

Seven Faith-Building Questions



**The Starting Your Day With Jesus
LIFEstyle Series**

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The Book Introduction

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Using The Truth/Prayer Pages

Jesus will be teaching you a truth then lead you into praying for that truth. Each page has power truths and power prayers. Today read about the purpose of Power Truths. Then, tomorrow read about the purpose of Power Prayers. From then on, you will read three Truth/Prayer Pages each day for five days. Please read the purpose of Power Truths today. NOTE: This is a five-day program; you skip Saturday and Sunday.

The Purpose Of “Power Truths”

Week One Day One

What Is Your Original Purpose?

This introduction is used in all the “Starting Your Day With Jesus *Lifestyle Series*” studies and prayers. If you have read this introduction before, it may seem repetitious. But, it is vital that you stay aware of where Jesus is taking you and what you are doing to get there.

What kinds of people are you having to deal with every day? Do you find that, as a Christian, it hard to do what Jesus wants your relationships to be? With the kind of people you have to deal with, how does He expect you to treat people with unity, truth, compassion, fairness, and love? How do these things work in business, dating, marriage, a family, or with an enemy or adversary? How do you take what you learn in the Bible and apply it to the way you live life? How do you do it in such a way it actually empowers you to succeed in life in a better way than ever before? You and Jesus will be able to solve these issues together here.

Does The Bible Help With Your Life?

Have you ever read a requirement in the Bible, and wondered what would happen if you applied it to your business or a relationship? What would happen to your business or your friends if you went around just telling them the truth? It can look like you would be a lot more successful if you mainly concentrated on your needs, likes, preferences, and interests. To start loving others and concentrating on their needs, can appear to hurt your goals, plans, and future; but, it actually enhances them. Wisdom from Jesus will make the difference.

What makes you win in life? What causes people to want to be around you? Why would someone want to do business with you, marry you, be your friend, or stop being your enemy? What kind of a person would you need to be to win at life and it make you and those around you happy. What is Jesus, the truths of the Bible, and Christianity offering that would make your life so much better that you wish you had lived that way all of your life?

Did You Know There Are Two *Lifestyle*?

There are two approaches to life; one involves dishonesty and the other involves honesty. One involves selfishness and the other involves love. One involves goals that end at death and the other wins now and in eternity. One involves loving things and using people and the other involves loving people and using things. One involves following the teachings of the world and the other involves following the teachings of Jesus. The thing about these two lifestyles is, one abuses people and the other blesses, helps, befriends, and cares about people.

Would You Like To Grow With Jesus?

What if you are already too busy to add one more thing to your life? What if you already have a full schedule? What if you are already doing as much as possible trying to have a relationship with God? Why would you add something like this to your busy schedule?

It's true you can't just stop your life to let Jesus teach you. But, would reading and praying over three pages a day really be that hard? Rather than a simple "thought for the day" or some self-help concept, what if Jesus took you into steady, continued growth in your relationship with Him? What if He took you into incredible principles and taught you how to succeed at everything you do? Studying a truth and then praying and asking Jesus to put it in your life is a powerful way of making your life so much better than it has ever been.

How Is The Bible Relevant To Your Every Day Life?

What about your life? Would you like Jesus to teach you how to succeed in a business, a marriage, a family, a career, or your life? Are you willing to let Him help you grow in your relationship with Him? Have you ever considered how wise Jesus is? What would happen if you included Him in all the decisions of your day? He will help you think of incredible things that will enhance your plans. You can simply read and pray through three pages a day for five days a week and Jesus will help you learn how to walk and talk with Him all day long.

What about your happiness? Have you ever thought a certain thing or person would make you happy and it didn't? Have you ever got something that made you happy for a while and then it gradually lost its excitement? How would you like Jesus to guide you into those things that bring true happiness that lasts for a lifetime? How about starting your day *with* happiness?

What Is Your System For Life?

What is life all about? Jesus and the Bible are like turning on the light in a dark room. Most people are trying to "feel" their way through life. They are trying to imagine and guess what life is all about. They find themselves going down dead-end paths, running into obstacles, and falling over things they weren't able to see. Jesus is the light of the world. He illuminates the issues and circumstances you face so you can see and understand what you are dealing with. This is called *truth*. On each page, you will be letting Jesus teach you a truth and then empower you to pray and invite Him to put it into the attitudes, character, and behavior of your life. That is worth the little time it takes to read and pray three pages a day.

Do You Know What Causes You To Win Or Lose?

What about your success? Did you know there are certain areas of your *attitudes* and *character* that are causing you to win or lose at life? These two things are Jesus' priority. He knows that if you have bad attitudes, you will fail. How is your character? You may feel like your attitudes and character are pretty good. Have you ever dealt with a person who seemed to be unaware of their faults? Their people-skills were poor; but, they didn't seem to know it. It is difficult for you to see your own faults. Jesus will lovingly and gently help you improve.

Who do you like? Do you like those who are trying to use you to get what they want? Do you like those who lie to you so you will meet their needs? Do you like those who will cheat you, if they think they can get by with it? Do you like those who talk down to you because they think they are superior to you? Improving your attitudes and character are how Jesus helps you treat people the way you like being treated. When they find out that you are real and trustworthy, it becomes much easier for them to be around you. Jesus wants to teach you how. Win/win relationships are all about doing to others what you want them doing to you.

Your Team

Jesus' people are praying that you are blessed in a special way. They are praying that you have a close relationship with Jesus.

People Are Praying This For You:

Eph 1:16-17 (NIV) I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. I keep asking that the God of your Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may **GIVE YOU the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.**

Eph 1:18-19a (NIV) I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for you who believe.

Eph 1:19b-21 (NIV) That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Note: Your Life-Map Record Sheets are at the end of this book. It is very helpful for keeping a record of where you left off. It would be good to print it and keep it filled out as you progress through these chapters.

The Purpose Of “Power Prayers”

Week One Day Two

Living Life For A Purpose

How Do You Turn Information Into A Lifestyle?

If you were a hoarder, you would fill your house with all kinds of things. They may be very useful; but, you would have forgotten why you obtained them. Working on your LIFeStyle is about *using* what you learn, and *living* life as God gives it to you. This keeps you from just “hoarding” a bunch of information.

Let’s say you got a degree and was licensed as a professional. What if you worked at a fast-food place, getting minimum wages, while getting your education, degree, and license? But, suppose you kept working as a fast-food worker after you paid the price, learned the information, earned the degree, and were licensed to take advantage of your training. You didn’t make the changes in your *lifestyle*. Jesus’ methods keep this from happening.

What Makes Jesus’ Truths Different?

Have you seen people going on a strict diet, lose a lot of weight, but later gain it all back? They didn’t make dieting and exercise a part of their lifestyle. Your *lifestyle* is *permanently* changed by you “doing what it takes” to get where you need to go so you can continue *living* there. By exposing yourself to Jesus’ principles, you develop a *lifestyle*.

How can Jesus take three-page chapters and turn those principles into a new *lifestyle* for you? First, He helps you understand His truths. Then He helps you ask Him to put those truths into your life by providing you relevant prayers based on those truths. Plus, He helps you be thinking about what you studied and prayed about. All during your day, He helps you see how you can use His principles in your daily life.

How Does Jesus’ Life Help Your Life?

A baby goes through many stages in becoming an adult; they try to pattern their life after adults. If they saw how much smaller, weaker, and untrained they were, they might get discouraged and not try. You have been born again; this time you were born into the family of God. You started out as a spiritual infant. As a beginner child of God, you are to become a mature, trained, adult child of God. Jesus will help you grow into all these things.

Jesus is your pattern for adulthood; But, you must see Him as your example. Jesus is the Creator of the universe; He is God; of course He is able to do what He did. As a spiritual beginner, you may see how small, weak, and untrained you are; you may not be willing to try. You may not know you are to be a spiritual adult someday by following Jesus’ examples and training. Jesus can get you ready to live in God’s Kingdom by helping you now.

What Is Jesus Trying To Teach You?

If a baby doesn't innately know *the reason* they have a small version of an adult body, they won't develop properly. They must desire to watch, practice, grow, and gradually learn how to live life as an adult. You are never going to be God; but, you *are* a child of God; you are to watch Jesus, practice, grow, and gradually learn how to live life as a spiritual adult. Jesus IS God; but, it is *still* His desire to show you *how* to live His adult, Jesus-life as a child of God.

You were born as a human so you could have a body and a life to be trained with. It is a limited life because your attitudes and character haven't been developed to a place where you can be trusted with supernatural, God-sized power. If you yield to Jesus' training, your attitudes and character will be developed properly. Then Jesus will *gradually* give you opportunities to work together with Him. He and you will be able to train and help those around you to experience Jesus' power and truths in their life.

Are You Ready To Learn How To Live The Jesus-Life?

Ask Jesus to help you understand vital truth issues. Like in the rest of these things in this book, spiritual understanding only comes from Jesus. If you read and understand these things, you can be sure it is because Jesus is empowering you to understand. If you read and don't understand, all you have to do is ask Jesus to help you understand. If you pray and still don't understand, then ask Jesus to help you bring it back up when He is ready to explain it to you.

1. Be Born Into It

John 3:3 (NIV) In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." You know what human birth looks like; it is a small version of a human, starting out for the first time on this planet. They usually have all the physical equipment, but, don't know how to use it or take advantage of it. They have a lot of growing to do physically, mentally, spirituality, and in experiences. They have a long way to go to be an adult human; but, they seem to have the desire, hope, and determination to get the job done.

You were born again; your second birth made you God's child, a member of His family, and a citizen in His Kingdom. Now you need to allow all of this become a reality in your heart and mind. You *know* you have been born into it. Now allow Jesus to help you know the other things you need to know.

2. Know You Are Born Again For Eternity

1 Pet 1:23 (NIV) For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. Being born again is different from being born as a human. The human "seed" of your parents produced a life that is **perishable** and heading for death. You do all that growing physically, mentally, and in experiences; but, if you aren't born again, you lose it all at death. Being born again through the "seed" of God is **imperishable**; you live forever. But like human birth, you have some growing to do; you start from spiritual infancy and mature into an adult child of God.

3. Trade Your Human Life For Jesus' Life

Gal 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ life in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me. If you want to, you can spend all your time learning how to succeed as a human. If you do, you will forfeit your eternal Jesus-training. As an untrained Christian, you will enter into eternity with very little spiritual skills, abilities, experiences, or training. Your opportunities will be extremely limited. However, even if you only give Jesus a few minutes of your time each day, He will use it to help you succeed now and for eternity in many ways.

As a child of God, you have some growing to do. Jesus will help you learn to live in the spirit realm where your Father lives. As a new born-again beginner, you don't know much about this new realm. But, Jesus provides you examples through His life and teaching. He will teach and show you what an adult child of God looks like. It will take a lifetime to learn; but all of it will work now and last for eternity. Let Jesus show you how to trade your life for His.

4. Trade One Lifestyle For Another

John 14:12 (NIV) I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

What if a young child didn't see their parents as someone they were to pattern after? What if they thought they could never be like them? That is what happens to a lot of Christians. They don't understand the *lifestyle* Jesus is trying to give them. Yes, Jesus is God; but, He lived His life as a human, spiritual adult. He did it so you can accept His *lifestyle* as yours.

5. Trade One Inheritance For Another

Rom 8:17 (NIV) Now if you are children, then you are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed you share in His sufferings in order that you may also share in His glory. What if you see the Bible and Jesus' life as not have anything to do with your life now? How would it affect your life if you knew your life now was influencing your eternal inheritance? What if you found out that you could be making investments in eternity by living a certain way here? Did you know that your success here affects your success in eternity?

6. Appreciate Your New Birth And New Inheritance

Now if you are children, then you are heirs: What did you inherit when you became a child of God? **Dear friends, now you are children of God, and what you will be has not yet been made known. But you know that when He appears, you shall be like Him, for you shall see Him as He is (1 John 3:2).** Just like a human child will automatically grow up looking a lot like their parents, there are parts of you that are automatic in Christian growth. But, there are skills, knowledge, experiences, abilities, and training your parents have that you didn't get.

7. Take Advantage Of Your New Birth And New Inheritance

Now if you are children, then you are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ: Not all of Christianity is automatic; a human baby inherits their characteristics from their parents. But, what they do with them is up to them. That is the way Christianity is; you inherited God and His provisions. That is automatic; but, what you do with all this is the next big issue.

You aren't here just to learn how to live as a human, you are mostly here to learn how to live as a spirit being. You are to let Jesus use the things you learn about living as a human to teach you about living as God's child. You have applied yourself to learning a lot about being human; and, you have applied yourself to learning *how* to live as God's child. Now it is time to start *living* as a child of God.

8. "Do What It Takes"

If you need a drink, you have learned how "to do what it takes" to get one. If you need to chew some food, you know how to do it. If you need to pick something up, you have learned the process of accomplishing that. But, do you know how to hunger and thirst after righteousness? Do you know how to "chew" spiritual truths? Do you know how to move spiritual issues from one place to another? Learning how to walk in the Spirit, digest God's truth, have eyes and ears that can see and hear what Jesus is teaching, is what you are dealing with now.

A Prayer For You To Always Pray For Yourself And Others

Jesus' people are praying Ephesians 1:17-23 for you. It contains such vital requests before God that it has converted into a prayer for you and those around you. As others pray it for you, please join them by praying this modified prayer for yourself and your friends.

I keep asking that the God of my Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give me the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that I may know Him better.

I pray also that the eyes of my heart may be enlightened in order that I may know the hope to which He has called me, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for me, who believes. Jesus, help me see, know, and understand the hope, the riches, and this power.

That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills everything in every way. Jesus, I ask that I would receive a full revelation and vision into all this power that is available to me; and, I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

It would be good for you to pray this prayer for yourself and those around you regularly.

The Seven Faith-Building Questions

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Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter One Questions That Open The Door To God Through Faith

Week One Day Three

What Are The Benefits Of Faith?

Jesus is teaching you how to get the blessings, provisions, healing, and power of God. If you want to establish a close and loving relationship with your heavenly Father, you have to do it through the pathway of faith. Faith is the acceptance of the fact that He is totally honest, truthful, and filled with integrity. When He says something to your thoughts, feelings, or through the Bible, you *believe* it because you *know* He doesn't lie.

Jesus, if I have a problem or need and I come to God in prayer, help me understand that *the only way* I am going to get my prayer answered is through a faith-relationship with my heavenly Father. Make it clear to me that if I don't trust Him or believe He is telling me the truth, then it hurts my relationship with Him. But, teach me that I can't just decide to have this kind of faith; the faith I am looking at here isn't a human characteristic, skill, talent, or ability. Help me see that this faith only comes through You and the Bible.

What Is True Faith?

Heb 11:1 (NIV) Now faith *is being sure of what you hope for and certain of what you do not see*. Jesus' type of faith "**is being sure of what you hope for.**" How did you become sure? Through Jesus and the Bible giving you a special type of faith. This is a faith that empowers you to base your life on the truth of God. It is a faith that *gets you* those things you were only able to desire, wish for, and hope for.

Jesus, teach me that Your type of faith is being "**certain of what I do not see.**" But, what makes me certain? Help me understand that You and the Bible speak a confidence, a knowledge, and a certainty into my mind and heart. Show me that it makes me **certain** about my relationship with the love, grace, mercy, and trustworthiness of my heavenly Father. Help me believe that it is me being able to see what I couldn't see before. Teach me how it works.

Why Do Answers To Prayer Come?

2 Cor 4:18 (NIV) So we fix our eyes *not* on what is *seen*, but on what is *unseen*. For what is *seen* is temporary, but what is *unseen* is eternal.

When you first start out in your relationship with God and His spiritual things, the reverse of this Scripture is true. You start your relationship with Him having your eyes fixed *only* on what is seen, *and not* on what is unseen. We, as humans, have learned to only believe what we can experience with our five senses. If it can't be proven to your satisfaction through them, then you simply don't believe it.

Jesus wants to help you believe things you can't see. When you do, those unseen things become visible and tangible to you as answers to your prayers. When these unseen things become visible and "real," you get miracles, supernatural blessings, and solutions in your physical world.

Jesus, teach me that my answers to prayer come from the invisible realm. That which I could *not* see before, is made visible, tangible, and real. That which I did not have before, I have in my physical world. However, show me that with Your type of faith, it started out being real and tangible *to me* in the invisible realm *before* it became physical and tangible in my natural, visible realm. My spiritual five senses saw it before my five senses of the physical world did.

What Is True Faith?

Heb 12:2 (NIV) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. You don't start with your focus, attention, and expectations locked onto Jesus. If you need something, you typically use your natural systems to get it. If you or others can't provide it, *only then* do you start wishing, hoping, and trying to believe in the supernatural provisions of God. It is then that you *experiment* with crying out for God's help. But, that is a powerless, faithless, and failing way of life; Jesus wants to show you a better way.

Jesus, show me that if I joined a professional football team without physical preparation or knowledge of the sport, I would get hurt or maybe even killed the first time I went out onto the field. But, I often wait until I face some impossible situation before I decide it is time to go to work on my faith. Help me see that, that is why so many Christians face failure, disappointment, frustration, and relational problems with their heavenly Father.

