

# 7 DAY START

A DAY BY DAY GUIDE TO  
YOUR FIRST 7 DAYS WITH JESUS

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I want to take this opportunity to personally congratulate you, I am so excited you have chosen to allow Jesus to be your Savior. Salvation happens in an instant but developing a deep relationship with Jesus is a process.

At Victory Worship Center, we're passionate about helping you take next steps on your spiritual journey. That is why we have prepared this resource for you. I want to help you understand the relationship that Jesus wants to have with you and learn how to live the amazing life that He has planned for you.

I encourage you to follow each step on this journey:

- Start each day by watching the teaching video. Take notes to aid your memory.
- Read the Scriptures.
- Work through the journal instructions and answer any questions.
- Watch the Final Word video for that day.

My goal for this resource is to help you take the next steps on your journey and walk with Christ. I certainly believe that walking in God's plan for your life will cause a change for the better, and you'll be so glad you did. These steps transformed my life, my prayer is that they transform your life too.

Be blessed,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Waylon Sears". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Waylon" and "Sears" being significantly larger and more prominent.

Waylon Sears  
Lead Pastor

# DAY 1

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SALVATION

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## VIDEO NOTES

Watch the Day 1 video. Use the space below to take notes.

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# DAY 1 // SALVATION

## DAY 1 // KEY SCRIPTURE

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." 2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT*

## DAY 1 // KEY THOUGHT

You have been saved. Your eternal destination is secure because of your new relationship with Jesus.

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### GOD CAME TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU.

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Read the passage of scripture below and answer the questions that follow.

*I passed on to you what was most important and what had also been passed on to me. Christ died for our sins, just as the Scriptures said. He was buried, and he was raised from the dead on the third day, just as the scriptures said. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, NLT*

According to this scripture, what are the three important things about Christ?

1. Christ \_\_\_\_\_
2. He \_\_\_\_\_
3. He \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus wasn't interested in signing up new followers for a new religion. The truth is that He came to have a relationship with you. He came to make it possible to have relationship with you.

How do you feel knowing that Jesus came to have a relationship with you?

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# DAY 1 // SALVATION

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What is this verse saying to you?

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Write down your what your life used to be like before you met Christ.

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Now that you have new life in Christ, what does that mean to you?

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*If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. [Romans 10:9, NLT](#)*

According to this scripture, how are you saved?

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# DAY 1 // SALVATION

## MAKING A DECLARATION

Water Baptism is an open declaration and a step to you experiencing a supernatural encounter with God. It is important to take this next step in declaring your new life in Christ.

*For you were buried with Christ when you were baptized. And with Him you were raised to new life because you trusted in the mighty power of God, who raised Christ from the dead. [Colossians 2:12, NLT](#)*

Baptism is so important. It is a public declaration of your new life in Jesus.

Jesus modeled water baptism as well. Read the scriptures below and answer the questions that follow.

*Then Jesus went from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John. But John tried to talk him out of it. "I am the one that needs to be baptized by you," he said. "so why are you coming to me?" But Jesus said, "it should be done, for we must carry out all that God requires." So John agreed to baptize him. After his baptism Jesus came out of the water, the heavens were opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and settling on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my dearly loved Son, who brings me great joy." [Matthew 3:13-17, NLT](#)*

According to this scripture, why did Jesus say he must be baptized?

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What did Jesus experience when He came out of the water?

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How did God encounter Jesus after the baptism?

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IF YOU ARE READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP  
IN WATER BAPTISM, TEXT "BAPTISM" TO 555888

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# DAY 1 // SALVATION

## PERSONAL REFLECTION

Now that you understand what your new life is all about. What do you hear God saying to you?

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Your salvation is not something that you earned, it is a gift from God through Jesus.

Even if you stumble, come back to Jesus and allow Him to lead you again into relationship with Christ.

# DAY 2

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TALKING WITH GOD



# DAY 2 // TALKING WITH GOD

## DAY 2 // KEY SCRIPTURE

*And he said to them, "When you pray, say" 'Father, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from the evil one.'"*

*Luke 11:2-4, NLT*

## DAY 2 // KEY THOUGHT

Jesus didn't come for religion, but he came for relationship.

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**EVERY RELATIONSHIP WE HAVE IS BASED  
ON GREAT COMMUNICATION.**

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If you and your friends never talked, you wouldn't have much of a relationship.

Think of one of your greatest friendships/relationships. On a scale of 1 to 10, how often do you talk with them.

1 – ONCE A YEAR

10 – EVERY DAY, ALL DAY

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10

Now, think about talking to God. On how a scale of 1 to 10, how often would you say you pray to God?

