians 5:18*

Practical Steps

1. Begin each day by inviting the Holy Spirit to lead you.
2. Pay attention to His gentle promptings — to pray, to forgive, to speak, to be still.
3. When in doubt, pause and ask: “Holy Spirit, what would You have me do?”
4. Confess and turn away from anything that grieves Him.
5. Spend time in worship and the Word — these create space for His presence.

Reflection Questions

1. How aware are you of the Holy Spirit in your daily life?
2. What does it mean to you that God Himself lives inside you?
3. Where do you most need His help right now?
4. What does walking in step with the Spirit look like for you this week?

A Prayer

Holy Spirit, thank You for living in me. Teach me to follow Jesus, understand the Word, overcome sin, and live a life that pleases God. Fill me afresh today. Lead me, correct me, comfort me, and use me. I yield to You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

You are not alone, and you are not weak. The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives in you. Trust Him — He is faithful.

Chapter 8

Why You Need a Church Family

Opening Thought

God did not save you to walk alone. He saved you into a family. The Christian life is personal, but it was never meant to be private. You need the Body of Christ, and the Body of Christ needs you.

Main Teaching

Hebrews 10:24–25 urges us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, but to encourage one another — and all the more as we see the Day approaching. Church is not an optional event; it is the family table where you are fed, corrected, and strengthened.

Acts 2:42 shows us the early believers devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. These four pillars still hold up healthy believers today.

Ephesians 4:11–16 reveals that God has given pastors, teachers, evangelists, prophets, and apostles to equip the saints for ministry, until we all come to maturity in Christ. You need spiritual leaders. You need teaching. You need a covering.

Psalm 92:13 says, “Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.” Planted believers flourish; scattered seeds dry up. Get rooted.

1 Corinthians 12:12–27 teaches that we are one body with many members. You have a place. You have a part. The church is

incomplete without you, and you are incomplete without the church.

Key Scriptures

- *Hebrews 10:24–25*
- *Acts 2:42*
- *Ephesians 4:11–16*
- *Psalms 92:13*
- *1 Corinthians 12:12–27*
- *Romans 12:4–5*

Practical Steps

1. Commit to attending a Bible-believing church consistently each week.
2. Connect with The Good News City Church, or a sound local church near you.
3. Join a new believer class, small group, or discipleship group.
4. Ask questions — never feel embarrassed to learn.
5. Begin to serve in small, faithful ways when you are ready.
6. Build godly friendships that strengthen your walk.

Reflection Questions

1. Do you currently have a spiritual family? If not, what is stopping you?
2. How could a small group or discipleship class help you grow?
3. What gifts or talents could you eventually offer to serve God's people?
4. Who in the church can mentor or pray with you?

A Prayer

Father, plant me in a healthy church family. Connect me to spiritual fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters who will

help me grow. Give me a heart for Your house and a love for Your people. Use me to bless others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

You were never meant to walk alone. God has a family for you — find them, love them, grow with them, and you will flourish.

Chapter 9

Baptism and Public Confession of Faith

Opening Thought

After receiving Christ, the next clear step of obedience is baptism. It is not a religious ritual to earn salvation — it is a sacred declaration that you now belong to Jesus and are not ashamed of Him.

Main Teaching

Matthew 28:19–20 records the Great Commission of Jesus: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Baptism is the command of Jesus Himself for every disciple.

Acts 2:38 shows Peter telling new believers to repent and be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. From the very first sermon in church history, baptism has been the public confession of inward faith.

Romans 6:3–4 explains the meaning beautifully: in baptism we are buried with Christ and raised with Him to walk in newness of life. Going under the water pictures the death of the old life; coming up out of the water pictures resurrection into the new.

Acts 8:36–38 tells of the Ethiopian who, upon believing the gospel, asked, “See, here is water. What hinders me from being baptised?” He did not delay. Neither should you, once you have understood and

believed.

Baptism does not save you — faith in Christ saves you. But baptism is the first public step of obedience after salvation, and it strengthens your commitment. Mark 16:16 ties belief and baptism together as the expected response to the gospel.