What Is The Focus Of The Believer?

We fix our eyes *not* on what is seen: Why would you do that? You do it because what is seen isn't always what is best and beneficial for you. Also, what is seen isn't all that is available for you. There are a lot of *invisible*, supernatural, miraculous things that your heavenly Father can provide for you; and, they are things you desperately need.

We fix our eyes *not* on what is seen, but on what is unseen: Jesus, help me see that "We" represents the people who get *results* from their relationship with You. Even though there is a way for me to get some of what I want by manipulating the visible world, it is best to get them through You. Show me that, that is because, if they come through You, I know they are the very best things for me; You filter everything so I only get the very best.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Two

Questions That Open The Door To God Because Of Faith

Week One Day Four

What Is True Faith?

Heb 11:1 (NIV) Now faith *is* being *sure* of what you hope for and *certain* of what you do not see. Your first attempts at faith are to try to convince yourself. You try to believe by trying to do whatever it takes to accept God and the Bible as telling you the truth. You try to believe it is true; you try to accept the fact that the Bible and God are telling you the way it is. But, no matter how hard you try, you find yourself having moments of doubt. You give it your best efforts and still don't get the positive answers you are praying for.

Jesus, help me learn how to look to You for a life of faith. Teach me how to be **sure** and **certain** without it being human reasoning. I am used to trying to convince myself of what I think are truths. I am used to trying to use my own faith and confidence to believe things. Help me give up my system of believing those things I need to believe.

Where Do Answers To Prayer Come From?

2 Cor 4:18 (NIV) So we fix our eyes *not* on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. Not only can you not use your own faith to believe in and for the things you need from Jesus, you can't see a lot of them. As you look around you, you see things you "think" you need. The things you see are the motivators for what you desire, strive for, work for, pray for, and try to believe for; but, they aren't always what you need.

Jesus, You have taught me that I don't know what I should be praying for. I thought that You meant I didn't know which of the visible things I saw should be prayed for. I thought You were saying I didn't know when, what, or how much of these visible things I should be asking for. But now, I understand that You are talking about many things that are invisible to me. You are talking about things that I don't even know exist. Help me understand that You have things I need that I can't even imagine.

Where Does True Faith Come From?

Heb 12:2 (NIV) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of your faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Jesus is your **way**, your **truth**, and your **life** into the things that you desperately need but can't see (John 14:6). When you are looking for the **way** to solve something, when you are trying to find out what the **truth** is concerning some issue, and when you are trying to make a **life** for yourself, it doesn't come natural for you to look to Jesus for these things. You often consult yourself, other people, or world principles.

Jesus, help me realize that You know the right **way**, You know the **truth** about everything, and Your life is the **life** I really need. Help me see You as the solution to all my questions, problems, and goals. Help me believe in the right **way**, the real **truth**, and the best **life**. When I received You into my life, I got the One Who is the **way**, the **truth**, and the **life**. You are my **way** into the invisible things of God. You are the **truth** about the invisible things of God. And, You are the **life** that gets and benefits from the invisible things of God.

What Is My *Way* Into The Invisible Realm Of God?

So we fix our eyes *not* on what is seen, but on what is unseen: Jesus told you that He is your access into the invisible realm of God. **Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me (John 14:6).”** Every answer to every need starts out being invisible to you. Even if you can see the answer as being some job, some money, some object, or some person, you having that job, money, object, or person is something you don’t yet have. You having it or them is still an invisible aspect to you. You don’t physically have it; it isn’t in the visible realm of you possessing it. But, when God answers your prayer positively, it happens; it shows up in the physical realm; it becomes visible to you; it goes from the invisible realm to the visible realm.

Jesus, help me understand this pathway through You into the invisible realm. Help me understand that, as You speak faith into me, You are making the invisible become visible. Teach me how to live in the spirit realm where this principle changes my physical life.

What Is My *Truth* Into The Invisible Realm Of God?

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith: When you fix your eyes on Jesus, you **fix your eyes *not* on what is seen, but on what is unseen.** Jesus’ life is a true representation of what the invisible looks like. As you read the Bible and see the life of Jesus in the Gospels, He shows you what the invisible looks like and how it operates. The whole Bible is from Jesus. Through it, He is telling you what the invisible things of God are all about. Through Him and His Word, you start *seeing* into the invisible realm of God. The truth about God and all His provisions are made clear to you.

Jesus, help me study the Bible with faith; open my heart to everything it says. Let me believe it with Your faith. Help me stop and allow You to tell me what to believe about each word in Your Bible. Speak faith into me so I can be **sure** and **certain** about everything it is trying to create and transform in me.

What Is My *Life* In The Invisible Realm Of God?

For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal: When you **fix your eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of your faith**, your attention moves from the **temporary** to **eternal** life. The invisible things of God pour into your visible, temporary life and get you ready for **eternal** life. Every decision, every idea, every relationship, and every situation start to bring success now and counts for all of eternity.

Jesus, help me learn how to get the invisible things of God into the visible aspects of my life. Help me learn how to get a flow of the invisible things to become a major part of my temporary and eternal life. Lead me into getting my eyes so fixed on You that I cooperate with You concerning all those invisible things I need. Help them be brought into this visible life I live so I can benefit from them myself and benefit those around me.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Three

Questions That Open The Door To God's Invisible World

Week One Day Five

Why Is Jesus' Type Of Faith Important?

Suppose you work very hard, get the money, and buy a house. But, what if you didn't do this through talking with, planning with, and believing in God. There can be problems with the location of the house and hidden issues within it. The price of the house can be so much that it puts you into slavery to the house; the house can have major problems that use up your money. You don't know everything; you can't control the circumstances surrounding the house.

Jesus, help me see that I don't know what is *really* best for me; but help me relax in the fact that God knows everything and can do anything. I don't just want a house, I want happiness, freedom, success in life, and many other positive things. But, show me that I won't find out if the house provides or assists me with those things until *after* I buy it. But, through Your faith, I can know *before* I buy a particular house.

Fixing Your Eyes On What Is Unseen

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus: Why fix your eyes on Jesus? You focus on Him because He loves you more than you love yourself. It was vital for Jesus to die for you so you could be saved and so you could *see* how much He loves you. **John 15:13 (NIV) Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.** You fix your eyes or direct your attention on Him because He has the wisdom, power, and love to make sure you ask for and get the best.

Let you fix your eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of your faith: Jesus, there are a lot of things I don't see; I can't see You. But, teach me that there is a way for me to fix my eyes on You. I can't see what is the very best for me or would give me a wonderful future. But, help me know that there is a way for me to only get those things. I can't see what would make me happy and successful; but, help me understand that there is a way for me to find out before I choose the wrong things. I can't see which principles and concepts will give me a victorious life. But, show me that there is a way for me to be able to see them and live by them. Help me examine those things that can help me start *seeing* into the invisible realm.

What Two Kinds Of Faith Help Me See The Invisible?

The Author and Perfecter of your faith: Jesus gives you two types of faith to help you see things you could not see before. They help you be able to live a successful and enjoyable life. *You* mostly want to use the faith that gets you the *things* you need and want. But, there is a faith that helps you enjoy your relationship with your heavenly Father. It is actually the main type of faith; it is the faith that makes the other type of faith possible. The most important faith is called relational faith; and, the secondary faith is called provisional faith.

Jesus, teach me that when I fix my eyes on You, it means I put my *focus* on You. Help me give You my attention and concentrate on You. Show me that both types of faith come through You. You gives me Your relational faith in my heavenly Father. And, You give me faith for things or provisions (provisional faith). Help me see that when I pray for something, *if* and only if You speak faith into me, do I get a special power. It is a faith that empowers me to believe I have what I have been praying for. Then will I get my answer from God.

What Causes A Difficult Moment In The Relationship?

What if Jesus refuses to speak faith into you for something you really want and think you need? Then relational faith (faith in God) helps you *know* He loves you more than you love yourself. And, you *know* He *would* give you provisional faith for it, if it were the right thing for you. If you lack relational faith, you will get mad at God and think He is failing you. Let Jesus show you the seven questions that help you have this relational faith in your heavenly Father.

Greater Love Has No One Than This

Seven Faith-Building Questions

You are about to allow God's love for you prove that you *should* have or need to have total, relational faith in Him. He is asking you seven questions that you are to use The Seven Biblical Principles on. You must always keep in mind that neither relational nor provisional faith are human traits, skills, talents, or abilities. Both types of faith come from Jesus Who is **the Author and Perfecter of your faith**; He starts it and He keeps making it stronger and better.

Jesus, help me believe that relational and provisional faith can only be spoken into me by You and Your Bible. Show me that sometimes You speak relational and provisional faith into me by speaking to my thoughts and emotions. Other times You speaks to me through the Bible. When this happens, let me get a supernatural ability to *know for a fact* that You have, are, or will be doing something special with me, to me, in me, for me, and through me.

Relational And Provisional Faith

The *main* purpose of the Seven Faith-Building Questions is to generate *relational* faith in you. This is a foundational faith that establishes a faith-relationship with your heavenly Father. This isn't a faith for something; it is a faith in God. This faith has to exist first before anything else happens between you and God. It is a faith that helps you believe in Him, trust Him, rely on Him, and depend on Him. It was how you were *able* to get saved.

Help me understand that my first faith in God came through You using someone to speak relational and provisional faith into me through the good news message. That message created a special and powerful faith in me. Help me see that it was vital in order for me to be empowered to accept Your salvation and God's love. Help me remember that powerful faith.

Faith That Caused You To See The Invisible

Rom 10:17 (NIV) Consequently, *faith comes from hearing the message*, and the message is heard *through the word of Christ*. Faith for salvation was your first experience with Jesus speaking faith into you. That made Him the **Author...of your faith**. Now **the Author...of your faith** is being the **Perfecter of your faith**. Faith in new birth was *for* a provisional thing...salvation; in other words, Jesus *provided* salvation. But, it was based on a relational faith *in* Jesus for salvation; you received a relationship with God.

Jesus, help me see that salvation was invisible to me. I couldn't *see* what salvation was at first. Then the good news message helped me *see* the benefits, the solutions it would bring, and the relationship I needed. Then, help me understand that through faith, the invisible became visible in my life. Teach me that this is the way the rest of my Christian life works.

It's Just Business

Suppose someone had a product that you knew worked; but, you didn't trust the person selling it. You may go ahead and buy that product; but, you would require a lot of proof every time you did business with them. You would have to have contracts, receipts, inspections, and guarantees. Your only relationship with that person would be on a business level. You may not like them or even want to do business with them. You wouldn't care about them; you would just want what they were selling.

Jesus, help me not try to have a business relationship with God. Help me not just want what He has to offer, want to be able to do business with Him, want to do what it takes to get what I need from Him; but, not care about Him or about having a relationship with Him. Help me see that God is all about relationships and refuses to work with me on a business level. Help me get a relational faith by developing a close and loving relationship with Him. Then after that, let me start to get provisional faith from You for the specific things God provides.

This Is To Build A Faith-Relationship

If you need something you don't think you need, or are trying to get something that would hurt and damage you, you would be trying to get Jesus to give you provisional faith. But, relational faith would be the *only* thing that would protect you and help you get your real needs met.

Jesus, let relational faith build a relationship with God so I don't just *use* God for getting the *provisional* things I want and then walk away. Teach me that all of Christianity is about me having a relationship with God, myself, and other people. Show me that my relationship with God is the only thing between me and the mistakes I typically make in life.

The Faith-Relationship

Here's how God wants your faith-relationship with Him to be like:

Mark 12:30 (NIV) Love the Lord your God *with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.*

Faith Builds A Love-Relationship With God

Your relationship with God all starts with faith and then grows into this kind of love. First you yield to these seven faith-building questions to see, understand, and *feel* God's love for you.

1 John 4:19 (NIV) We love *because He first loved us.* If you don't first feel and understand God's love for you, you will struggle with loving Him back. As these seven questions help you see His love for you, it empowers you to respond to Him in love.

Faith Builds A Love-Relationship With Yourself And Others

Mark 12:31 (NIV) The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these. Jesus, help me see that it is all about relationships with God, myself, and other people. Teach me that The Seven Faith-Building Questions, if applied to my life by The Seven Biblical Principles, will lay a relational foundation of faith that will transform and fill me with love.

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Things That Open The Door To God's Invisible World

Week Two Day One

Relational Faith

John 15:13 (NIV) Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. God loves you; but, there are a lot of people who don't know He loves them. There are those who have heard that He loves them but don't feel it. There are those who have been told He loves them but don't believe it. There are those who are trying to believe He loves them but just can't seem to get enough proof concerning His love. Unless Jesus speaks relational faith into you, there will never be enough proof, experiences, Scriptures, or evidences to change your mind and your heart; only Jesus can help you feel and know you are loved.

Jesus, I am learning more and more how much I need You. I failed at many of the things I thought I should be able to do as a Christian. I wanted to yield to God's love; I wanted to have total faith in my heavenly Father. But, I am now learning that I need to apply The Seven Biblical Principles to all these and many more issues. Help me to desire, study and learn, pray and ask for, look to You for faith to believe, yield to Your love, take faith-action on the basis of the fact that You have given me relational faith. And then, thank You for it.

The Source Of Relational Faith

Heb 12:2 (NIV) Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of your faith, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Experiencing God's love must be more than it being poured into your heart. **God has poured out His love into your hearts by the Holy Spirit, Whom He has given you (Rom 5:5b).** But, you need **the Author and Perfector of your faith** to help you feel it, know it, take advantage of it, and share it with others.

Jesus, I believe Your Word that Your love has been poured into my heart. But, I struggle with taking advantage of it all the time. Help me know it, feel it, and then help me share it with those around me. It is through Your faith, as You speak it into me, that I am able to feel and respond to this great love that has been poured in me. Let Your faith empower me to take advantage of it. Perfect my faith to such a degree that none of Your love is wasted on me.

The Author And Perfector

Rom 10:17 (NIV) Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. This word of Christ is a word that means spoken; it is a Greek word, "rhema" that is something that is spoken into you through the voice of Jesus. This verse describes your authoring experience at salvation. You may think that your decision to accept Jesus did it; but, your decision just opened the door for Jesus to speak faith into you. Jesus did all the saving, justifying, forgiving, and speaking faith into you so you would be able to believe you *have* salvation and justification.

Jesus, You wanted to start me out experiencing Your "rhema" spoken faith. You wanted it to become a part of my lifestyle and my relationship with You. But, because I didn't understand what happened to empower me to believe and accept You, I went back to believing in myself. Help me remember how it all happened so I can take advantage of Your authorship of my faith. Then help me start looking to You for more and more faith to believe in God's love.

The First Reason For The Authoring And Perfecting

Mark 12:30 (NIV) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. If this is just a command, then you have an impossible assignment. It isn't impossible because you feel God isn't that lovable; it's impossible because you don't know how. You can think of a lot of "reasons" why you *should* love God. But, your heart and mind never seem to be able to yield to and act on this fact.

Jesus, I know I have God's love in me through Your Holy Spirit; but, it sometimes lays dormant in me. Help me love You with all my heart, with all my soul, with all my mind, and with all my strength by Your power. Help me hear You speak Your power of faith into me as You create the ability for me to love You. Help me not just hear this as a commandment that puts the responsibility on me. Help me believe You are speaking and creating this truth in me right now. You alone can activate this love in me through Your faith.

The *Third* Reason For The Authoring And Perfecting

Mark 12:31 (NIV) The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these. Jesus is speaking faith and creation through these two verses. This isn’t just information for you to learn; it is the Creator of the universe speaking truth into you as you read this. You can’t do what you are told; you can’t obey what you are commanded; you are only able to do what you are. If you don’t yield to these verses and allow Jesus to speak faith, power, transformation, and creation into you, you will live inadequately because you *are* inadequate for the assignment; creation has to take place first.

Jesus, You are empowering me to live the commandments of the Bible. Enable me to read the Bible in faith; give me Your faith to believe that You are creating these things in me. Then help me learn from Your Holy Spirit how to take advantage of all these Scriptures You have created in me. Empower me to be led by Him, controlled by Him, and have the mind-set to only want the desires He has. Let me love You and my neighbors with the love of God. Create in me all those things I need so I can do it.

The *Second* Reason For The Authoring And Perfecting

Mark 12:31 (NIV) The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these. You received God’s love in your heart so you could *be* loved. You can’t *love* until you have *been* loved. You are going to be loving your neighbor *as yourself*. If you don’t feel God’s love *in* you, your neighbor won’t feel God’s love *from* you. To the degree you feel and know you are loved, is the degree you will *be able* to love your neighbor. To fulfill the third thing, you have to have the second thing fulfilled.

Jesus, help me not see my being loved as selfishness. Help me see that the more I yield to being loved, the more I am able to love. I receive, as an experience, this love You have poured into my heart. I open my life to it so You can start it flowing into all the areas of my heart. Heal all the wounds, melt all the barriers, tear down all the walls, and make my heart whole. Empower me to yield to Your love so I can feel it, know it, and be healed by it.