1 – NOT AT ALL, WE'RE TOTAL STRANGERS

10 – EVERYDAY, HE'S MY BEST FRIEND

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Prayer is how we talk with God daily to build our relationship with Him.

# DAY 2 // TALKING WITH GOD

## PRAYER IS TALKING WITH GOD.

Even if you are not sure that God hears you, you do hear Him because you responded to the invitation to receive new life from Jesus.

Do you believe that God hears you? If so, why? If not, why not?

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There is nothing that we can't bring to God that he doesn't want to hear from you. He wants to hear from you.

God is a loving father. He wants us to bring Him our needs and struggles. He doesn't want us to fret, worry, or be anxious for anything we face. We can trust Him and know that He hears and He cares.

*Give all your worries and care to God, for he cares about you.  
1 Peter 5:7, NLT*

What does it mean to know that God cares for you?

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## PRAYER IS LISTENING TO GOD.

God wants to speak to you. Even though you may think that He is not speaking to you or that you haven't heard him, you did hear when you responded to the invitation to come Jesus, He was speaking to your heart.

# DAY 2 // TALKING WITH GOD

## WAYS THAT GOD SPEAKS TO US.

There are three primary ways that God speaks to us.

### 1. The primary way that God speaks to us is through His word.

Read the following scriptures. Write down what the verse says about God speaking to us.

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27-28, NLT*

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*So, faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17, NLT*

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*Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known. Jeremiah 33:3, NLT*

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### 2. God will also speak through us through the Holy Spirit to our spirit. It won't necessarily be audible but in your heart.

Take a moment to be quiet. Close your eyes if needed. If you have any sound on, turn it down. Listen closely to the Holy Spirit. What do you hear Him saying? Write it down below.

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### 3. God speaks to us in a loving, Father, and gracious tone.

What does it mean to you when you hear that God speaks to His children that way?

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## JESUS TEACHES US TO PRAY.

Scripture tells us that Jesus often went away to pray. Even though Jesus was God, He talked with the Father every day. When the disciples heard Jesus praying, they said, "Lord, teach us to pray."

*Jesus said, "This is how you should pray: 'Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. Give us each day the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation.'" Luke 11:2-4, NLT*

This prayer is often called the Lord's Prayer. It is a model of prayer for how we should seek God in prayer.

#### a. Our Father

When you say Our Father, you are approaching Him as a loving Father, with praise and worship. This is how you magnify God by making Him bigger and see Him as great as He truly is in any situation that you face.



# DAY 2 // TALKING WITH GOD

What problem or situation are facing that you need an answer for? Take a moment to write down a praise to God for the situation.

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## b. Your kingdom come

Here you are praying that his will be done above your will.

Is there a situation that you need God's will to be done over your will or the will of others? Pray the following:

*Father, I pray that your will be done in [Insert the situation here]. I ask that you would help us to desire your will over what we think is best or right. We want Your will for lives and for this situation. In Jesus name, Amen.*

## c. Give us this day

God knows what you need. Bring every need to God. He knows exactly what you need for this day. Ask Him to be the one to take care of you.

## d. Forgive us

Keep your heart right with God. There are times where we might struggle or stumble in our hearts. Take inventory each time you pray that you to see if there is anything you need to be forgiven of and receive the Father's love for you to help you continue and go on.

## e. Forgive Others

Keep your heart right with others - family members, employers, employees. Keep your heart right with other people. Pray and ask God to help you forgive anyone who may have hurt you.

## f. Lead us not into temptation.

# DAY 2 // TALKING WITH GOD

Ask the Lord to protect you from the Enemy and to give you strength to fight the day's temptations that come your way each day.

What does it mean to you to know that Prayer is a vital connection to stay in communication and relationship with God?

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## PERSONAL REFLECTION

God wants to partner with you, but He will not force you to be in a relationship with Him. When we pray, we are partnering with God. Take a moment to write down your thoughts on what it means to have connection and communication with God through prayer.

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# DAY 3

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KNOWING GOD

# DAY 3 // KNOWING GOD

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# DAY 3 // KNOWING GOD

## DAY 3 // KEY SCRIPTURES

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16, NLT*

*For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Hebrews 4:12, NLT*

## DAY 3 // KEY THOUGHT

The Bible will help us to get to know who God is.

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**JESUS DID NOT COME TO EARTH TO BUILD A RELIGION.**

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As we seek to learn God's plan for our lives, the Bible will help because it is alive, powerful and relevant to our everyday life.