Key Scriptures

- *Matthew 28:19–20*
- *Acts 2:38*
- *Romans 6:3–4*
- *Acts 8:36–38*
- *Mark 16:16*
- *Galatians 3:27*

Practical Steps

1. Speak to a pastor or leader at The Good News City Church about being baptised.
2. Make sure you understand what baptism means before you take this step.
3. Invite family and friends to witness this important moment.
4. Prepare your heart by repentance, prayer, and reading the Word.
5. After baptism, continue in discipleship — baptism is a beginning, not an ending.

Reflection Questions

1. Have you been baptised since giving your life to Christ?
2. What is one thing that has kept you from taking this step?
3. How can being baptised strengthen your testimony before others?
4. Who would you like to invite to witness your baptism?

A Prayer

Father, thank You that I can publicly declare my faith in Jesus Christ. Prepare my heart for baptism. Let it be a moment of consecration and deeper surrender. From this day forward, may I walk in the newness of life Jesus has given me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

Baptism is the outward sign of an inward change. Do not be ashamed of Jesus — the same Jesus who was not ashamed to die for you.

Chapter 10

Overcoming Temptation and Spiritual Attacks

Opening Thought

Salvation is the beginning of a new battle. The enemy did not lose you easily, and he will not let go quietly. But you are now on the winning side — Jesus has already defeated him at the cross.

Main Teaching

Temptation does not mean you are not saved. Even Jesus Himself was tempted in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1–11). The issue is not whether temptation comes; the issue is what you do when it comes.

1 Corinthians 10:13 promises that no temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. God is faithful — He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you can bear, and He will provide a way of escape. Look for the door God has already opened.

James 4:7 gives a powerful instruction: “Submit to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” Submission to God comes first. Resistance without surrender is just willpower — and willpower alone will not last.

Ephesians 6:10–18 calls us to put on the full armour of God — truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the Word of God, and prayer. Spiritual battles require spiritual weapons.

1 Peter 5:8–9 warns that the enemy prowls like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Be sober, be vigilant, and resist him steadfast in the faith. Romans 13:14 adds, “Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh.” Stop feeding what God is telling you to starve.

Key Scriptures

- *1 Corinthians 10:13*
- *James 4:7*
- *Matthew 4:1–11*
- *Ephesians 6:10–18*
- *1 Peter 5:8–9*
- *Romans 13:14*

Practical Steps

1. Pray immediately the moment temptation knocks — do not entertain it.
2. Speak the Word out loud, just as Jesus did in the wilderness.
3. Avoid the places, screens, conversations, and habits that weaken you.
4. Call a mature believer for prayer and accountability when you are struggling.
5. If you fall, do not hide in shame — repent quickly and rise again.
6. Worship — the enemy cannot stand the presence that fills a worshipping heart.

Reflection Questions

1. Where are you most often tempted? What patterns do you notice?

2. What “way of escape” has God already provided that you are not using?
2. Who can you call when you feel weak?
3. Which piece of the armour of God do you most need to put on this week?

A Prayer

Father, thank You that Jesus has already defeated the enemy on my behalf. Strengthen me when I am tempted. Open my eyes to see the way of escape. Cover me with Your blood, fill me with Your Word, and surround me with Your people. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

The same Jesus who overcame temptation lives in you. You are not fighting for victory — you are fighting from victory. Stand firm; the battle belongs to the Lord.

Chapter 11

Growing Through Discipleship and Service

Opening Thought

Salvation makes you a child of God. Discipleship makes you mature. Service makes you fruitful. God's plan is not just to save you, but to shape you into the likeness of Jesus and to use you for His Kingdom.

Main Teaching

Jesus' final command in Matthew 28:19–20 was not simply to make converts but to make disciples — teaching them to obey all that He commanded. A disciple is a lifelong learner and follower of Jesus.

Luke 9:23 sets the standard: “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.” Discipleship is daily, and it always costs something. But what it costs is small compared to what it produces.

John 15:1–8 teaches that we are branches, and Jesus is the Vine. Without Him, we can do nothing. Abide in Him, and you will bear much fruit. Fruit is the natural outcome of a connected life.

Ephesians 2:10 tells us that we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works which God prepared beforehand. You were made for a purpose. There is something only you can do in your generation.