The Relationship

Mark 12:30 (NIV) Love the Lord your God *with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.* It sounds like you are doing all the loving here; but, that is not the case. God already loves you with His supernatural love. The problem in your relationship with God is, you struggle with being able, willing, and trained on how to love Him. The relationship really opens up, as you learn *how* to *use* His love to love Him *with*.

Jesus, help me yield to the training of the Holy Spirit. I know I have God’s love in my heart; but, I don’t seem to know the truths that lead me into taking advantage of it. Help me be led into the ways for me to give my heart, soul, mind, and strength to it. Work with me, teach me, take the controls of my life and steer me into the ways of love. Open my heart, soul, mind, and strength to a complete surrender to Your love. Get me ready to be fully trained in all its potential, power, attitudes, character, and reality.

The Seven Faith-Building Questions

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Week Two Day Two

You are now ready to start digging deeper into The Seven Faith Questions. You have learned what they are all about through the Truth Paragraphs. You have prayed the prayers that prepare you for being able to apply them through the Prayer Paragraphs. Now, let Jesus start exposing you to them so He can create faith and success through them.

STEP ONE: *Know* How To Respond To God's Love

Question One: Rom 8:31a (NIV) What, then, shall you say in response to this?

What Do *You* Want?

What, then, shall we say in response to this: This is a question based on your free will; it is asking you what you are *willing* to say and do. No one can decide for you; *you* must answer it and the rest of these questions based on *your* desires. Are *you* willing to allow *your* heavenly Father to build a close and loving relationship with *you*? Are *you* willing to learn how to trust, believe, rely, and depend on Him based on this love relationship?

Jesus, since God isn't willing to develop a business relationship with me, help me tell Him that I *want* to learn how to believe in Him and His trustworthiness. Help me *use* this question to tell Him I want to learn how to **love Him with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my mind and with all my strength**. Help me apply The Seven Biblical Principles to this question, so it will prepare my relationship with Him. Help me do that so I will be able to yield to and answer all the rest of these questions sincerely and correctly.

What Do *You* Need?

John 8:36 (NIV) So if the Son sets *you* free, *you* will be free indeed. We all have walls, defenses, barriers, restricted areas, doubts, and suspicions in our heart. You may have stopped *allowing* yourself to feel a love for anyone. You may have been hurt too many times by too many people to be willing to open your heart anymore.

Jesus, heal me so I will be able to feel a deep, intimate love for my heavenly Father. Empower me to believe in Him, trust Him, depend on Him, and rely on Him. Take me by the hand and lead me through these seven questions for as long and as often as it takes. Help me understand the importance of this relationship, because God does.

What Are *You* Willing To Say?

What, then, shall we say in response to this: Jesus, I want to be free from all the damage, hurt, and abuse that have caused me to stop being able or willing to feel love. I want to take this first step and tell You that I want and am willing to yield to You speaking relational faith into me. Help me learn to believe in Your honesty, integrity, and trustworthiness so I can learn how to yield to Your love.

James 3:2 (NIV) We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. From this verse you can see that what you say is vital to you being able to “steer” yourself into the faith of Jesus. Your mouth and tongue provide you with the opportunity to control the direction you go.

Gaining Control Over Your Life

You all stumble in many ways: You are faced with errors in judgment, bad decisions, incorrect treatment of yourself and others, and many other areas where you make mistakes and do things that hurt you. You may try to learn from your mistakes, determine to do better next time, and hope that you can live a better life. But, hope, wishful thinking, and human determination aren’t the answer to a better life.

If anyone is never at fault in what he says: Jesus, help me learn how to start saying the right things. Since the Bible tells me that, that procedure will navigate me, steer me, and direct me into a way of life that has less and less mistakes, errors, failures, and mishaps. But, my problem is knowing how and having the power to **never be at fault in what I say.** Help me!

Setting A Goal

If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check: None of us are perfect; but that doesn’t keep you from making it a projected goal. If you can respond to these seven faith-building questions in the right way, it won’t make you perfect; but, it will start heading you in that direction. If you just give up on striving toward perfection, then you have given up on improvement. You have also limited what Jesus is able to do for, in, with, and through you.

Steering Toward That Goal

If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check: Jesus is using this study, on getting your faith built up, to head you into the process of faith-action. Jesus is moving you from just believing that He is telling you the truth to actually basing your words and deeds on it. He will use faith-action to take the invisible things you are praying for and bring them into the reality of your life.

Jesus, help me join You in faith-action so we can make my body start living on the basis of the fact that God has given me what I prayed for. As You speak faith into me for something, empower me to base my life on it. But, sometimes this is a scary and difficult move to make. Teach me how to steer my body in taking faith-action by saying those things that admit God has done His part. Help me say it out loud to You, me, and others so my heart can hear it.

The Small Steers The Big

James 3:3-5 (NIV) When you put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey you, you can *turn* the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are *steered* by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go. Likewise the tongue is a *small* part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a *small* spark.

What, Then, Shall You Say In Response To This?

As you go through the rest of the seven faith-building questions, what you **say in response** to them will make all the difference in the world as to where you and your body end up in life.

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Week Two Day Three

STEP ONE CONTINUED: *Know* How To Respond To God's Love

Question One: Rom 8:31a (NIV) What, then, shall you **say** in response to this?

James 3:2 (NIV) We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, *able* to keep his whole body in check.

From Stumbling To Success

We all stumble in many ways: This is you making the wrong decisions, basing your life on the wrong philosophies, setting the wrong goals, and getting involved in the wrong things. When you **stumble**, your life goes into things that hurt you and those around you. But, you don't just **stumble** in a few ways; you **stumble in many ways**.

Jesus, it is good to start seeing how to take faith-action and begin living on the basis of Your truths. My mouth and tongue have been out of control for a long time. I say things and then wonder how I ended up where I am. I didn't know my tongue was steering me into failures, dead-end streets, pitfalls, and pain. Help me learn how to apply this principle of controlling my mouth. Help me not try to take this principle and use it with my own skills, talents, abilities, reasoning, and effort. Help me yield to You and Your training on this matter.

From Fault To Success

We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault: Stumbling and being at fault are basically the same thing. We're the ones who stumble; and, we're the ones who are at fault. But, controlling what you say can look like you finally found something *you* can control. You can reason that you just need God to give you a handle, a control mechanism, a steering wheel, or a system *you* can use. You can think that if He would show you how, you would do better.

Jesus, help me stop trying to impress You with what I can do. Help me stop looking for ways I can steer my Christian life. Show me how to look for what You can do to help me direct this life. Set me free from faith in myself; set me free from human and world training that cause me to want to accomplish something on my own. Join me in bringing my mouth and tongue under Your control so I can take my first steps of faith-action through what I say.

From Words To Success

We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says: How are you *ever* going to *never* be **at fault in what you say**? The whole Bible is like this; if you don't read it as God's Book, you will get discouraged, depressed, frustrated, hopeless, and defeated. This is talking about perfection; and, only God is perfect. But, that is exactly what you are looking at and reaching out for. You want Jesus' perfect life to flow in and through you to others.

Jesus, Philippians 4:13 says: **"I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength."** Teach me how to yield to You and Your strength. Empower me to answer these seven questions with words from You. Help me start speaking those words You want me to say. Help me yield my mouth to Your thoughts and feeling. Let me speak those things that steer me into the places You want me to be.

Perfect Success

We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man: If you are going to keep on stumbling and being at fault in what you say, there is no hope of you answering these seven faith-building questions the right way. And, if you don't answer them the right way, you will fail at life. The more you stop stumbling and being **at fault in what you say**, the more perfection you get. The more perfection you get, the more success you experience in life. But, the answer to this dilemma is *asking* Jesus to flow through you.

Jesus, a lot of times my mouth is out of control. I find myself saying things that I know I shouldn't say. I also say things that I later find out weren't correct. I know that You could have helped me avoid all that stumbling and being at fault. Show me how to yield to You, Your thoughts, Your feelings, and Your words. Help me believe in Your perfection; let it start to flow into me. Help me say those things that steer me toward Your perfect life. I know I will never be perfect; but, I ask for You to help me steer in that direction.

Having A Body That Succeeds

We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body: You learned in Romans 7:15-25 that your major problem is your body. You were exposed to the creative power of Jesus in Romans 12:1-2. There He spoke creative faith and power into you **to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God**. Now He is ready to help you with your mouth so you will be able to take faith-action with it and live on the basis of what He has done for you.

Jesus, I see that You are creating all the right things in me so that I am ready to start steering my body into Your kind of success in life. Each thing You teach me is leading me in more and more of Your Jesus-life. Take me through these seven faith-building questions and help me say those things that steer me into a life built on You. I realize that my answers to these questions must be real, sincere, true, and from my heart. Only You can empower me to do that! I seek Your help, Your training, Your power, and Your transformation for this.

Getting True Success

We all stumble in many ways. If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check: Only God is qualified to determine when your body is **in check**. He has presented all the information and commandments for you having your **whole body in check**. You are used to deciding whether or not you have, are, and will do “the right things;” but, that decision isn’t yours to make. **Never being at fault in what you say** is an evaluation that God alone can make. Keeping your **whole body in check** is an accomplishment that only Jesus can give you; He has to bring you into saying the right things.

Jesus, I can see why I have been having so much trouble living the Christian life. I can see that I have been trying to decide what was the right and the wrong things to say. And, I was trying to give myself the power, abilities, and skills to live up to them. Help me start from the very beginning and allow You to *tell* me what the right things are to say; then help me say them. Give me You and Your life; permeate my life and help me know what is right and wrong. I will then have You guiding my mouth and tongue into the right things; this will steer me into Your life being my life.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Seven

Opening The Door To God’s Invisible World Through Knowing

Week Two Day Four

STEP TWO: *Know God Is For You*

Question Two: Rom 8:31b (NIV) If God is for us, who can be against us?

What Do You *Really* Need?

If God is for us: Your heavenly Father is *for* you and is on your side; He loves, respects, and cares about *you*. He represents and stands for your best interests; He is devoted to your wellbeing. He is standing in your corner, and has accepted you as His child. He feels protective and responsible for you being safe, provided for, and successful. He is committed to watching over you and all you are and need. He even knows the number of hairs on your head.

Jesus, as I allow You to use these seven questions to build my faith, trust, dependency, reliance, and success in my heavenly Father, let that relational faith open my eyes to the fact that God is for *me* as an *individual*. *Since* God is for me, help me feel, think, and *talk* about all my needs, issues, and problems in a faith filled way. Help me direct my mouth and tongue in the right direction. Help me not yield to thoughts, feelings, and words that “steer” my body away from faith and success in my God, Who is for me.

What, Then, Shall You Say In Response To This?

Are you willing to accept the fact that God is for you? Has Jesus’ sacrifices and death on the cross convinced you? Are you willing to apply The Seven Biblical Principles to this issue until you *know* that God is *always* for you? You must never forget that this faith-building question isn’t trying to build up your human faith. You are looking to Jesus to use this question to build your spiritual faith. You are looking to Him to help you start *saying* the faith things.

There are two parts to this issue:

1. Jesus, help me come to the place where *I* believe and know for a fact that God is *always* for me. Help me stay here and keep applying The Seven Biblical Principles until I allow You to speak relational faith into my heart, mind, mouth, and actions. And, if there is ever a moment when I struggle with faith again, help me come back here and do it again.
2. Jesus, once I come to the place where I know for a fact (believe) that God is for me, make me ready for the second aspect of “**if God is for me.**” I now *say*, “*Since* God is for me,” I now know He is. Until I have reached this point, show me that the next issue won’t have any real meaning. Show me that, “**who can be against me**” is totally dependent on “**if God is for me.**” Help me steer my mind, heart, and body into this truth by saying that He is. Teach me how to keep steering my life this way.

Spend time with the God, Who is for you. **If you believe God is for you**, then your heart opens to faith from Jesus that ***no one can be against you***. Therefore, the first faith issue you have to get from Jesus is that **God is for you; let Jesus help you keep saying it for the rest of your life: “God is for me.”** Let it keep preparing you for the second miracle of faith from Jesus that ***no one can be against you***. Now, let Jesus help you keep saying: “No one can be against me.”

Steer Your Life Into *The God Who Is For You*:

- Mat 19:26 (NIV) Jesus looked at them and said, “**With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.**” Now say it out loud with your mouth: “***With God all things are possible.***”
- 2 Cor 9:8 (NIV) And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. Now apply this truth to your life by saying it about you: “**And God is able to make all grace abound to me, so that in all things at all times, having all that I need, I will abound in every good work.**”

- **Mat 28:18 (NIV)** Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.” Now accept *this* truth about the God Who is for you: “Jesus, You hold **all authority in heaven and on earth.** No one can overpower me because You are more powerful than all of them.”
- **1 John 4:4 (NIV)** You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One Who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. Now admit that this is also true of you: “I am from God and have overcome them, because the One Who is in me is greater than the one who is in the world.”
- **John 3:16 (NIV)** For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in *Him* shall not perish but have eternal life. Accept this on a personal level: “GOD, You so loved me that You gave Your one and only Son, I now believe in *Him* and shall not perish but have eternal life.”

You just steered your life into God Who is for you. You admitted with your mouth that He has, is, and will do all these things for you. You accepted them as the truth *for you*. You allowed them to enter into what you believe. This prepared your heart for all attacks, battles, issues, decisions, and plans you have. Keep saying these things as a part of your life. Allow Jesus to empower them as you say them. Let Him speak faith through them into your heart and mind.

The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are more powerful than anything or anyone that exists. And God has the greatest *sacrificial* love for you than any in existence. He demonstrated that He is for you; so, who can be against and defeat you? You must ask this every time you pray, every time you face an issue, every time you make a decision, and every time you find yourself being afraid or doubting. Pray and allow God to complete this work in your heart and mind. Take each word in “**if God is for you, who can be against you**” and invite God’s truth into you.

What Do YOU Want?

If: Heavenly Father, I *know* You are for me because Jesus spoke faith into me. I ask You to help me keep growing in that knowledge so I can *say*: “Since You are for me.”

God: Heavenly Father, help me see how real, loving, gracious, merciful, and powerful You are. Help me allow You to be God in my life, my needs, and my circumstances. Help my faith, from Jesus, so see Who You are that I relax in Your care and *verbally* agree with You.

Is for: Help me understand and have such relational faith that I am able to act on the basis of what it means for You to be **for** me. Open the eyes of my heart and understanding so I can see what great love, provisions, and power come from You being **for** me.

Us: Heavenly Father, help me see this “**us**” as including me as a part of it. Let me know You care specifically for me as an individual as well as a part of Your family. Help me have a *personal* relationship with You that feels and understands what it means to be Your child.

What Do *You* Say?

Who can be against us: Once you *know* (believe in) Who God is, you can better answer this part of this question. Once you have the first part settled, the second part takes on greater and more powerful meaning. Once you see the love, authority, power, and greatness of your God, you see how powerless and ineffective your problems, issues, needs, and struggles are. You are able to compare God with them and see Him as the total answer to them.

Who can be against us? Jesus, help me respond to this question: “**What, then, shall I say in response to this?**” Help me see that the right, Biblical, and God answer is, “No one!” But, help me make that answer *my* answer. **What, then, shall I say in response to this?** I *desire* to give You the right answer; help me take these things I am *studying* and *praying* for and use them to say, speak, and give the right answer. Empower me to fix my eyes on You and allow You to speak faith into me so I can *believe* I have and am speaking out the right answer. Help me know I have God’s *love* and am speaking the right answer for the purposes of love. Now, help me start taking *faith-action* with my tongue and mouth saying: Since **God is for** me, no one **can be against** me. I *thank* You for hearing and answering this prayer.

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Week Two Day Five

STEP TWO CONTINUED: *Know* God Is For You

Question Two: Rom 8:31b (NIV) If God is for you, who can be against us?

Now, let Jesus give you a look at the God Who is for you. Once you have received the faith from Jesus to believe you have the answer that, since **God is for you**, no one **can be against you**, you are ready to see *why* and *how* no one **can be against you**. As you see what it means for God to be **for you**, it gives you Biblical truths that Jesus uses to speak faith into you. You just need to read, believe, and speak these truths out of your mouth as a part of faith-action.

The God Who Is For You

1. God Has The Right Kind Of Possibilities

Mat 19:26 (NIV) Jesus looked at them and said, “**With man this is impossible, but *with God all things are possible.***” If God is for you but didn’t have what it takes to help you, then you are still in the same condition you were. He would have a loving attitude but that’s all. You don’t know Who God is without the Bible explaining Who He is. If Jesus hadn’t told you that **with God all things are possible**, you wouldn’t know how vital it is for God to be for you.

Jesus, I want to respect, appreciate, honor, and relax in Who God is. Help me not just have the information that all things are possible with You. Empower me to know it through the eyes of Your faith in my heart. Expand my commitment to this truth; help me see it all from a supernatural view. Help me read each verse as being Your Book of creation and power.

2. God Has The Right Kind Of Character And Attitudes

2 Cor 9:8 (NIV) And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. If God could but didn't want to help you, you would still remain in your struggles and situations. Since God is making **all grace abound to you**, then the God Who is for you is demonstrating that He is for you by giving you gifts.