The Bible is a collection of God's thoughts, His letters and His passion for us that will help us to learn more about Him and to discover His plan for our lives.

Have you read the Bible before? What was challenging or exciting about reading God's Word?

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# DAY 3 // KNOWING GOD

Or on a scale of 1 to 10, how did you view reading the Bible?

1 – IT WAS BORING OR I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND IT  
10 – IT WAS EXCITING! I LOVED TO READ IT

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10

## HOW DO I BUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS?

God's word is the foundation for building our relationship with Jesus. As we seek to learn God's plan for our lives, the Bible will help us to know God in a deeper way.

Read the scripture below and answer the questions that follow.

*All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16, NLT*

What does it mean to you to know that all of the Bible is inspired by God? Do you believe that? Why or why not?

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What does the Bible teach us?

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# DAY 3 // KNOWING GOD

What is the difference between correction and teaching?

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There are many verses in the Bible that help us in our daily walk with Jesus. Read the Scriptures below. Then, choose one that you can memorize and meditate on for the rest of your 7 Day Journey.

*I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*  
*Psalm 119:11, ESV*

*Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord.*  
*Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts.*  
*Psalm 119:1-2, NLT*

*How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word...*  
*Psalm 119:9, NLT*

*I will hurry, without delay, to obey your commands.* *Psalm 119:60, NLT*

Over the next few days of your study, take some time to write down in journal what God shows you about that Scripture. What do you experience?

## THE BIBLE TEACHES US HOW TO KNOW GOD.

As we seek to learn God's plan for our lives, the Bible will help us because it is alive and powerful and relevant to our everyday life.

*For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.*  
*Hebrews 4:12, NLT*



# DAY 3 // KNOWING GOD

The Bible is a book that is unlike any other book. As you begin to read the word of God, you will find that it will speak to you and you will also learn the heart of God for you.

Have you ever thought of the Bible as a book that is alive?

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Do you agree or disagree that the Bible is relevant to your life?

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## THE BIBLE HELPS US TO FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMY.

The bible is a two-edged sword. One edge works on me; the other edge fights against the enemy. We can use God's word to defeat "Diablos" (the devil) – our accuser, deceiver, tempter who wants to steal, kill, and to destroy from you. He wants to tempt you and draw you away from your relationship with God. He will try and confuse you and create doubt.

The Bible will help us resist the enemy's temptations. Just as Jesus used the Word of God to fight the temptations of the devil (see Matthew 4:1-6), we can also use the Word against him too.

Read the Scriptures below. Take a second to meditate on what these verses are saying to you.

*No weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their vindication from me, declares the Lord. [Isaiah 54:17, ESV](#)*



## DAY 3 // KNOWING GOD

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord , "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust." For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence. He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler. You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness, nor the destruction that wastes at noonday. Psalm 91:1-6, ESV*

*For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy stronghold. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raise against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, ESV*

*Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 1 Peter 5:8-9, NLT*

How do these Scriptures help you win against an attack of the enemy? Take some time throughout the rest of you 7 Day Start journey to meditate. Ask God to show you how to apply them to your life.

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# DAY 3 // KNOWING GOD

## FINAL WORD

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## PERSONAL REFLECTION

As you read the word each day, ask God to show you how the Scriptures apply to your life. Write down what He is saying to you. Believe that every time you read the Word, something is happening in your spiritual man.

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# DAY 4

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EXPERIENCE FREEDOM



# DAY 4 // EXPERIENCE FREEDOM

## DAY 4 // KEY SCRIPTURES

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT*

*So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. Romans 8:1-2, NLT*

## DAY 4 // KEY THOUGHT

Jesus came to destroy the works of the enemy and bring freedom to your life.

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## EXPERIENCING REAL FREEDOM

One of the things that Jesus specifically came to do was to destroy the works of the Enemy. Think of it! Jesus' death on the cross brings you freedom from your past, freedom from the shame, freedom from addictions and hang-ups that we have!

*...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8b-9, NLT*

What about this verse moves you to love Jesus even more?

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When you accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, you became a new creation. It was not a physical new man, but your spirit man has been made new. You are not obligated to do what the flesh wants you to do.



# DAY 4 // EXPERIENCE FREEDOM

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17, NLT*

What does it mean to know that the old has gone and the new has come?

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## WHAT IF I SIN AGAIN?

Even though you are a new creation in Christ, you may experience those moments when the old you will have a desire to do what you used to do. Repeat this out loud, "I am under no obligation to do what I used to do!"

*Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. Romans 8:12, NLT*

If you need to, take a moment to reread that Scripture again. You do not have to go down the old path – even if you think, "Well, this is the way I was..." When Jesus came into your life, He made you brand new!