1 Peter 4:10 calls every believer to use whatever gift they have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace. 2 Timothy 2:2 adds the call to pass on what you have learned to faithful people who can teach others. Be teachable, then be a teacher.

Key Scriptures

- *Matthew 28:19–20*
- *Luke 9:23*
- *John 15:1–8*
- *Ephesians 2:10*
- *1 Peter 4:10*
- *2 Timothy 2:2*

Practical Steps

1. Stay teachable — the day you stop learning is the day you stop growing.
2. Enrol in a discipleship class, Bible study, or mentoring relationship.
3. Learn before you lead. Be rooted before you are released.
4. Begin to serve in small ways — set up chairs, welcome guests, pray for others.
5. Let your character keep pace with your gifting.
6. Submit to godly spiritual leaders who can shape you.

Reflection Questions

1. Where are you currently growing in your walk with Christ?
2. What small area of service could you begin in today?
3. Who is discipling you, and who can you begin to disciple in the future?
4. What attitude do you need to surrender in order to grow further?

A Prayer

Father, make me a faithful disciple of Jesus. Plant me deep, prune me where I need pruning, and let my life bear fruit that lasts. Use my hands, my voice, my time, and my gifts for Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

The world is full of believers; God is calling you to be a disciple. Stay close to Jesus, stay teachable, and your life will become a sermon the world cannot ignore.

Chapter 12

Sharing Your Faith With Others

Opening Thought

You do not have to be a preacher or a Bible scholar to share Jesus. You only have to be honest about what He has done in your life. Heaven has given every believer a story — and your story may be the bridge someone else needs.

Main Teaching

Jesus said in Mark 16:15, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” That command is not for pastors alone. It is for every disciple, including you.

Acts 1:8 promises that you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses for Christ — in your home, your city, your nation, and to the ends of the earth. Witnessing is powered by the Spirit, not by your eloquence.

Look at the Samaritan woman in John 4:28–30. After meeting Jesus, she ran into the town and said simply, “Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did.” She did not preach a sermon. She gave a testimony — and many came to Jesus because of her.

1 Peter 3:15 instructs us to always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is in us — but with gentleness and respect. Witnessing is not arguing. It is loving, listening, and lifting up Jesus.

Romans 10:14–15 reminds us that people cannot believe in One they have not heard of, and they cannot hear without someone telling them. Your voice matters. Your story matters. Someone is waiting for you to speak.

Key Scriptures

- *Mark 16:15*
- *Acts 1:8*
- *John 4:28–30*
- *1 Peter 3:15*
- *Romans 10:14–15*
- *Matthew 5:14–16*

Practical Steps

1. Write out your testimony using the simple model below.
2. Pray daily for at least three people who do not yet know Jesus.
3. Invite them to church, to a meal, or to read the Bible with you.
4. Share Christ with humility, love, and patience — not pressure.
5. Trust the Holy Spirit to do what only He can do.

Reflection Questions

1. Who is the person God is putting on your heart to share Jesus with?
2. What is one thing Jesus has done in your life that you can share?
3. What fears do you need to surrender to God about witnessing?
4. How can your daily lifestyle preach the gospel without words?

A Prayer

Father, give me boldness and love to share what You have done in my life. Open doors and prepare hearts. Send me to

those who are searching. Let my life and my words point others to Jesus. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

You may be the only Bible some people will ever read. Speak gently. Live honestly. Lift Jesus up — and He will draw all kinds of people to Himself.

A Simple Testimony Model

- 1. My life before Christ** — what life was like, what I struggled with, what I was searching for.
- 2. How I received Christ** — the moment I heard the gospel and surrendered my life.
- 3. What Jesus is doing in me now** — changes, peace, hope, growth, new direction.
- 4. Invitation** — “Would you like to know Jesus too? I would love to pray with you.”

Chapter 13

A 7-Day New Believer Growth Plan

Walk through this plan slowly. Take one day at a time. Do not rush. Each day will help you build a simple, healthy rhythm with God.

Day 1

Thank God for Salvation

Scripture Reading: John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Begin where God began with you — at the cross. Today is a day to simply thank God for sending Jesus and for making you new. Do not rush to ask for anything. Just thank Him.