Jesus, You are making **all grace abound to me**. Help me understand what all that means. Help me understand and live on the basis of the fact **that in all things at all times, I have all that I need**. Help me use this fact to be empowered to **abound in every good work**.

3. God Has The Right Kind Of Authority

Mat 28:18 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me." It is illegal to use power where you don't have the authority to use it. You may be a policeman in one city; but, that doesn't give you the authority to do police work in another city. You would have to get permission to use your powers in that other city.

Jesus, the fact that *You* are for me makes all the difference in the world. Nothing in heaven or on earth can exercise jurisdiction or authority over You. You and our heavenly Father are one; You and He are for me. Help me take faith-action and live my life on the basis of that fact. Flow through me into the life of those around me who are open to You.

4. God Has The Right Kind Of Power

1 John 4:4 (NIV) You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One Who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. If God had the power, the authority, the character and attitudes, but never *shared* them with you, you would be loved by a wonderful God. But, you would be omitted from the victorious, successful, and supernatural work He does. You have learned that God wants to share Himself and His provisions to all who will allow Him to change their attitudes and character. All you have to do is *desire* it, *study* and learn what it is, *pray* and ask for it, keep your eyes fixed on Jesus so He can give you the faith to *believe* you have it, take *faith-action* through the power of God's love, and *thank* Him for it.

Jesus, You and the Holy Spirit are living inside me giving me a special relationship with You. You are for me so that I can join You in having a winning at life. Teach me how to join You in being an overcomer. I give You control, so You can show me how it is accomplished. I yield to You, so You can live this life through me as a training for me. Let me watch You in action so I can learn firsthand how to live the overcoming process. Be my Lord, Savior, Tutor, Mentor, and Instructor by You living with me, in me, for me, and through me.

5. God Has The Right Kind Of Eternity

John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. It would be wonderful for God to be for you every now and then. Any help you could get from Him would be awesome. But, God is for you all the time and for all of eternity. All He is and all He has is inherited by you for eternity. He will always be the one and only God; and, He allowed you to inherit Him.

Jesus, Your generosity is beyond anything I can comprehend. Help me see this eternal love relationship You are making available to me. Let it fill my heart and mind in such a way that it empowers me to love You and appreciate You more and more. Help me cooperate with You, yield to You, believe in You, give myself over to You, and be able to get ready for Your eternal relationship.

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Week Three Day One

STEP THREE: *Know* The Greatness Of God's Gift

Question Three: Rom 8:32 (NIV) He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all--how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

What Is God WILLING To Do?

He Who did not spare His own Son: You just looked at the love, power, and authority of God; you saw what God was *able* to do. Now you are looking at the attitudes and desires of God. You know God *can* because no one and nothing can stop Him. With this question, you know God *will* because He has already demonstrated His willingness.

Jesus, when I get in a situation where I doubt God's *willingness* to help me get what I need, ask me question three. Since God's willingness is the issue I often struggle with, help me with it. I have received faith from You that convinced me that God has the power and authority to help me; but, I struggle with whether or not He will.

God's Love Is The Answer Concerning His Willingness

Rom 5:8 (NIV) But God *demonstrates* His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. When you **were still** a sinner, you certainly didn't deserve anything from God. If you think God bases His decisions on whether or not you deserve it, then this love-action by God shows you that isn't true. You need to ask Jesus to help you forget about the issue of whether or not you *deserve* His help; you need help with the concept of gifts.

WILL God Help Us?

- **John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.** Jesus first, help me open my heart to and say with my mouth that all good things come from my heavenly Father as *gifts*. Teach me that I will resist Your faith concerning what God is willing to do, if I don't see that all God's provisions are based on being gifts.
- **John 3:17 (NIV) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.** Jesus next, help me open my heart to God's attitudes; He *only* gives *good* gifts. I have experiences where I asked for something and He didn't give it to me. Show me that one reason could have been that it wasn't *good* for me. Help me always keep in mind that God's *intention* is for me to only get good.

Jesus, You were a good gift; but, in God giving that good gift, there were people who ended up being condemned. What was God's intention, attitude, and purpose for sending You? Show me that it was for good; but, *we* can turn it into a bad thing. I can reject that which was given to me as good. Help me see that, that *rejection* would turn the good intention of God into a bad thing for me.

- **John 3:18 (NIV) *Whoever* believes in Him is not condemned, but *whoever* does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.** Jesus, teach me that as much as is possible, God will simply not give me good gifts that I would turn into bad things. If I need a car, a house, money, a job, or anything else that I would *use* to hurt myself, God would *first*, start giving me all those things that would change my attitudes and character. That helps me not turn good into a bad thing. *Then*, once I had my heart and mind healed and was ready for a car, a house, money, a job, or anything else, He will give it to me.

Jesus, teach me that God had to send You into this world. He did it even though some people would turn His gift into condemnation on themselves. He refused to cheat me just because some would use it to bring on themselves condemnation or separation from Him for eternity. Help me see that His attitudes and character provided eternal life for everyone; but, He honors *everyone's* God-given free will to accept it or reject it.

Ultimate Love For You

He Who did not spare His own Son: When you are about to have to make a sacrifice of one thing or another, you weigh each thing out and decide what you love the most and keep it while sacrificing the lesser thing. However, there is no one God loves more than His Son; but, He loves *you* just as much.

Jesus, I thank God that He didn't put You on the scales and me on the scales and decide I wasn't worth the sacrifice of His One and only Son. Help that be all the proof I will ever need. But, help me see that with my human reasoning and human faith, I will *not* be able to base my life on that proof. I ask You to speak *Your* faith into me so I can get the full impact of this verse. I need it *before* I will be able to *know* this about my heavenly Father.

The Ultimate Sacrifice For You

But gave Him up for us all: You need to stop reading the Bible as applying to everyone else. The word “**all**” here brings things down to you personally. God gave Jesus up for you as an individual because He **gave Him up for us all**. But, “**all**” must not cause you to see yourself as some insignificant person in a large group. God doesn't see you as a person in a group of people; He required you to come to Him as an individual. *You* had to accept Jesus as *your* Lord and Savior for *yourself*; *you* and He established a *personal* relationship.

Proof That He WILL Meet Your Needs

How will He not also: This question is being asked of *you*; since He went ahead and sacrificed His only Son, since He made such a tremendous and absolute decision in *your* favor, what *good* thing will He withhold from *you*? That gives you something to apply The Seven Biblical Principles to. That gives you the ability to bring this issue before Jesus so He can empower you to desire to understand and feel the full impact of this truth.

Jesus, reveal to me that studying brought this truth to me; now help me pray for the faith from You to believe this truth is strengthening my heart and mind. Show me that it is revealing God's tremendous love for me. And, it is opening the door for me to confess it with my mouth as the first step of faith-action. Teach me to always confess these things with my mouth. Help me realize that until I confess it, I haven't steered myself into Your provisions.

Along with Him: Just like faith only comes through Jesus and His Bible, every *good* thing you get will be coming **along with Him**. Your heavenly Father's attitudes, that inspired Him to give Jesus **up for us all**, is the same attitude He has for all the relational and provisional faith you will receive through Jesus. If God didn't spare Jesus from you, then He won't withhold any other *good* thing from you. You can ask Jesus to speak faith into you for believing this truth and *know* you are praying for something He *wants* to *give* you.

Grace Brings Gifts Of Love

Graciously give us all things: Grace has to do with gifts; you must understand your grace-relationship with God. *Only* gifts come from Him; if you assume you got something from Him for any other reason, you have stepped out of faith into wages, earnings and what you deserve.

- **Eph 2:8-9 (NIV) For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God--not by *works*, so that no one can boast.** Jesus, teach me that it all started out with gifts; and it continues to be gifts throughout eternity.
- **Rom 6:23 (NIV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.** Jesus, help me understand that I work for wages; I graciously get gifts. **Rom 4:4 (NIV) Now when a man works, his *wages* are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation.** Help me see that God will never owe me anything; it is through grace, faith, and love. Help that bring great thanksgiving from my heart.

What Do *You* Want?

God has an *unlimited* supply of everything; all He has to do is speak and anything He says comes into existence. He can make everything a gift because it all comes easy and unlimited to Him. You can't "break" the bank; you can't "overload" the system; even Jesus, the one thing He only had one of, He made to be free for you. If He requires that you simply believe in His honesty and integrity to get them, then He isn't asking too much; He isn't trying to get you to earn them.

Heavenly Father, settle it in me once and for all that, if You didn't spare Jesus, Your own Son, then there is nothing *good* You will withhold from me. Let this be settled in my relationship with You in total, constant relational faith from Jesus. Help me never doubt this again.

What If...?

Okay, you get Jesus' faith that God will only give you things that are good for you. But, what if you don't like that thing God sees as being good for you? **Rom 8:28 (NIV) And you know that in *all* things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.**

Jesus, sometimes things happen that I don't like; but, help me realize that through Your faith, I know it is *working out* for my good. Empower me to speak, *out loud*, the principles of this verse and help my heart and mind accept the end result *that is coming*. I don't know how You are going to take the situation and *make* it turn out good. But, You have given me a powerful relational faith in my heavenly Father. So, I say: "I know that in *all* things God *is working* everything out **for** my *good*! I trust Him and His plan for me."

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Ten

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Greatness

Week Three Day Two

STEP THREE CONTINUED: *Know* The Greatness Of God's Gift

Question Three: Rom 8:32 (NIV) He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all--how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

What Is God *Willing* To Do?

He Who did not spare His own Son: You have seen that God wants everyone to be saved but some use their God-given free will to keep that from happening. You have seen that there are things God wants to do for you; but, because of improper attitudes and character, He can't give them to you until these issues are solved. So, this could cause you to feel frustrated, hopeless, helpless, and resentful. You can see your attitudes and character as being something that will "always" hinder you from getting good things from God.

Jesus, my attitudes and character aren't too difficult for You. Help me look to You for the *desire* to get them fixed so You will lead me into the *study* of Your Word for the answers. Empower me to *pray* for Your help with them. Help me fix my eyes on You for the faith to *believe* I am being healed in my attitudes and character. Help me feel Your *love* that is working miracles in them. Take me step-by-step into *faith-action* that is based on better and better attitudes and character. And then, help me be *thankful* for Your mighty work in them.

What Is God Helping You With?

He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all: Since improper attitudes and character are keeping you from getting a lot of the good things of God, what good thing is God doing to help you? **He...did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all.** Salvation, justification, and sanctification all came through God not sparing **His own Son**. There are a lot of things you may try to use these seven questions on. You may want money, possessions, positions, power, prestige, popularity, pleasure, and accomplishments. And you, as a Christian, may want them through God. But, God will want you to have *good* attitudes and character first. **But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well** (Mat 6:33).

Jesus, I often want to go straight to my goal or objective. I try to find as many shortcuts, timesaving methods, and bypasses as will get me to *my* objective faster. I often fail to see the importance of those things You have put up as priorities. I fail to understand why those things I want aren't just as important as those things You are working on. Help me see through Your eyes; help me trust You with those things I don't yet respect. Lead me into those things that are important to You. Give me Your way of life as my way of life.

Why Is God Helping You?

He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all--how will He not also: This isn't just God trying to convince you of His faithfulness. God is faithful; God is loving; God is kind; and God is gracious; but, God is also wise. He isn't going to make such a great sacrifice and then let it be wasted. This was a huge sacrifice; and, God is going to make sure it produces great results. God is helping you because *Jesus, His Son* made this great sacrifice for it.

You aren't trying to desire, study, pray, believe, love, take faith-action, and be thankful so you can get God to be willing to do something. Getting things from God isn't because of problems in God. If you could understand and feel how much God wants to give you every good thing, you would be ready to let Him change your attitudes and character. **"How will He not also"** is laying out the impossibility of God squandering such a great sacrifice.

Jesus, help me be set free from just wanting to get these issues of attitudes and character over with. Help me not just yield to You so as to be able to get on with those things that are important to me. Give me a deep desire to be healed, transformed, and trained in my attitudes and character. Let them be a priority and necessity in me like they are in You.

How Is God Helping You?

He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all--how will He not also, along with Him: You have seen people get money, possessions, positions, popularity, power, prestige, pleasure, and accomplishments to use, abuse, cheat, and hurt people. Those people who get these *things* before they get righteousness, will kill, steal, and destroy people. Jesus is requiring you to turn your life over to Him for training, transformation, and spiritual growth. Only those who allow Him to live His life through them will be able to see, learn, and get transformed into people God can trust with *things*.

Jesus, give me a living example of how attitudes and character are obtained and lived. Take the driver's seat of my life and let me see You in action in me. Teach me that the best way for me to learn is with You taking the controls, being my example and pattern. Help me yield, join, cooperate, and give myself to You for the full training in spiritual growth.

Being Transformed, Trained, And Helped Through Jesus

He Who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all--how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things: When you allow Jesus to live His life in and through you, God will **graciously give you all things**. If He **graciously** gave you **all things** outside of Jesus rather than **along with Him**, some *very* bad things would happen to you and those around you.

Life in and with Jesus is the only way you will *ever* be able to get money, possessions, positions, power, prestige, popularity, pleasure, and accomplishments with true success. You will *never* be perfect in this life; you will *always* make mistakes, misunderstand things, and have failures in your attitudes and character. But, if you are under the *direct* supervision of Jesus, righteousness will dominate much of what you get from God.

Jesus, I have been wanting a lot of things for my life. I have prayed and asked for things that I now realize would have hurt me and those around me. I have gradually learned that I am not to be trusted with money, possessions, positions, power, popularity, prestige, pleasure, and accomplishments. But, if I yield to You, You can handle them in me. Help me be successful; but, with true success. Let me be under Your leadership, Lordship, and training. Help me get healed in my attitudes and character so you can work together to use *things* to help people.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Eleven

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Forgiveness

Week Three Day Three

STEP FOUR: *Know You Are Free From All Charges*

Question Four: Rom 8:33 (NIV) Who will bring *any* charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God Who justifies.

“Who” Includes Your Charges Against Yourself

Who: By applying The Seven Biblical Principles to the above three questions, you are now committed to yielding to Jesus speaking relational and provisional faith into you. Through His faith, you know God is all powerful and nothing is impossible for Him. And you know He loves you so much He will **graciously give you all things**. But, sometimes you see yourself and your bad words and deeds as being the reason God won't **graciously give you all things**.

Jesus, Satan speaks doubts into my mind and heart; he is trying to get me to believe I don't *deserve* being given the great things of God. Bad circumstances happen to me that seemingly indicate I *must* have done “something” that has caused God to not want to help *me*. I think, feel, say, and do things I think had to have caused God to refuse to help me anymore. When I feel these feelings or think these thoughts, help me ask myself this fourth question and then allow You to give me this answer: **“It is God Who justifies.”**

Two Types Of Charges

Who will bring *any* charge:

PEOPLE CHARGES: You know you can't just go out and do things wrong on purpose and not have to pay the consequences. When you do this, people have the right to bring charges against you. They aren't false charges; they are charges that you deserve to be punished for. This is where you have to make a distinction between yourself, people around you, and God.

GOD CHARGES: Your relationship with God is different from your relationship with people (including yourself). Jesus' salvation brought you into a totally righteous, pure, holy, godly relationship *with God*. However, it takes sanctification (spiritual growth) to change your relationship with yourself and other people; spiritual growth is what you are working on now.

PEOPLE BRINGING CHARGES AGAINST US TO GOD: You and other people can sincerely, honestly, and justifiably bring charges against you. You are *still* hurting yourself and other people during this grace period of God. But, God will *not* consider them sins that separate you from Him. It is true that you **do what you do not want to do**, and you **agree that the law is good (Rom 7:16)**, But, your record remains clean, pure, and righteous *with God*.

Jesus, You helped me do an in-depth study on this clean-record issue in the book "Victorious Christian Living." The Scriptures in it helped me see what this grace period is all about and how to take advantage of it. Show me that this question: "**Who will bring *any* charge**" is talking about me or other people bringing a charge *to God* against me. Such a charge, if possible, would separate me from God's forgiveness and love. I might be guilty in my relationship with people; I might be found guilty in court. But, help me always believe that I will *not* be found guilty in my relationship with God, for as long as I don't do it on purpose.

Want Or Don't Want

Against those whom God has chosen: Who does God choose? He chooses those who *want* Jesus and His salvation. Let Jesus show you how God's choosing system works.

First, God Chose Everyone

John 3:16 (NIV) For God so loved *the world* that He gave His one and only Son, that *whoever* believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

"Whoever" includes every person who lives on this planet; no one is excluded. Jesus died for every sin every person has, is, or will ever commit. Jesus died so every person who commits sins will not have to pay the death penalty. The only sin they can commit now is to reject Jesus as their Lord, Savior, and King.

Jesus, help me understand that You died for every sin that every person has, is, or ever will commit. Help me realize that the only way I and everyone else can die of a sin is to reject You. Help me see that we have to accept You in order to get the forgiveness for all those sins we have, are, or will commit. Help me help others accept this great forgiveness.