## CONFESS YOUR SINS.

However, if you do happen to sin, you should immediately confess your sin to Jesus.

*But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John 1:9, NLT*

There is no sin that Jesus will not forgive you for. All you need to do is confess it and bring it to the Lord. When you do confess your sin, He will remove the shame, guilt and pain.

## HIDE THE WORD OF GOD IN YOUR HEART.

# DAY 4 // EXPERIENCE FREEDOM

One of the ways we avoid sin is by hiding God's Word in your heart. Scripture is a deterrent from us to sin.

*How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. I have tried hard to find you— don't let me wander from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*  
*Psalm 119:9-11, NLT*

How can you practically "hide" God's Word in your heart?

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## PERSONAL REFLECTION

Take some time to write down the Scriptures that you have read today and begin to memorize them.

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# DAY 5

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EXPERIENCE FREEDOM  
PART 2



# DAY 5 // EXPERIENCE FREEDOM PART 2

## VIDEO NOTES

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# DAY 5 // EXPERIENCE FREEDOM PART 2

## DAY 5 // KEY SCRIPTURES

*Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. James 3:2-8, NLT*

*The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences. Proverbs 18:21, NLT*

## DAY 5 // KEY THOUGHT

We must guard what comes out of our mouth to live out our new life in Christ.

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## TAMING THE TONGUE

One of the most challenging areas to experience freedom is in the taming of the tongue. Scripture declares:

*Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way. We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches. But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your*

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entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself. People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison.  
*James 3:2-8, NLT*

Why do you think it is hard for the tongue to be tamed as the scripture says above?

Think about Proverbs 18:21 again.

*The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.*

The kind of life that you live in Christ is directly connected to what comes out of your mouth. Your words have power. Your new life in Christ can be victorious or constant defeat by the words that you speak.

Before you came to Christ, what are the things that you used to say? How can you change that now that you have new life in Christ? Take a moment to fill in the table below with your response.

THINGS I USED TO SAY	WHAT I SAY NOW
EX. GOD DOESN'T LOVE ME.	EX. I AM FORGIVEN. I AM A NEW CREATION.

# DAY 5 // EXPERIENCE FREEDOM PART 2

Before Jesus, maybe you were negative, hateful, fearful, always defeated. But, now that you are a new creation in Christ you can choose to speak life. However, we need God's help to change what comes out of our mouth.

The Enemy will always try to get you to speak that you are a failure, you can't live for God, God doesn't love you. But, you can win over the enemy by reading God's word to learn what He says about you and speaking those things He says about you so that you tame your tongue to agree with Him.

Read the statements and the Scriptures below. Take some time this week to memorize and read these Scriptures aloud to remind yourself what God says about you.

## I am a child of God.

*But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12, NLT*

## I am not a slave to sin.

*We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. Romans 6:6, NLT*

## I am chosen by God.

*But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession... 1 Peter 2:9, NLT*

## I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. Psalms 139:14, ESV*

## I am God's workmanship.

*For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10, NLT*

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I am a new creation.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come. 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV*

I have a plan and purpose for my life.

*For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11, NLT*

I am designed for good works.

*For we are God's workmanship (masterpiece), created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10, ESV*

Remember, we must learn to agree with what God says about us. The word of your testimony is what you speak and agree with God. It will help you win against the Enemy.

*And they conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. Revelation 12:11, ESV*

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# DAY 5 // EXPERIENCE FREEDOM PART 2

## PERSONAL REFLECTION

Your life now belongs to God. You are an overcomer! Practice speaking what God says about you for the next week. Then, continue doing so as you go forward in your new life in Christ.

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# DAY 6

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BECOMING A PART OF  
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# DAY 6 // BECOMING A PART OF THE FAMILY OF GOD

## DAY 6 // KEY SCRIPTURE

*Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell and the gates of Hades. will not conquer it. Matthew 16:18, NLT*

## DAY 6 // KEY THOUGHT

Real life change happens in the context of relationships.

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## THE CHURCH

When we accept Jesus, we become part of something that is much bigger than ourselves – it's the church. The church is not a place of perfect people. The church is not a building. It is God's people. Being a part of the church is central to your new relationship with God. Our heart is for you to find family here at Victory.

## WHY BE PART OF THE CHURCH?

### 1. Because the church is Jesus' idea.

*And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:44-47, NLT*

In the early days, the church gathered together in the temple and house to house. They took care of each other's need and shared meals with great joy. What they experienced brought an incredible sense and awe of God that was felt by people both inside and outside of the church.