Action Step: Write down three reasons you are thankful that Jesus saved you.

Prayer:

Father, thank You for loving me so much that You gave Jesus for me. Thank You that I am a new creation. I receive your love today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Day 2

Know You Are Forgiven

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:9; Romans 10:9–10

Many new believers struggle to believe they are truly forgiven. Today, let God's Word settle the matter. If you have confessed your sins and believed in Jesus, you are forgiven — completely.

Action Step: Read 1 John 1:9 aloud three times. Speak forgiveness over your own past.

Prayer:

Father, I receive Your forgiveness today. Where shame and guilt still try to whisper, let Your blood speak louder. I am clean in Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Day 3

Begin Talking to God

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:9–13; Philippians 4:6–7

Prayer is not performance — it is conversation. Today, talk to God the way you would talk to a loving Father. Tell Him everything, including the things you have never told anyone.

Action Step: Spend ten minutes in honest prayer using the P.R.A.Y. model.

Prayer:

Father, teach me to pray. I bring You my joys, my fears, my needs, and my future. Help me to hear Your voice. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Day 4

Start Reading the Word

Scripture Reading: Psalm 119:105; John 1:1–14

Today, open the Bible — perhaps for the first time as a born-again believer. Read John chapter 1 slowly. Let the words wash over you. The Word is your daily food.

Action Step: Read John 1 and write one verse that stands out to you.

Prayer:

Father, open my eyes to see wonderful things in Your Word. Let the Bible come alive to me. Speak, Lord — Your servant is listening. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Day 5

Break From the Old Life

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1–4; Colossians 3:1–10

You cannot walk in two directions at once. Today, identify one habit, relationship, or pattern that belongs to your old life and surrender it to God. Trust Him with what you let go of.

Action Step: Make one practical change today — delete an app, end a habit, or set a boundary.

Prayer:

Father, I lay down everything that no longer fits who I am in Christ. Give me grace to walk in newness of life. Replace what I release with Your peace. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Day 6

Connect With Church Family

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:24–25; Acts 2:42

God did not save you to walk alone. Today, take a step toward joining a spiritual family. Reach out to The Good News City Church or a Bible-believing church near you.

Action Step: Send a message, make a call, or plan to attend church this coming Sunday.

Prayer:

Father, plant me in Your house. Connect me to people who will help me grow. Give me a heart for your family. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Day 7

Commit to Follow Jesus Daily

Scripture Reading: Luke 9:23; Philippians 1:6

You have completed seven days of growth — but this is only the beginning. Today, commit yourself again to follow Jesus, not for a season, but for a lifetime. He who began this work in you will complete it.

Action Step: Write a short personal commitment to follow Jesus daily, and sign it.

Prayer:

Father, I commit my life to You — today, tomorrow, and every day. Strengthen me to walk with You faithfully. I trust You to finish what You have started. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Chapter 14

Salvation, Rededication, and Daily Prayers

Below are simple, biblical prayers you can pray any time. Read them slowly. Make them yours. Speak them from your heart.

1. Prayer to Receive Jesus Christ

Lord Jesus, I come to You today as I am. I admit that I am a sinner and I need a Saviour. I believe that You died on the cross for my sins, were buried, and rose again on the third day. I turn away from my sin and turn to You. Come into my heart, forgive me, cleanse me, and make me Your child. From this day forward, I am Yours. Thank You for saving me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

2. Prayer of Rededication

Father, I have wandered, and today I am coming home. Forgive me for drifting from You. Wash me again in the blood of Jesus. Restore the joy of my salvation and renew a right spirit within me. I rededicate my heart, my life, and my future to You. Help me to walk faithfully from this day forward. In Jesus' name. Amen.

3. Morning Prayer

Father, thank You for the gift of this new day. I surrender it to You before it begins. Lead my steps, guard my heart, and use my hands and my words for Your glory. Let everything I do

today flow from my relationship with You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

4. Prayer Before Reading the Bible

Holy Spirit, open my eyes to see, my ears to hear, and my heart to understand. Speak to me through Your Word. Show me Jesus on every page. Give me grace to obey what You reveal. In Jesus' name. Amen.