Rom 6:23 (NIV) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. All *anyone* has to do is accept Jesus' death as their death and the penalty for all their sins will be cleansed from their record. So, as long as they don't sin on purpose, they will continue to have a perfect record with God.

Second, God Did What It Took For Everyone To Keep Being Chosen

John 3:17 (NIV) For God did *not* send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him.

Jesus, make it clear to me and to everyone else that God's provision has been given; our forgiveness is provided; no one has to pay for any of their sins. The price has been paid; the work has been done; and the gift has been given. God has done His part; and, now all I and everyone else has to do to continue to be chosen is to choose You.

Third, God Allows Each Person To Decide If They Want To Be Continually Chosen

John 3:18 (NIV) *Whoever* believes in Him is not condemned, but *whoever* does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.

Jesus, help me totally understand and help me explain to others that, if we *sincerely* accept You as our Savior and Lord, then we get what we wanted. If we *really* don't want You as our Savior and Lord, then we don't get You, simply because we don't want You. Help us all understand that all those who want You, God will see to it that they get You. All those who want to keep You, God will see to it that they keep You.

An Accident Or On Purpose

Against those whom God has chosen: Who does God choose? He chooses those who *want* to do right and *want* to quit doing wrong. You get this attitude through Jesus' salvation (Romans 7:15-25). But, there are those who will eventually realize they just *thought* they wanted Jesus.

Jesus, help me understand that there are people who originally wanted to do the right things and stop doing the wrong things. But then they decided they didn't want You anymore. Show me that this is because they *wanted* to do wrong things instead of the right things. They tried all You have to offer; and then they made a *knowledgeable* decision that Your way of living in righteousness was not the way they *wanted* to live. But, **even though we speak like this, dear friends, we are confident of better things in your case--things that accompany salvation (Heb 6:9).** I thank You for helping me not *want* to give You up.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Twelve

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Justification

Week Three Day Four

STEP FOUR CONTINUED: *Know You Are Free From All Charges*

Question Four: Rom 8:33 (NIV) Who will bring *any* charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God Who justifies.

Attitudes And Character

Who: Since attitudes and character are God's priority, you could look at your behavior and decide you don't qualify as a child of God. However, you are looking at yourself as an unfinished person. Who and what you are now isn't who and what you will be after Jesus has done His work in you. Justification deals with your potential; but, it isn't a license to go out and do evil without guilt. Since you allowed Jesus' salvation to give you a desire to do righteous things, God gives you justification so you will have *time* to be changed by Jesus.

Jesus, help me have faith in the work You are doing in me. Help me cooperate with You as You work on my attitudes and character. Help me not bring charges against myself so I don't get discouraged with who I am. Help me realize that who and what I am isn't who and what I will be as You work with me. Pour Your acceptance into my heart so I will be able to be patient with this progressive work You are doing. Help me have faith in Your abilities to do a good work in me.

You Aren't Perfect

Who will bring: A lot of people will say all kinds of negative things about you, to you, and against you; *and*, many of them will be justifiable accusations. *Christians* make mistakes, misunderstand, jump to conclusions, fail to use the provisions of God, and fall short in their attitudes and character. You are in a transforming, training, mentoring, and growing process. On your way *toward* the perfection that God is creating in you, there are a lot of relationship issues that develop. And, those people you fail, mistreat, hurt, and abuse will have a valid complaint against you. It doesn't separate you from God; but, it can separate you from them.

Jesus, help me have the right attitude about people's accusations and complaints against me. Help me sincerely bring each one before You for evaluation. Empower me to make those things right that You give me the assignment of making right. Train me in how to respond to the people who are making the negative statements about me. Help me love them and react to them with Your love. Then help me have an open heart with You so You can make the necessary changes in my attitudes and character.

You Aren't Charge Proof

Who will bring any charge: Your self-criticism, other people's comments and attitudes, bad circumstances, and a lot of things that come your way, seem to be speaking accusations and charges against you. You have learned that God doesn't want you justifying yourself, excusing yourself, explaining why you did wrong, or forgiving yourself. So, what does He want you to do? You were taught in Romans 7:15-25 to bring every negative comment, accusation, and circumstance to God. You were taught that God sees you and your deeds as being separate. Justification makes you, who do wrong, bad, and evil things, to be a right, good, and righteous person. How? By separating your deeds from you, the doer.

Jesus, empower me to come to You for help with every wrong thought, feeling, word, or deed. Help me not try to hide it, justify it, explain it away, or forgive myself for it. Let me accept the fact that I and my deeds are separate. Enable me to come to You without condemnation, guilt, or rejection. Show me how to come to You as a person who is just as against that behavior as You are. Your life is helping me come to You for forgiveness and healing in every area where I mess up. Help me be cooperative and open with You in dealing with every wrong, bad, or evil thing I do. Help me join You in getting rid of it.

I Am One Of Those

Who will bring any charge against those: You have learned to read God's Book, the Bible, in faith. If you don't believe you are one of God's children, then you can't be helped by the Bible. You *must* believe you are one of **those** that this verse applies to. But, you have also learned that *you* can't use *your* faith to believe you are one of **those**. It is a constant process of keeping your focus, attention, and spiritual eyes fixed **on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of your faith**.

Jesus, You alone can make the Bible real to me. You and Your faith alone can make it apply to me personally. You are the only One Who can speak through each verse and bring healing, transformation, and truth into my life. Help me read the Bible in faith; help me accept *and speak* each truth as being my truth. Heal my heart and mind so I can read, believe, speak, and live the whole Bible. Let my mouth steer me into Your truth.

I Have Believed In Jesus

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen: You learned that the Bible tells you who God has chosen. **Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.** This tells you how you to keep being chosen or lose being chosen. As *you* read the Bible, *you* decide whether or not it is true for *you*. When the Bible is accepted as truth by you, you get the results it is written to produce. If you read it without faith, if you read it as if it is a human book, if you read it as if it doesn't apply to you, if you read it and don't *speak* it out as being true of you, then you waste your time reading it.

Jesus, I thank You for teaching me how to read Your Book. I thank You for helping me open my heart and mind to it as truth. I thank You for teaching me that my mouth and tongue are the steering device for taking faith-action. Help me progress in my training and transformation as You take me through the Bible verse by verse.

I Am Chosen And Justified By God

Who will bring *any* charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God Who justifies:

You have obligations to do what the Bible says; you can't just take *faith-action* without the proper *desires*, Scriptures to *study*, prayers to *pray*, faith to *believe*, *love* to motivate you, and it be based on these first five things. You need to always have your five reasons for applying, using, and taking *faith-action* with Jesus. God only justifies those who are submitted to Jesus. And who give Him *thanks* when they use the first six principles to get His justification.

Jesus, You know what my true motives are; You know where I need help in my attitudes and character. Help me not try to analyze my motives; help me bring before You, all my *desires*, Scriptures I am *studying*, prayers I am *praying*, faith I am *believing* with, *love* I am using, *faith-actions* I am taking, and *thankfulness* I am expressing. Let me be justified by God; help me have a close and intimate relationship with Him. I know You will show me any flaws discovered as I use of Your Seven Biblical Principles. I know I am justified before You.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Thirteen Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Your Record

Week Three Day Five

STEP FOUR CONTINUED: *Know You Are Free From All Charges*

Question Four: Rom 8:33 (NIV) Who will bring *any* charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God Who justifies.

You have seen that, if you *want* to keep Jesus' salvation (Rom 7:15-25), even *you* can't bring charges against yourself. You learned that people *can* bring charges against you before other people or the courts, but, they *can't* bring them before God. You discovered that God chose everyone; but, everyone has the right to remove themselves from God's chosen people. Now you need to look at how to continue to be chosen and why some become un-chosen.

Against those whom God has chosen: There are three types of people who sin against themselves, others, and God; *but*, the first one *can* remain chosen, the second one *remains* chosen, and the third one becomes *un-chosen*.

1. Jesus, teach me that some people haven't yet accepted Your salvation and therefore can't stop sinning on purpose. Help me see that they *can* remain chosen by You.
2. Jesus, help realize that some people are true Christians, who accidentally sin but repent (make a U-Turn) and get Your faith to go the other way because they *want* to remain in You. Help me understand that they *remain* chosen.
3. Jesus, help me see that some people try Christianity then go back to sinning on purpose because they *want* to. Make it clear to me that they become un-chosen.

Who Does God Give A Perfect Record To?

It is God Who justifies: One of the things this justification is talking about is a perfect record that God gives to new, untrained, and mature Christians.

NEW: The new Christian gets this perfect record as a gift because they are new to Christianity and haven't had *time* to *learn* how to be led by the Holy Spirit into actually doing good things to themselves and other people.

UNTRAINED: The untrained Christian gets this perfect record as a new Christian. Then they get to keep it as a gift because they haven't had the *opportunity* to learn all the things they need to know. They need *more time* and they need mature Christians to teach them, so they can work together with the Holy Spirit and start *actually* doing good things to themselves and others.

TWO TYPES OF UNTRAINED CHRISTIANS: Jesus, help me realize that for the untrained Christian there is a time limit for certain things. New Christians are like a baby starting off growing and *getting older*. If a person still acts like an infant but is two years old, I would feel they had, had enough *time* to learn how to "act their age." However, if a baby wasn't given any attention and training, it wouldn't be their fault. Help me understand this principle for myself and for those I am working with. Help me apply myself to spiritual growth.

Christians can't help it when they keep *getting older* and not being taught how to get more mature mentally and socially. But, there are those who don't take advantage of their opportunities. They have church, small groups, good Christian books, good Christian music, opportunities to pray, and these studies and prayers. It is up to them to take advantage of them.

Jesus, help me see that You looks at me the same way as with untrained Christians. The question You deal with is, *why* am I still untrained? Whose fault is it? If it is mine, then I lose my perfect record; if it isn't, then my perfect record protects me from any responsibility. Show me that it has to do with my "desire." Am I untrained because I want to be untrained or because no one is training me. If I start to slip away from all my opportunities to be trained, help me get back on track. Help me not allow the cares of this world to distract me.

MATURE CHRISTIANS: The mature Christian is a person who has been applying The Three Keys To All Of Christianity and The Seven Biblical Principles to their life for a longer period of *time*. More and more of those things that were listed on their perfect record are now being lived out in their relationship with themselves, other people, and God's plan. But, *no body's perfect!* They are faithfully *desiring, studying, praying, believing, loving*, taking *faith-action* on a lot of things, and being *thankful* for every breakthrough they get. They are still failing at other things, *but*, not because it's their *desire*.

One Subject At A Time

The Holy Spirit typically only works with you on one issue at a time. He will usually speak to your conscience about something He wants you to apply The Three Keys and The Seven Biblical Principles to. While you are learning and practicing more and more about how to live those things He has already helped you with, He will get you started working on one new issue.

Jesus, teach me that I become a mature Christian by growing spiritually (sanctification). Help me see that I do that through the Holy Spirit empowering, teaching, convicting (causing me to feel bad about things), and working with me on new issues. Help me also understand that all the areas where He isn't working with me or I am not successful yet, are still covered under my perfect record. As long as I don't *want* to sin in those areas, I am justified.

Who Does God Justify?

It is God Who justifies: Once again, what is justification? It is that perfect record you have with God. He provided you with a way to be guiltless and free from the responsibility and penalty of sin, while you are learning how to stop sinning. Justification involves substitution, grace, faith, and gifts. They are the provisions of God that make your perfect record possible.

SUBSTITUTION: This deals with Jesus taking your place, as it relates to responsibility, guilt, and punishment. He was willing to take your place, pay your penalty, and die for your sins. That gave you forgiveness for all your past failure, your current sins, and your future mistakes.

Jesus, help me be thankful for You taking my place. Thank You for making me free from the failures, sins, mistakes, and misdeeds of my body. Thank You for freeing me from all wrong, bad, or evil. Your substitution is the reason I got a perfect record *before God*.

GRACE: Removes the issue of what you do or do not *deserve*. Justice deals with what's fair or unfair, what's legal or illegal, what's right or wrong, what's good or bad, and what's righteousness (only doing good to yourself, other people, and God's plan) or sin. Grace removes the influence of all these things, so you can have a perfect record *with God*.

Jesus, help me be thankful for Your grace. I was never going to be able to live the perfect life required for me to have the Holy Spirit live in me, to be a child of God, to be a member of His family, to be a citizen in His eternal Kingdom, and to inherit all Your provisions. Thank You for giving me a grace-period, so I could take advantage of it and grow spiritually in You.

MERCY: Jesus gave you mercy. Grace deals with getting good things you *don't deserve*. Mercy deals with you *not getting* what you *do deserve*. These two provisions made you free from the issues of what you do and don't *deserve from God*. God's grace and mercy *removed* the "deserve" issue from your relationship *with Him*.

Jesus, now I see how I was able to get a perfect record *with You*. Because of Your grace and mercy, You give me *gifts* that I don't deserve, which is grace. And, You don't punish me for those things I do deserve, which is mercy. Help me see that if I approach or avoid You because of the deserve issue, then I need more training and healing in that area. Help me see that I am *asking, seeking, and knocking* by You giving me these tools as a gift. I am able to *desire, study, pray, believe, love, take faith-action, and be thankful*, by You empowering me to have these attitudes and gifts. Help me use these tools with gratitude and appreciation.

However, deserving and not deserving are still issues in your relationship with *people*. You don't typically give or get a grace or mercy relationship with people. This is being dealt with by the gift of sanctification. Salvation and justification dealt with your relationship with God. Sanctification is a process of spiritual growth where your attitudes and character of healed, cleansed, and changed so that you are able to have good relationships with yourself and others.

FAITH: All you had to do was **confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him (Jesus) from the dead**, and you **will be saved**. **For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified**, and it is with your mouth that you **confess and are saved** (Rom 10:9-10).

Jesus, I thank You that Your gospel message empowered me to have faith. You empowered me to believe in the fact that it was telling me the truth about You and Your salvation. I am so glad that every person gets the faith they need to believe that Your gospel message is true; You see to it they get it. But, I am so sad that some resist that faith and refuse to "do what it takes" to remain one of God's chosen people. Help me help as many as are willing.

GIFTS: The *only* relationship you can have with God is one of receiving free gifts. There is nothing you can *do* that will make you worthy or deserving of anything God offers. From the moment you start to accept Jesus' salvation, gifts become the only relationship you can have *with Him*. This takes the pressure off of you for having to do something, earn something, buy something, or qualify for something in order to get God and all He has to offer.

Jesus, make it clear to me that, because of grace and faith, I no longer have to consider whether or not I do or don't deserve God or the things He offers. Help me see that if I think I deserve God or His things, then I am rejecting His free gifts. If I refuse to come to Him for His gifts because I feel I don't deserve Him or what He is offering me, then I am misunderstanding the concept of gifts. Help me accept this gift-relationship with my heavenly Father. Set me free from the issue of what I deserve or don't deserve readily receive His gifts.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Fourteen

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Being Chosen

Week Four Day One

STEP FOUR CONTINUED: *Know You Are Free From All Charges*

Question Four: Rom 8:33 (NIV) Who will bring *any* charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God Who justifies.

God Sets The Rules

Who: This “**who**” is you, other people, or Satan that is trying to get God to reject you. Satan is bringing accusations before God that he feels are proof that you don’t *deserve* to be one of His children. This “**who**” can also be a thought in your mind or a feeling in your heart. You or some person may try to represent God and tell you, that you don’t qualify as His child. Satan can act like he is God by speaking to your heart or mind and tell you or cause you to feel like you don’t qualify. However, these accusations are ineffective as long as you don’t accept them.

Jesus, I am glad that Your first assignment is to desire to be Your child. And, I thank You for helping me have that want through Your salvation. Help me realize that when I feel fear that I am losing my justified relationship with You that, that means I still *want* to be Your child. Help me realize that I have to *not want* to be Your child before I can lose it. Since I am Your child, and since no one can talk You out of keeping me, help me move on into a successful life in You. Help me *know* that as long as I *want*, I can remain in You.

A Justified Relationship With God And People

Who will bring *any* charge: You can get confused as to who you have a justified relationship with. Only God and very mature Christians provide justified relationships. In Jesus’ Sermon-On-The-Mount in Matthew chapters 5 through 7, He taught what your justified or perfect record relationship is to be between you and other people. A relationship that is justified requires you to love, forgive, and provide grace and mercy to difficult people.

- These challenging principles require you to have a deep *desire* to obey Jesus’ teaching.
- They require you to *study* and find out what they are, what they look like in life, and how to get them working in and through you.
- They require you to *pray* and ask Jesus to empower you to live each one of them.
- They require you to look to Jesus to speak faith into you so you can *believe* you have the power to live each one of them.
- They require you to yield to God’s *love* so you have the power-motivation to treat people in such a loving, forgiving, gracious, and merciful way.
- They require you to take *faith-action* and start living that way with the people around you.
- They require you to be *thankful* when you start living that way with yourself and others.

Jesus, not only do I not want to have charges brought against me before You, empower me to not try to bring charges against others. Help me grow into such maturity that I live the Matthew chapters 5-7 life. Help me be forgiving, loving, gracious, merciful, and justifying. Teach me what each item is, what it looks like in life, how to apply The Seven Biblical Principles to them, and empower me to live that way. Help me to have and give justification.