What has been your idea of church growing up? If it's negative or maybe you had a negative experience, how do these verses change your view?



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2. Because the church is where we get to practice, what the Bible describes, as the “one anothers.”

Read the Scriptures below.

*Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples. John 13:35, NLT*

*Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. Hebrews 10:24, NLT*

*Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you. Ephesians 4:32, NLT*

*I am writing to remind you, dear friends, that we should love one another. This is not a new commandment, but one we have had from the beginning. 2 John 1:5, NLT*

*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 10:25, NLT*

These “one anothers” and fulfilling the teachings of Jesus cannot be done by yourself. You need to be in relationship with other believers.

3. Because we are not called to do life alone.

One of the main tactics of the Enemy is to seek, isolate you and separate you from other believers.

*Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8, NLT*

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Have you ever watched a show on the Discovery Channel™ where you see a lion isolate an easy prey? They usually go after the weak, the young, and the newborns in a herd. In the same way, the Enemy works like this in our life by telling us, "I don't need to be around people."

Things are always worse and always feel worse when you are alone. This is why we need to plug into the body life of the church. Being a part of the church is important. We encourage you to plug in and build relationship with people because you will become like those you around – which is a stronger Christian.

*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 10:25, NLT*

Do you see the importance of being in relationship with other believers?  
Why or Why not?

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If no, ask God to help you if you are struggling with the idea of relationship with other believers. Ask Him to show you why you may be struggling with plugging into the church. He will help you to overcome your fears and join the body life of our church.



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## FINAL WORD

Watch the bonus video. Use the space below to write down your thoughts and notes.

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## PERSONAL REFLECTION

How can you get plugged into the body life of our church? The easiest way is to join a group. We often say, "Victory is not a church of Groups, but a church with groups." Groups is a where you can connect with other believers who will encourage you and you will be used of God to encourage others. If you are ready to join a group, we encourage to log on to <https://vwcaz.groupvitals.com/groupfinder> to find your group. We will never be all that we could be together unless you are a part of the family.

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## VIDEO NOTES

Watch the Day 7 video. Use the space below to take notes.

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# DAY 7 // PURPOSE

## DAY 7 // KEY SCRIPTURES

*For you formed my inward parts, you knitted me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13, ESV*

*For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn. Romans 11:29, NLT*

## DAY 7 // KEY THOUGHT

God wants you to use the purpose that he has placed on you to serve him and to serve others.

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## KEYS TO UNDERSTANDING YOUR PURPOSE

People all over the world struggle with the question, "What is the purpose of my life? What am I here for?"

From the days that we were in our mother's womb, God had created us for a purpose.

*For you formed my inward parts, you knitted me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13, ESV*

Your purpose is found in God. From the beginning of your life, He has written down a plan for you.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."  
Jeremiah 29:11*

Have you ever struggled with the thought of knowing your purpose or the plan for your life? Write down your experience. What did you resolve to do?

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# DAY 7 // PURPOSE

God has a plan for your life. It is up to you to fulfill that plan and purpose. However, God is a loving Father and He will not force us to fulfill that plan. But, His hand is upon our life. He wove within you everything that you need to fulfill that plan – your gifts, passions, talents, personality – to fulfill the purpose He has made you for.

The greatest purpose in your life is to love God with everything that you have. Read the words of Jesus below.

*“Teacher, which is the most important commandment in the law of Moses? Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” [Matthew 22:36-37, NLT](#)*

What does it mean to you to love God with all your heart?

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With all your soul?

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With all your mind?

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# DAY 7 // PURPOSE

## DISCOVERING YOUR GIFTS

God has placed gifts inside you from before the time that you were even born. The greatest use of those gifts is in serving Him and serving others.

*For God's gifts and his call can never be withdrawn. Romans 11:29, NLT*

What are your gifts or talents? How do you currently use them? If you are not using your gifts or talents, why not?

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How could God use your gifts and talents now to serve Him and to serve others?

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How do you think God wants to use your gift in the local church? (If you don't know, write a prayer asking God to reveal how He wants to use your gift to serve Him and others in the church.)

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God has placed gifting and passions inside of you. Our job is to discover, sharpen, and use our gifts to serve God.

# DAY 7 // PURPOSE

Do you have a sense of the incredible things that God wants to do through your life through your relationship with Him? Write down your thoughts.

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## FINAL WORD

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## PERSONAL REFLECTION

We get to decide what kind of life we will build. You will build it either by building selfish pursuit of things or building a life serving others. Take some time this week to discover how your gifts and callings can be used for the greater purpose that God has intended for you.

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