5. Prayer for Strength Against Temptation

Father, I confess that I am weak in this area, but You are strong. Cover me with the blood of Jesus. Show me the way of escape You have already prepared. Strengthen me by Your Spirit. I refuse to live as a slave to what Christ has set me free from. In Jesus' name. Amen.

6. Prayer to Be Filled and Led by the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, fill me afresh today. Lead me into all truth. Teach me to follow Jesus. Empower me to live a holy life and to bear good fruit. Make me sensitive to Your voice and quick to obey. In Jesus' name. Amen.

7. Prayer for Spiritual Growth

Father, I do not want to stay where I am. Grow me in faith, in love, in wisdom, and in obedience. Root me deep in Your Word. Connect me to Your people. Use me for Your Kingdom. Let my life bring You glory and bear fruit that remains. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Chapter 15

Final Encouragement: Keep Walking With Jesus

Opening Thought

You have come a long way already. But the most beautiful days of your walk with Christ are still ahead. Do not stop now. Heaven is cheering you on.

Main Teaching

The Christian life is a journey, not a sprint. There will be mountains and valleys, days of joy and days of struggle. But Philippians 1:6 promises that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Growth takes time. Do not despise the small beginnings. A tree does not become a forest in a day. Be patient with yourself, but be consistent with God. Daily prayer, daily Word, weekly fellowship, ongoing repentance, and quick obedience — these are the ordinary habits of extraordinary believers.

Hebrews 12:1–2 calls us to run with endurance the race set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Keep your eyes on Him. Not on people. Not on yourself. Not on your failures. On Jesus.

Psalms 37:23–24 says, “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord... though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord

upholds him with His hand.” Even when you stumble, God's hand is under you. He is faithful when we are weak.

Jude 24–25 reminds us that God is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy. Galatians 6:9 adds, “Let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.” Keep going. The harvest is on its way.

Key Scriptures

- *Philippians 1:6*
- *Hebrews 12:1–2*
- *Jude 24–25*
- *Psalms 37:23–24*
- *Galatians 6:9*
- *2 Peter 3:18*

Practical Steps

1. Keep praying daily, even when prayer feels ordinary.
2. Keep reading the Bible, even when you do not feel anything.
3. Keep attending church, even when life is busy.
4. Keep repenting quickly when you fall, and do not hide from God.
5. Stay connected to The Good News City Church and to a spiritual mentor.

Reflection Questions

1. What is one habit you will commit to building over the next 30 days?
2. What is one fear about your future you need to surrender to God?
3. Who will you ask to walk this journey with you?

4. What is God speaking to you most strongly as you finish this book?

A Prayer

Father, thank You for beginning this new life in me. I commit to keep walking with You — through joy and sorrow, success and struggle, mountains and valleys. Hold me by Your hand. Finish what You have started. Use my life for Your glory. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Prophetic Encouragement

Beloved, you are loved beyond measure. You are seen by your Father. You are sealed by His Spirit. Keep walking with Jesus — He has good things prepared for you that no eye has seen and no heart has imagined. The best of your life is hidden in Him. From my heart to yours: walk on, child of God. Walk on. — Prophet Paschal Lamb

My Salvation Testimony

What was my life like before I met Jesus?

How did I come to receive Jesus Christ?

What is changing in me now that I belong to Him?

Now That You've Received Christ... What Next?

My Prayer Notes

What am I asking God for in this season?

Who am I praying for?

What is God speaking back to me in prayer?

Now That You've Received Christ... What Next?

What God Is Teaching Me

What Scripture has spoken to me this week?

What lesson is the Holy Spirit emphasising?

What step of obedience am I taking next?

Now That You've Received Christ... What Next?

Your Next Steps

With The Good News City Church

1. Confirm your salvation decision — pray the salvation prayer if you have not yet.
2. Begin the 7-day New Believer Growth Plan in Chapter 13.
3. Join a Bible-believing church family.
4. Attend new believer discipleship classes.
5. Speak to a church leader about water baptism.
6. Start reading the Bible daily — begin with the Gospel of John.
7. Pray every day, even if only for a few minutes.
8. Share your testimony with at least one person this month.
9. Stay connected with The Good News City Church for ongoing support.

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