God Has Chosen Everyone

Who will bring *any* charge against those whom God has chosen: You learned that everyone starts out chosen. As an infant, you were totally innocent and perfect before God. But, when you understood right and wrong, you could make yourself un-chosen. When you willfully, knowledgeably went against the Holy Spirit speaking to your conscience, that's when you *could* be un-chosen. *But*, Jesus, died for *everyone's* sins; that made *everyone* chosen. *The only way* you can make yourself un-chosen, is to refuse to believe in Jesus (John 3:16-18).

Jesus, thank You for making me chosen with God. Help me not listen to myself, other people, or Satan. Help me look at what You did and accept it in *total* faith. Let me join You against the misdeeds of my body and put them to death. Empower yield to Your life, so You can live in and through me. Let the experiences of Your life teach me how to live in the spirit realm.

God Does The Justifying

Who will bring *any* charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God Who justifies: God sets the rules for justification; He decides who is and who isn't justified. You, others, and Satan don't make the rules. Faith in God and His rules help you fix your eyes on Jesus for faith to believe you *are* justified. A lot of charges, accusations, negative proofs, and personal failures will come your way. Keeping your eyes on Jesus helps you succeed against them all.

The Three Justification Issues

1. Charges

Who will bring *any* charge against: Jesus, show me that my, other people's, and Satan's accusations, charges, negative proofs, and false rules can come with great power. They can come from unexpected sources, unexpected issues, and at unexpected times. Teach me that success in life depends on me applying The Seven Biblical Principles to *all* charges.

2. Chosen

Those whom God has chosen: Jesus, teach me that I, others, and Satan don't make the rules for who is chosen. Help me *desire*, *study*, and *pray* to be chosen. Help me *believe* I have been chosen. Help me *love* others enough to teach them that they have been chosen. Help me take *faith-action* based on the fact that I am chosen. And then *thank* You for choosing me.

3. God's Justification

It is God Who justifies: Jesus, help me *desire* to understand justification, *study* to understand it, *pray* to understand it, *believe* I understand it, love others enough to help them understand it, take *faith-action* because I understand it, and *thank* You for helping me understand it.

Jesus, it all comes down to faith in You; if I don't believe You and the words in Your Bible, I lose everything. Help me make You and Your Word the final authority in my life. I am going to be tossed around by everything that comes against me, if I don't stay in complete faith in Your honesty, trustworthiness, and integrity. You are the only way I am going to be able to be successful in life. Empower me to only look to You for my justification.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Fifteen

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Intercession

Week Four Day Two

STEP FIVE: *Know* That Jesus Is Interceding For You

Question Five: Rom 8:34 (NIV) Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, Who died--more than that, Who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for you.

Condemnation Means You Are Cut Off From God

Condemnation is a feeling, thought, or reason that makes you believe you no longer have a relationship with God. You can feel like you did something that cut you off from Him. You can think you are not longer His child and a citizen of His Kingdom. Since your relationship is based on faith, it is vital that you not believe this. This is where The Three Keys and The Seven Biblical Principles help you with *the most important* issue in all of creation and eternity.

Heb 11:6 (NIV) And without faith it is *impossible* to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. Jesus, teach me that as long as I *want* to have a relationship with God, I can continue that relationship. If I do something wrong, help me believe that I can repent. Show me that once I “do what it takes” to make You my Savior and Lord, the only way I can lose it is to decide I don't want You anymore. Give me faith in that fact, so I can be pleasing to God.

God Is Helping You Not Be Condemned

John 3:17 (NIV) For God did *not* send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. It is God's objective, goal, and purpose to save every person on this planet. He did and is doing everything possible to bring every person into salvation. But, the main thing He isn't doing, is going against your God-given free will. He isn't forcing salvation on you; but, He isn't taking it away either. Just like you have to “do what it takes” to have salvation, Jesus, and your heavenly Father, you have to do what it takes to reject salvation, Jesus, and your heavenly Father.

2 Pet 3:9 (NIV) The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. Jesus, make it clear that I am not on my own in this matter of condemnation. My heavenly Father is on my side, helping me remain as one of His children and a citizen of His Kingdom. Show me that the *only* way to be condemned is to *purposely, willfully, knowledgeably* reject His gifts, grace, mercy, forgiveness, and substitution.

Jesus Helped You Not Be Condemned

Rom 8:1-2 (NIV) Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. It is your free-will choice to believe in condemnation or believe in the power and love of Jesus. *You* can pray and ask Jesus to give you His faith and keeping power; or, you can doubt His keeping power and accept the lie that you are condemned. But, in accepting the lie, you are choosing to give up on Jesus and His salvation; you need Jesus' faith.

There are six things you need to consider that Jesus did to keep you from being condemned. Allow Jesus' faith to empower you to believe in them, so you *know* you are not condemned. You will read, believe, speak, and live a life without condemnation; let Jesus show you these six things and help you put your faith and trust in them.

1. You Are Not Condemned *now* That You Are Saved

Therefore, there is *now*: Jesus, teach me that the purpose and power of salvation is for setting me free from condemnation; that's why You died. Help me believe I am **now** set free from all the responsibility for past, present, and future guilt. As long as my faith remains in You, help me understand that You accept all responsibility for all my sins. You accepted them on Yourself, allowed them to be nailed to Your cross, and died for them. **Now**, I am free from condemnation *because* You empowered me to accept Your death as my death.

2. You Are Not Condemned *Now* That You Believe In Jesus

Therefore, there is now no condemnation: Jesus, **now** that I have Your salvation, I can't be separated from the life I *want*. I have a perfect record with my heavenly Father and am ready to start being led by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:14). When I think, feel, or get concerned that I am no longer a Christian, help me ask this question: **Who is he that condemns?**

3. You Are Not Condemned *Now* That You Are *in* Jesus

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus: Jesus, help my faith not be in my accomplishments, my efforts, my words and deeds, or my power; let it be *in* You. Show me that it is like being in a room that has been designed to stand up against all danger. Teach me that according to Matthew 28:18, being in You is being in the One Who has all power and authority in heaven and earth.

4. You Are Not Condemned Now That You Are Living *through* Jesus

Therefore, there is now *no condemnation* for those who are *in* Christ Jesus, because *through* Christ Jesus: Jesus, as You teach me how to live and behave through the power of Your life, help me see that more and more of my words and deeds will come from You. But, prior to me being able to yield to You in certain areas, You will keep my record perfect by covering me with Your own righteousness.

5. You Are Not Condemned Now That You Have The Law Of The Spirit Of Life

Therefore, there is now *no condemnation* for those who are *in* Christ Jesus, because *through* Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life: Jesus, help me believe that my new law, that has replaced the law in my conscience, is for me to start yielding to it. It is the leading and power of the Holy Spirit. As I cooperate with Him, help me yield to His power, knowledge, understanding, and wisdom to defeat **condemnation**.

Jesus, teach me that through justification, God is protecting me from condemnation by considering me perfectly clean and righteous. Show me that through sanctification, the Holy Spirit is giving me all I need to win over those wrong, bad, and evil things I do against myself, other people, and God's plan.

6. You Are Not Condemned Now That You Are Free From The Law Of Sin And Death

Therefore, there is now *no condemnation* for those who are *in* Christ Jesus, because *through* Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death: Jesus, it is *now*, up to me to spend time with You, asking You to speak faith into me. Your faith gives me the assurance and knowledge I need. It helps me *know* I am secure in my relationship with my heavenly Father. Help me understand that His objective, in these questions, is to convince me that *nothing* can separate me from His love, if that's what I want. I confess in faith that no one can condemn me because You died and raised to life for me.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Sixteen Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Jesus' Intercession

Week Four Day Three

STEP FIVE CONTINUED: *Know* That Jesus Is Interceding For You
Question Five: Rom 8:34 (NIV) Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, Who died--more than that, Who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for you.

Intercession Against Condemnation

Who is he that condemns: Like charges, condemnation is an issue with God; it is an attempt to cause you to believe you are separated from Him. Charges try to bring up issues that would separate you. Condemnation is where you are already separated. There may be reasons for why you believe you have already been condemned; but, the matter is already settled. You can feel like salvation doesn't actually apply to you. You can feel like you have done things that have sealed your doom. Or, you can feel like salvation is something you will never be able to live up to. But, Jesus is interceding in your behalf and is protecting you from condemnation.

Jesus, I know You died for everyone; I You took everyone's sins into Your body and allowed it to be hung on the cross. I know that it didn't matter what the sin was, how bad it was, or how many it was. You took all sins and received the punishment for them all. Help me appreciate that fact, live on the basis of it, and be empowered to resist any thoughts or feelings that try to contradict it. As long as I want to be saved, I am saved; You are keeping me.

It's All About Jesus And His Intercessions

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus: You get hurt, as a Christian, when you get your eyes off of Jesus. If you get your eyes on yourself, circumstances, deeds, attitudes, desires, character issues, words, thoughts, or feelings, *without* including Jesus in the matter, you get hurt in the process. The Bible only says you are secure *in* Jesus; there isn't any security *outside* of Him.

Jesus is working on your attitudes and character. He is helping you with your desires, words, thoughts, and feelings. But, *you* can't improve them, make them better, or even change them. As the Holy Spirit brings issues up, they *must* be brought to Jesus. You must not analyze them, critique them, try to do something human about them, or try to hide them. It is a matter of simply *desiring* to get them fixed. You must search the Scriptures through *study* to learn how to deal with them. You must *pray* and ask Jesus to help you with them. You must look to Him to give you the faith to know or *believe* you can win over them.

Jesus, there are things that really make me feel unworthy. There are things I think, feel, say, and do that look like they are impossible to get help with. There are things that I keep failing at that make me think You are getting tired of helping me. Help me never get to the place where I give up on You and Your power. Help me know You love me and will get me through anything and everything, if I just keep my eyes fixed on You.

Intercessions For Staying Dead To Sin

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, Who died: What benefit did you get out of the fact that Jesus died? **Rom 6:1-3 (NIV) What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?** Just like Jesus was crucified on the cross, died, and was buried in a tomb, you died with Him on that cross and were submerged or buried in the water of baptism. That demonstrated that you died with Jesus; now you are dead to sin and to the law that makes you a sinner.

Jesus, You set me free from wrong, bad, and evil things. Help me not use my new freedom to take myself back into all those things that caused me to fail, to be hurt, and to be enslaved again. Help me appreciate what You did for me in Your death. Help me join You in that death and stay dead or separated from anything that would hinder your relationship.

Intercessions Concerning Things You Don't Know

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, Who died--more than that: Jesus came to earth and provided you with things that go far beyond anything you can think of or imagine. It will take eternity and a glorified body and mind to comprehend all Jesus did for you. **1 Cor 2:9 (NIV)** **However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him.”**

Jesus, only Your intercessory work can take me into those great things You have prepared for me. Help me yield to Your will for my life; help me yield to those things You are trying to intercede in my behalf for. I don't know what to pray for; I don't know what I really need, so as to be a part of all Your great preparations. Empower me to cooperate with You, so I can take advantage of Your intercessions. Help me cooperate with what You are interceding for.

Intercession For Staying Alive To Righteousness

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, Who died--more than that, Who was raised to life: The resurrection of Jesus is just as important as His death. Salvation and justification come out of His death; but, sanctification and glorification come out of His life. Jesus wasn't just trying to provide you with freedom from sin; He raised so as to give you a new life. **Rom 6:4 (NIV)** **We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death *in order that*, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.**

Jesus, help me understand why You are interceding for me. You have a life for me to yield to; You have great plans for you to live out together. You are interceding in my behalf so I can join You in a new life that is supernatural, God-sized, and miraculous. Let me see what Your plans are for me so I cooperate with You and so Your intercessions for me aren't resisted.

Intercession For A Plan

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, Who died--more than that, Who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God: Jesus' going back to the Father accomplished great things for you. **I (Jesus) tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father (John 14:12).** Jesus is talking to your heavenly Father about you; He is presenting your case before Him. He is working out the details of a great and powerful new life for you now and in eternity. John 14:12 is showing you some of what Jesus has in mind and what He is interceding in your behalf for. Ask Him to help you give Him complete cooperation for this great new plan.

Jesus, I have always had plans for myself; I have joined groups, companies, and people who have plans for me; and I know the world has a plan they want me to fulfill. Help me have the plan You are interceding before God for me. I see in John 14:12 that You are seated at God's right hand so He can work with You on a plan for my life. Help me see and get excited about that plan. Help me do whatever must be done in order for You to accomplish that plan in me.

Intercession For A Life

Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, Who died--more than that, Who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us: Now let Jesus show you 1 Corinthians 2:9 again, but, from the perspective of verse 10 as well.

1 Cor 2:9-10 (NIV) However, as it is written: “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him”--but God has revealed it to us by His Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, is trying to get you to the place where you are able to see His plan for you. He wants to live a special life in and through you that is designed just for you as an individual.

Jesus, help me get this specially designed life You want to live in and through me. Let me be the person You created me to be. Empower me to fit into that life You have been preparing me for even before I was born. Thank You for interceding, so I can have it. Help me open my heart to it, so you can do those things that are beneficial for all involved.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Seventeen Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Jesus' Keeping Power

Week Four Day Four

STEP SIX: *Know That No Person Can Separate You*

Question Six: Rom 8:35a (NIV) Who shall separate you from the love of Christ?

Two Questions Concerning Jesus' Love

The idea and concept of condemnation is so important that you have an additional question to ask yourself. Within this question of “**Who shall separate you from the love of Christ?**” you have two questions that deal with two important issues. Both of them deal with separation from the love of Jesus.

WHO: Jesus, since question six deals with “who,” help me admit that there is no one in all of creation who is capable, powerful enough, or has the authority to separate me from Your love. When I feel condemned because of a person’s accusations or condemning words, help me use this question to ask myself.

WHAT: Jesus, since the second question, question number seven, will be dealing with circumstances, when circumstances get so tough that I start wondering if I have done something to cut myself off from Your love, help me ask myself that question.

A Planned Separation Or A Forced Separation From Jesus’ Love

Who shall separate you from the love of Christ: Some people try to use this statement as a license to sin; they say that even *they* can’t want or do anything that would separate them from Jesus love. They say this even though they no longer *want* to live the Jesus-life. They call themselves Christians while living a life that is wrong, bad, and evil *on purpose*. Let Jesus take you through Romans 7:18-8:14 and look at verses that show what is wrong with this theory.

- They don’t **have the *desire* to do what is good**, and they don’t *want* to **carry it out (Romans 7:18)**. Jesus, empower me to always **desire to do good and want to carry it out**.
- They don’t mind that **what they do is not the good they *want* to do** because they don’t *want* to do it; they don’t have a problem with **the evil they do not *want* to do**—because they *want* to **keep on doing it (Romans 7:19)**. Jesus, help me **hate** the fact that **what I do is not the good I *want* to do** and help me hate the **evil I keep on doing**.
- It’s not true that **in their inner being they *delight* in God’s law (Romans 7:22)**. Jesus, **in my inner being I *delight* in God’s law**. Empower me to continue to *delight*.
- They don’t cry out **“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?”** because they don’t *want* to be rescued. Jesus, when I do things that aren’t right, good, or righteous, help me cry out: **“What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?”**
- **The righteous requirements of the law** are not **fully met in** them, because they **do ...live according to the sinful nature and not according to the Spirit (Romans 8:4)**. Jesus, let **the righteous requirements of the law be fully met in** me, because I **do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit**.
- They do **live according to the sinful nature and have their minds set on what that nature *desires***; they refuse to **live in accordance with the Spirit and have their minds set on what the Spirit desires (Romans 8:5)**. Jesus, empower me to **not live according to the sinful nature and have my mind set on what that nature *desires***; empower me to **live in accordance with the Spirit and have my mind set on what the Spirit *desires***.

- They don't *want* to be **controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit (Romans 8:9)**. Jesus, help me *want* to be **controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit**.
- They don't *want* the Holy Spirit to help them **put to death the misdeeds of the body** so they can **live (Romans 8:13)**. Jesus, help me *want* to **by the Spirit to put to death the misdeeds of the body** so I can live.
- They don't *want* to be **led by the Spirit of God** and be **sons of God (Romans 8:14)**. Jesus, help me always *want* to be **led by the Spirit of God** and be a **son of God**.

Protected From A Forced Separation From Jesus' Love

Who shall separate you from the love of Christ: This is to help you, who *want* to remain in Jesus and His salvation. This is from Jesus to help you open your heart to the truth. It's a message about His power and love for you, who *want* Him and His provisions. He isn't trying to force these things on you; but, He wants you to know that no one can *force* you to be separated from Him or His love. Make these confessions to show Jesus how you feel:

- Jesus, I **have the *desire* to do what is good, but I realize I cannot carry it out on my own (Romans 7:18)**.
- Jesus, I am quite concerned about the fact that what **I do is not the good I *want* to do; no, the evil I *do not want* to do--this I keep on doing (Romans 7:19)**.
- Jesus, it's true of me that **in my inner being I *delight* in God's law (Romans 7:22)**.
- Jesus, I do cry out "**What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death?**" because I *want* to be rescued.
- Jesus, **the righteous requirements of the law *are* fully met in me, because I do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit (Romans 8:4)**.
- Jesus, I do not **live according to the sinful nature** and do not **have my mind set on what that nature *desires***; instead, I **live in accordance with the Spirit** and **have my mind set on what the Spirit *desires* (Romans 8:5)**.
- Jesus, I *want* to be **controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit (Romans 8:9)**.
- Jesus, I *want* the Holy Spirit to help me **put to death the misdeeds of the body** so I can **live (Romans 8:13)**.
- Jesus, I *want* to be **led by the Spirit of God** so I can be a **son of God (Romans 8:14)**.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Eighteen

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Your Free Will

Week Four Day Five

STEP SIX CONTINUED: *Know That No Person Can Separate You*

Question Six: Rom 8:35a (NIV) Who shall separate you from the love of Christ?

Planned Or Forced

Who: The issue has to do with your God-given free will; if you accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior, can you change your mind and back-out of the relationship? Is Romans 8:31-39 saying you can live a life of wrong, bad, and evil on purpose and be a Christian? The problem many people have is they try to decide when someone gets eternally secure. Many Christians don't know about the opportunity for a person to try out Christianity. They don't realize that God allows you to experience it so you can make a knowledgeable decision as to whether or not you want it on a permanent, eternally secure basis.

Jesus, help me not try to use Your provisions for doing wrong, bad, or evil. Help me not try to see what I can get by with in sin and unrighteousness. Help me grow in righteousness so my behavior matches Your way of life. Lead me into spiritual growth rather than me stagnating and living on the lowest levels of Your provisions.

Salvation And Justification

Who shall separate us: What does salvation and Christianity consist of? When does a person get saved and justified? **Rom 10:9 (NIV) That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.** What happens if a person obeys Romans 10:9 and then *wants* to start sinning on purpose?

Mat 7:21 (NIV) Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of My Father Who is in heaven. The issue is, *saying Jesus is Lord* and *doing* what He says are two different things. Some will come into Christianity, find out what Jesus wants them to do, and learn how to do it. Others will come into Christianity, find out what Jesus wants them to do, and refuse to learn how to do it. One tries Christianity out and likes it; the other tries it out and doesn't like it.

Jesus, help me learn how to "*do what it takes*" to *do* what You say. Let me learn how to use The Seven Biblical Principles rather than live the Romans 7:15-24 life. Empower me to live the Romans 8:1-30 life so I can have the eternal security of the Romans 8:31-39 life. Help me not just use You, Your salvation, and justification to go on with my old life. Teach me how to grow and excel in my new life of righteousness.

Missing The Point

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ: If you skip Romans chapter seven and skip Romans 8:1-30 and then jump into Romans 8:31-39, you end up believing you can live any way you want and be eternally secure. However, here is what *Jesus* says on the matter:

Luke 6:46-48 (NIV) “Why do you call Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not *do* what I say? I will show you what he is like who comes to Me and hears My words and puts them into practice. He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, *because it was well built*.

Luke 6:49 (NIV) But the one who hears My words and does *not* put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was *complete*.”

Jesus, I’m glad I found out I don’t try to live the Christian life through human effort. I’m glad I don’t have to use the world’s training and systems to try to live the Christian life. I’m glad that all I have to do to live the Christian life is to *desire* it, *study* how “to do what it takes,” *pray* and ask for Your training, help, and power, fix my eyes on You for the faith so I can *believe* You are living it with me, yield to Your *love* so I can be loved and love others, take *faith-action* and **put them into practice**. And then spend the rest of my life *thanking* You.

Here’s What You Are Doing Together With Jesus

Mat 28:18-20 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and *make disciples* of all nations, *baptizing* them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and *teaching* them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Who shall separate you from the love of Christ: No one can separate you from the love of Jesus because you are asking your heavenly Father to make you eternally secure in it:

1. Heavenly Father, empower me to *desire* to stay in **the love of Christ**.
2. Empower me to *study* the Bible, so I can learn how to stay in **the love of Christ**.
3. Empower my *prayers*, so I can properly *pray* to stay in **the love of Christ**.
4. Empower me to **fix my eyes on Jesus** so I can *believe* and know I have the power to stay in **the love of Christ**.
5. Empower me to yield to Your *love* so I can stay in **the love of Christ** by using Your love to **love the Lord my God with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my mind and with all my strength.**’ And empower me to use Your love to **love my neighbor as myself (Mark 12:30-31).**’
6. Empower me to take *faith-action* so I can stay in **the love of Christ**. Empower me to **come to Jesus and hear His words and put them into practice**.
7. Empower me to always be *thankful* for You keeping me in Your love.

Jesus, help me see the importance of applying The Seven Biblical Principles to the issue of remaining in Your love. I want to have a permanent, eternally secure relationship with You and Your love. I know I can't do it myself; I know I need Your power and security. My eternal security is because I am in You; You alone provide eternal security. Empower me to have my eyes fixed on You; empower me to remain in You, Your words, and Your love. I trust You, Your Word, and Your love to make me be eternally secure in You.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Nineteen

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Being Inseparable

Week Five Day One

STEP SEVEN: *Know* That No Circumstance Can Separate You

Question Six: Rom 8:35a (NIV) Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Question Seven: Rom 8:35b (NIV) Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

Evaluating The Circumstances

This last question, question number seven, is dealing with circumstances. Rather than “**who**,” it is dealing with *what* can separate you from the love of Jesus? If you feel circumstances are your proof that you have been cut off from your relationship with Jesus and your heavenly Father, then this is the question you must ask yourself.

Shall trouble: John 16:33 (NIV) I (Jesus) have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world. Jesus, teach me that many of the challenges of life were going to happen to me whether I am Christians or not. But, as Christians I have You and all Your provisions to help me with my troubles. I choose to go through my **troubles** with You rather than without You.

Being Able To See Clearly

I have told you these things: It is a hard life to have things happen to you and not know where they are coming from, what to expect, or what to do about them. It is like running into all kinds of objects in the dark. Because you can't see, you have a hard time being able to find your way. All kinds of obstructions are blocking your way that, if you had some light, could be avoided.

John 8:12 (NIV) When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, “**I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.**”

Jesus, I misunderstood what was happening to me; the world misinformed me, as to what and why things were happening; and I reacted in ways that weren't appropriate. But, when You and Your Bible explained the truth about life, the light came on! And, I could see what was going on. Thank You for giving me the light of the truth!

Being Able To Do More

I have told you these things, so that *in Me*: Being *in* Jesus is like the difference between being in a car and walking. Being in a car gives you protection from the weather; it provides you with comfort; and it provides you with special power. You can go faster, go farther, and go more often. By being in Jesus, He works with you to organize your life, speed up the healing and success of your life, and protect you from anything that would try to destroy it.

Jesus, help me see that I now understand what is going on: **Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness.** Show me that You **have told me these things, so that *in* You I may have peace.** When trouble comes my way and I get frustrated, depressed, confused, hopeless, or mad, I increase the problems that the trouble caused. But, if I have love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23) from the Holy Spirit, my life is so much better.

You Don't Have To “Brace” Ourselves

In this world you will have trouble: That isn't something you *want* to hear; you would like for Jesus to tell you that, as a Christian, life will be smooth sailing. But, Jesus is the truth; whether it is good news or bad news, fun or challenging, hard to hear or nice to hear, Jesus *always* tells you the truth. But, you don't have to “brace” yourself or prepare yourself for the worst. He makes sure you always have *all* the facts so you know what to do about it. He makes sure you are empowered. And, He makes sure it all works together for your good.

In this world you will have trouble. But take heart: Jesus, help me realize there is *always* a provision of God that helps me deal with every requirement God puts on me. There is *always* a provision of God that helps me with every problem I face. There is *always* a provision of God that helps me go from doubts, fear, worry, and frustration to faith, trust, reliance and a special dependency on You. Teach me that I can “**take heart**” because the bad news is *always* followed by the good news. For example: **Rom 6:23 (NIV)** **For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Jesus Has Prepared Your Way

But take heart! I have overcome the world: Jesus has already gone ahead of you and prepared the way. Rather than you suffering blindly, rather than you going it alone, rather than you facing things without the necessary equipment, you have the One Who has all authority in heaven and earth (Matthew 28:18) to go with you and empower you to **overcome the world** with Him. Now all you have to do is stay *in* Jesus and you will win over you **troubles!**

How To Stay *In* Jesus

Heb 13:5-6 (NIV) Keep your life free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” So you say with *confidence*, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.” What can man do to me?” Jesus, help me stay free from the love of money and be content with what I have.

Jesus Goes With Us

Who shall separate you from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword: Life isn't going to be problem free; it isn't going to be without **hardship or persecution; danger** and the threat of death will always be there. But, you don't need to concern yourself with it; you have Jesus protecting and providing.

Psa 23:1-3 (NIV) A psalm of David:

Jesus, You, the LORD, are my shepherd, I shall not be in want. You make me lie down in green pastures, You lead me beside quiet waters, You restore my soul. You guide me in paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.

Psa 23:4-6 (NIV) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Defeating Trouble

Week Five Day Two

STEP SEVEN CONTINUED: *Know* That No Circumstance Can Separate You
Question Six: Rom 8:35a (NIV) Who shall separate you from the love of Christ?

Question Seven: Rom 8:35b (NIV) Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

You Will Have Trouble

Who shall separate you from the love of Christ? Shall trouble: Some people come to Jesus for salvation and justification to get away from trouble. However, it isn't Jesus' plan to remove you from the issues of this world. He wants you to learn how to defeat trouble! He is using it, so you can get skillful, talented, experienced, and successful with your full armor of God.

John 17:15 (NIV) My prayer is not that You take them out of the world but that You protect them from the evil one. You may pray to be delivered from the “normal” issues and problems of life. But, you need to see that your assignment is to win over the issues and problems of life. **Eph 6:10 (NIV)** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. You wouldn’t need to **be strong in the Lord** if there was no trouble. Jesus wants you to fight the good fight of faith.

Jesus, I see that my assignment isn’t to try to have a trouble-free life. I am not to ignore the troubles in life; and, I am not to accept them as hopeless. Help me learn how to win over them through Your life and power. Help me yield to the principles of Your Word and succeed in spite of them. I understand that I am not to invite them or cause them. Instead, I ask for Your knowledge, foreknowledge of the future, understanding, and wisdom to help me prevent as many as is possible. But, when they do come, empower me to solve them, defeat them, and be victorious over them through You.

From Promise, To Battle, To Victory

Who shall separate you from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship: You read about the blessings and provisions of God. It may sound like you will always have everything you need. You may assume that God promises to never allow you to face any **hardships**. You need to understand what makes the promises of God take place. **Phil 4:19 (NIV)** And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus. What causes these promises to come your way; are they automatic; is there anything you are supposed to do?

Jesus, I realize I will face a lot of needs, problems, troubles, hardships, and difficulties. Help me learn how to start from a need or problem and move into Your way of solving it. Let me learn how to move into You providing me with the solutions and provisions. Help me learn how to not only use The Three Keys To All Of Christianity but to apply The Seven Biblical Principles to them. Empower me to always do everything You require so that Your promises are fulfilled in me and my life. Make me a mighty warrior in You.

Not Yielding To Opposition

Who shall separate you from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution: You know about people who are persecuted for their faith. But, you don’t typically think about Christians who are being persecuted in their business. **John 10:10 (NIV)** The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. As God blesses and prospers you, Satan and his people try to steal, kill, and destroy God’s blessings in and through you. The unsaved must see God doing these great things for you.

Jesus, help me win over all sources of persecution. Help me learn how to apply all Your principles to all the situations of my life. Help me see that my life and the successes in it are a part of my message concerning Your greatness. You are blessing, prospering, working miracles, and healing me so I can demonstrate Your goodness to Your children. Teach me how to handle persecution through Your attitudes and character.

Blessed To Bless

Who shall separate you from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine: A major way God shows the unsaved His love and generosity is through the benevolent gifts He gives you. He showers great provisions on you so you will be equipped and supplied with things to help others. If you don't know how to get His blessings in your own life, you won't have much to bless others with. **Troubles** typically require a lot of resources.

Jesus, I want to be blessed so I can be a blessing. Help me know how to take advantage of all Your principles so I can be blessed and so I can share these principles with others. Help the principles that are blessing me to flow through me into the life of others. Let Your principles flow through me as **Spirit and life**. Also, help me with sharing those physical blessing You pour on me. Let me be generous with those in need.

From Need To Solution

Who shall separate you from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness: When you don't have even the basic needs met, you often really feel neglected by God. You may pray, beg, try to believe for it, try to solve it yourself, and a lot of other things. If you are naked because of governmental or religious persecution, you may be facing something you can't do much about. But, in a lot of cases, you can get knowledge, foreknowledge of the future, understanding, wisdom, and power to get these basic needs met. It is a matter of you not just throwing the whole thing on prayer for help.

Jesus, if I am going through something that You don't want to deliver me from, help me have the things I need to endure it. But, if I am suffering from basic needs that You want to work together with me to solve, help me realize it and yield to Your leadership in it.

In The Face Of Death

Who shall separate you from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword: You know you will probably die "someday;" you just may not want to die right now. While Jesus will come and take some people home prior to them dying, most will die and be raised from the dead. The issue of death may not be what you worry about; it may be about dying a painful death. **Psa 23:4 (NIV) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

Jesus, not only am I protected from being separated from Your love, You are walking with me through danger, threatening weapons, and death. Just to know that the Creator of the universe, the One Who has all authority in heaven and earth, and the One Who was willing to die for me is right there with me through all dangers, is a great comfort to me. Help me *always* keep my eyes fixed on You. Help me keep my eyes off of the dangers and not have faith in them.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-One

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Weakness

Week Five Day Three

STEP EIGHT: *Know Your Weaknesses*

Rom 8:36 (NIV) As it is written: “For Your (God's) sake you face death all day long; you are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

Do You Know How To Handle Problems?

In order to have complete, constant faith in God (relational faith), you have to understand problems with relationships, finances, emotions, and with the physical aspects of your body. You also have to understand the problems you have with circumstances that are outside of you.

John 16:33 (NIV) I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have *peace*. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have *overcome* the world. Jesus, I have just seen that people and things cannot separate me from Your love. But, I still need to know why I have to have problems. Help me remember what You said about trouble.

Do You Know How To Handle Problems As A Christian?

It is wonderful that Jesus has all power and authority; it is wonderful that Jesus has *overcome the world*. But, how does that help you? You have seen that He *can* always solve your problems because He has the power and authority. You have also seen He has the willingness and desire to help *you overcome the world*. You have additionally seen that nothing or no one can separate you from that power, authority, willingness, and desire.

Jesus, help me have faith in the fact that all that power, authority, willingness, and desire are in me, through You, for a reason. You have established a power-relationship with me, so I can work together with You. Help me know *how* to cooperate with You; help me know what my part is and what Your part is. Help me not try to do things You are doing; and, help me not try to let You take care of things I am supposed to be doing.

These Are Important *Instructions*

As it is written: Many Christians are confused about what to let Jesus do and what to do themselves. But, the reason they are confused is because they haven't read and studied the instructions. All the things you need to know have already been written in the Bible. **2 Tim 3:16-17 (NIV) *All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.***

Jesus, teach me that if I read a recipe, just because I know it is the right thing, if I read a recipe, so as to get some little thought for the day, if I memorize it so I can quote it at a moment's notice, if I study it, so I can teach the recipe to others, if my students listen, take notes on it and learned some of the finer points on it, all of that is fine and good; but, the recipe is for *how to make* something! I must study because the Bible is for equipping me for **every good work**; teach me that this is why I am going through all these things.

Accepting A New Assignment

As it is written: For Your (God's) sake: Prior to Christianity, your life was lived *for your sake*. You thought you were your own best representative for what was best for you. You faced life with all kinds of dangers lurking out in the world. Temperature, acid, poison, falling, being hit, a lack of food, or water, or air, being shot or stabbed, and all kinds of other things could kill you. But, the best you could do was hope you made it through the day unharmed.

Jesus, help me see what would happen, if I decide to live life for God's sake, what would happen if I decide to join God and live life the way *He* wants me to, what would happen if I start living a life that is cooperative and unified with You, what would happen if I allow You to share all Your knowledge, foreknowledge of the future, understanding, wisdom, and power with me, what would happen if I live with the full resources of God at my fingertips.

What Has Changed?

For Your (God's) sake we face death all day long: Nothing changes whether you live life for God's sake or your sake, **you will still face death all day long**. It was a miracle that you made it safely down the birth canal. It has been miraculous that you have lived as long as you have. That isn't the big issue here; it isn't about death; it is why God is keeping you alive. It is only wonderful that you don't get killed if you use the life you continue to have in a purposeful way.

Jesus, teach me that if I live life for God's sake, then I **face death all day long** *while* living life so I can do and say good things to help myself, all those around me, and God's awesome plan for me. I am being given incredible knowledge, understanding, wisdom, and power to provide win/win ideas, decisions, provisions, and miracles for all involved.

Jesus, teach me that if my faith is in You, then my life and that I **face death all day long** will help me cherish *and* take advantage of every moment I get. Rather than living my life doing everything I can just to stay alive, You will help me spend my *time* taking advantage of every opportunity to be helped by You, so I can help all the hurting people around me.

What Can You Do?

For Your (God's) sake you face death all day long; you are considered as sheep to be slaughtered: What can sheep do to protect themselves? They don't have any natural defenses; They can't run, claw, bite, hide in a shell, create a bad odor, or strike and inject poison into their intended enemy. What keeps such vulnerable creatures alive? Their shepherd!

Jesus, I am vulnerable like a sheep, if a sheep doesn't have a shepherd to watch over and protect them, they are one of the most endangered of all creatures. Help me see that faith in You isn't just something nice I can do or not do. Show me that those living without faith in You are living on borrowed time. It is just a matter of time before death catches up with them and they have to leave this planet.

Rom 8:15 (NIV) For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him you cry, "Abba, Father." Jesus, teach me that the Christian life isn't one of working all day just so I can have clothes to keep me warm, food to keep me alive, a house to protect me from the weather, or a life that is spent making sure I stay alive. It is a life with many purposes from You, as my Shepherd.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Two

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Dependency

Week Five Day Four

STEP EIGHT CONTINUED: *Know Your Weaknesses*

Rom 8:36 (NIV) As it is written: "For Your (God's) sake you face death all day long; you are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

Sticking With The Truth

As it is written: When Jesus was tempted in the wilderness by the devil, He didn't discuss, argue, reason, or debate with him. **Mat 4:3-4 (NIV)** The tempter came to Him and said, "If You are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Adam and Eve, on the other hand, discussed God's words with Satan and were defeated. When you are tempted, feel fear, think negative thoughts, or face problems, the Bible is your answer. It is God's knowledge, wisdom, love, and power. If your eyes are fixed on Jesus, if your mind goes to what the Bible says, and if you don't have any conversation with thoughts to the contrary, you will win.

Jesus, help me learn Your Word and then accept it as the final authority for life. When I feel fear, sadness, worry, or down, help me go to those Scriptures You have taught me. Help me quote them, refer to them, and use them to establish what I believe. Help me not try to reason my way out of fear, depression, or problematic issues. Empower me to do like You did and just go over those Scriptures that refute fear, depression, or problems.

Sticking With God

As it is written: For Your (God's) sake: Satan and the world hate God and all He stands for. **John 17:14 (NIV) I have given them Your (God's) word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.** You can feel the resistance from social pressure, beliefs, and systems. The world demands conformity to their principles, styles, philosophies, and rules. If you talk to them about Jesus, God, the Bible, Christianity, or righteousness, they get resistive. If you try to “convert” them, they can be hostile.

Satan hates God, the Bible, Christianity, and Christians. Whatever God stands for, Satan takes the opposing view. If the Bible tells you something, Satan fights you doing it. If something is wrong, bad, or evil, Satan will try to get you doing it. Since you are on God's side, you must realize people and Satan will oppose you. You will be opposed in the market place, the work place, and by many of the people around you. But, for **God's sake**, agree to face the social pressure, the opposition, and the persecution.

Jesus, I realize it is a choice as to who I want to please. Help me be strong in my commitment to You and all You stand for. Help me join You in being willing to represent righteousness, godliness, holiness, purity, and good. Help me be willing to face any opposition that comes my way. Empower me to not only agree with Your ways, let me live them in all I do. Help me love Your ways and help others learn to love them as well.

Sticking With Eternal Life

As it is written: “For Your sake we face death: When you realize that death doesn't mean you cease to exist, you start to see it as not being so powerful. The more you see eternal life, the more you look forward to dying to this temporary life and going into eternity. **Heb 2:14-15 (NIV) Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity *so that* by His death He might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--and free those who all their life were held in slavery by their fear of death.**

Jesus, rather than spending a lot of my time trying to keep from dying, help me concentrate on living. Help me put my life in Your hands and spend my time living a life that counts for eternity. I put my death, to this temporary life, in Your hands; I give You the issues of my death; I accept the issues of life. Help me spend all my time thinking, working on, and praying for a great life here and a powerful life in eternity.

Living A Temporary Life

As it is written: “For Your sake we face death all day long: One of the problems with you living in this temporary way of life is the uncertainty of it. You never know how much time you have on this earth. But, the amount of time isn't supposed to be your concern. God is the One Who decides how long you will be staying here. Your job is to make the very best of the time you have here. If you **face death all day long** with fear, caution, and preparing for the worst, your attention is drawn off of the eternal issues you are to be working on right now.

Jesus, help me handle the uncertainty of this temporary life with good principles and attitudes. Help me face each day with my attention on Your purposes and plans. Let me live each day as if I am going to live forever, but, while realizing this may be my last moment. Help me be involved in the very best You have for me. Empower me to do them with commitment but without any fear. Let the end of my life be approached with great expectancy and hope.

Living An Endangered Life

As it is written: “For Your sake you face death all day long; we are considered as sheep:

Lost sheep basically do not have any kind of protection. If they are trying to survive on their own, they are as good as dead. All their enemies have much greater abilities to attack them than they have to defend themselves. But, with a human shepherd, they are protected with one of the most advanced, equipped, and powerful creatures on the planet.

Jesus, You are my Shepherd; all power and authority have been given to You in heaven and earth. You are far superior, in Your abilities to protect me, than anything I would be able to develop for myself. I give up all my defense mechanisms, my attack modes, and my dependency on myself. Help me see that if I give all these things over to You, You will accept the responsibility for protecting me and watching over me. I lay all I am and all I do before You, so You will be in charge of all the uncertainties in my life.

Living A Challenging Life

As it is written: “For Your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered: As you look at all the impossibilities, dangers, uncertainties, and disasters, you see what the problem is. You aren’t ignoring how dangerous, life-threatening, and bad the situation is; you are seeing it from a realistic perspective. However, there are other facts that *must* be considered. In the face of being **considered as sheep to be slaughtered**, you have a much more important fact to think about.

Jesus, help me compare the uncertainties, dangers, and problems of life with You. It’s true a lot of things happen to me; and, it’s also true that You are willing to watch over me and protect me. But, You require that I *desire* Your protection; You require that I *study* and learn how to access that protection; You require that I *pray* for it; You require that I look to You for the faith so I can *believe* I have it; You require that I want it through the motivations of *love*; You require that I take *faith-action* and live my life on the basis of the fact that I have Your protection. And, You require that I am *thankful* for Your protection. Help me do these seven things so You and I can work together as I live a protected life.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Three

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Conquering

Week Five Day Five

STEP NINE: *Know You Are More Than A Conqueror*

Rom 8:37 (NIV) *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us.*

Going From A Sheep To Being A Shepherd

Your faith in Jesus involves you believing He is not only healing, blessing, delivering, and working miracles as a part of His creative language of love, He is working through *you*, empowering *you* to *do* great and mighty things. If you don't understand this part of the authority and power of God, then you will be constantly praying and asking God to do everything *for* you. Much of what God will do, will be done *with* you and *through* you.

Look At This Cooperative Life With Jesus

Rom 8:13 (NIV) *For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, *you* will live.*

John 14:12 (NIV) *I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will *do* what I have been *doing*. He will *do* even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.*

It is true that **apart from Me (Jesus) you can do nothing (John 15:5b)**. However, it is also true that **I can do everything through Him (Jesus) Who gives me strength (Philippians 4:13)**.

Jesus, help me be a *cooperative* part of much of those things You want to do *for* me and *through* me. Keep me from expecting You to do everything independent of me. *And*, keep me from trying to do these things independent of You.

No Longer A Sheep To Be Slaughtered

No: A lot of people live life wishing, hope, having their fingers crossed, looking to fate, karma, or luck to save them. Or, they are just holding their breath waiting to see what a random event will bring their way. They are helpless sheep without a shepherd totally vulnerable to whatever life brings their way. This “**no**” is saying to the Christian that things have changed for them.

Jesus, I have already seen that “**in this world I will have trouble.**” And, I have already seen that You have “**overcome the world.**” Now teach me *how* a cooperative relationship with You *deals* with the **trouble** in the world. Help me to get involved in my part of this issue.

The COOPERATIVE Relationship

No, in all these things: What things...trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword, facing death all day long, being considered as sheep to be slaughtered. Do you just cross your fingers and hope? Do you just watch and wait to see how it all turns out? Do you just beg and plead with God to help you? What do you *do in all these things*? This is where you join Jesus and allow Him to flow in and through you.

John 14:12 (NIV) I tell you the truth, *anyone who has faith in me* will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. Jesus, show me that I won't do it by myself. Show me that I won't have faith in You and then go out and do it for You. We will do it together! **John 15:5 (NIV)** I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; *apart from Me you can do nothing.* Teach me to **remain** by allowing You to empower me to do it.

There's A Third Alternative

No, in all these things *we*: Some Christians try to go out and do all those things they see in the Bible. Other Christians pray and keep asking God to do these things for them. But, God has a *relationship* plan for all His children. Sometimes you can pray and God does give you a total, instant, permanent miracle, blessing, or healing. But, most of the time you get what you get from God on a *relationship* basis.

Jesus, help me see that I will be doing it, as You empower me to yield to You. You will give me Your supernatural strength, knowledge, understanding, and wisdom. Then, as I move my body and my mouth in cooperation with You, You flow through me in miraculous ways. As I yield to You, I allow my mind to think what You want me to think; I allow my mouth to say what You want me to say, and I do, with my body, what You want my body to do.

Things Have *Really* Changed

No, in all these things *we are*: You are what? **2 Cor 5:17 (NIV)** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! Yes, you have changed! But, what have you changed into? What are you supposed to be doing? What are you now capable of doing? What is your new assignment? What are your new relationships? What are your new responsibilities? How are you supposed to go about living this new life? You need to know all of this!

Rom 8:15 (NIV) For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by Him you cry, "Abba, Father." Jesus, help me always stay aware that I have a new Father! But, help me know what I am supposed to do with Him. What kind of relationship can I have with Him? What does He expect of me? How am I supposed to respond to Him, since I am His child? How do I go about becoming what He wants me to be? What does He automatically give me and what must I ask for? Help me see that I must know these things of I won't be able to cooperate with Him.

Things Have *Really* Changed For The Better

No, in all these things *we* are more than conquerors: Yes, you face **trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword**. Yes, you **face death all day long**. Yes you are being **considered as sheep to be slaughtered**; but *you are more than conquerors*! That means there are things you need to be *doing* so you can win at life.

1. First, you *desire* to do what God wants you to do.
2. Then, you *study* the Bible to find out what it is God wants you to do.
3. After that, you *pray* to Jesus for power to do what God wants you to do.
4. Then, you go to Jesus and ask Him for His faith to be spoken into your life, so you can *believe* you have been empowered to start doing what God wants you to do.
5. From there, you take what you believe God wants you to do and allow Jesus to check your motives. Are you doing what God wants you to do for the same reason God wants you to do it? Are you doing it out of *love* for Him and other people?
6. If it is out of love, you are then ready to take *faith-action* and work together with Jesus, doing what God wants you to do.
7. Once that happens, you express your *thankfulness* for being empowered to do what God wants you to do.

Jesus, show me that as a spiritual sheep, I have to be somewhat passive; I may run; but, not very fast. I may try to fight; but, not very well. I may try to hide; but, not very successfully. But, You, as my Shepherd, on the other hand, have a lot more knowledge, understanding, wisdom, power, skills, and weapons; You have a lot more options. But, how do I go from just being a sheep into becoming a shepherd, for other people, while under Your leadership?

There's Two Parts To It

No, in all these things *we* are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us: In the real sense of the word, you will be an under-shepherd; you are a trainee shepherd; you are a student shepherd. But, in the future you will be a co-shepherd; a joint-shepherd; a shepherd in a partnership. You aren't learning how to be a shepherd so you can leave Jesus and go out and shepherd. You are learning how to cooperate, work together with, and maintain a relationship with Him for the rest of your life. What you learn now, will be used in eternity.

John 15:4-5 (NIV) *Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.* Faith and trust keep you remaining in Jesus.

Gal 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live *by faith* in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me. Jesus help me realize that every time I do something good, it is because You are living **in me**. Help me also realize that when I do something wrong, bad, or evil, I have moved out of **faith in You, the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Yourself for me.**

Getting Ready To Be Convinced

Jesus, through the Bible, has covered the main doubts and fears Christians face in life. You have allowed Him to address these main issues by asking you questions for you to answer. You have been answering these questions on the basis of how you see things in life. Your faith has been growing, as you turned your answers into words you have been speaking out loud.

Jesus, thank You for teaching me that my mouth and tongue are the control mechanism that steers my body and my life. As I verbally answered these questions correctly, I “steered” myself into a life of faith. You provided the words for me to speak out loud and I yielded to them by speaking them out of my mouth. Help me see that this is the way I yield to you. You provide the words or deeds and I yield to Your power to say or do them. Then I let people know that it was You Who gave them the words or deeds.

If you feel you are ready to move forward, you are now getting ready to put the final aspects of training into your world of faith. You can become *totally convinced* through Jesus.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Four **Opening The Door To God’s** **Invisible World Through Victory**

Week Six Day One

STEP NINE CONTINUED: *Know You Are More Than A Conqueror*

Rom 8:37 (NIV) NO, in all these things *we* are more than conquerors *through Him Who loved you.*

Facing The Facts

NO: Some people consider themselves realists when they face all the negative and life-threatening “facts.” Jesus always presents what the problems are; He never keeps any of the truths about life from you. But, facing the fact that **as it is written: “For Your (God’s) sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered,”** is the smallest part of the facts. This is a fact; it is true; but, it isn’t *all* of the truth in the matter.

Jesus, help me to see things the way You see them. Help me not just be a positive thinker, a realist, or a negative thinker. Help me have Your thoughts and feelings in me. You see things the way they really are; You see the problem and the solution as one issue. Help me not get overwhelmed with the problem; help me know You already had the answer long before I ever faced the problem. You always have the beginning, middle, and end of a situation worked out because You finished the whole work ahead of time. Help me see that my lack of being able to see the future just puts me in a better position to trust You.

Removal Or Victory

No, in all these things: A lot of people become Christians to escape **all these things**. You may have expected God to eliminate **all these things**. You didn't want to have to face **all these things** ever again. When you pray and ask God to help you with **all these things**, you expect Him to take them away. You may not realize that you are supposed to join Him in defeating **all these things**. **All these things** are what you are supposed use to practice winning.

Jesus, I often forget that I am in life-classes; if there are no problems for me to learn how to solve, then there can be no issues for me to practice on. Help me see that these things aren't coming my way to defeat me. I have You right here to train me to win over them. You are allowing these situations of life to come my way so I can learn how to use Your principles to solve them *with* You. Help me join You, cooperate with You, and be trained by You so I can be a mature, fully developed Christian. You and I have a lot of things we need to do together to help other people. Help me learn from You, so You and I can help them.

Is It Just You, Or Just Jesus, Or A Relationship?

No, in all these things we are: Jesus is already totally successful in everything. He didn't create you as pets, works of art, or slaves to help Him with His needs. He wants to make you a part of Who He is and what He is doing. He is offering you a type of relationship that is unified, cooperative, shared, and mutually beneficial. Jesus can do everything; you can't do anything. But, by unifying, cooperating, sharing, and joining His win/win relationship you **can do everything through Him Who gives you strength (Phil 4:13)**.

Jesus, teach me how to cooperate with You. Help me be so cooperative that I learn all those things You want to teach me how to do. Thank You for being willing to share all You know with me. Thank You for being willing to teach me how to do all those things You did on earth. Help me understand that this is why I am alive and on this planet. Help me take full advantage of Your generosity and receive all You have for me.

Unlimited Resources, Training, And Results

No, in all these things we are more: The generosity of God is beyond anything you can imagine. You are going to have to just relax and allow Jesus to take you into His plan for you. His plans are so generous, supernatural, and gracious that it is going to take you experiencing them in order to believe them.

This word “**more**” is just a small sample of the fact that God doesn’t just give you the bare necessities. He doesn’t just want you to learn how to win over sin, problems, issues, and struggles, He wants you to be totally victorious and successful in all of life.

Jesus, help me not be satisfied to win over the negative issues of life. Help me see that You are wanting me to succeed in obtaining the great blessings, miracles, and resources You have. Help me appreciate every victory over the negatives; but, help me to press on into the great blessings and successes You also have.

This Is The Purpose Of Your Training

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors: You have been going through all kinds of training and work on your attitudes and character. You have seen that they are your first assignment. **Mat 6:33 (NIV) But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these *things* will be given to you as well.** But, once you stay in the process of making that your top priority, you become ready to *add* the battle and the victory to your pursuit. You never quit seeking **first** God’s **kingdom and His righteousness**. But, you do move on into **all these things** being **given to you *as well***.

Jesus, help me always be seeking first Your Kingdom and Your righteousness. But, help me also join You in being more than conquerors as well. I know You have great plans for me; help me keep growing in all areas of my life. Help me be able to add all these things to the growth You are giving me in Your eternal Kingdom and Your righteousness.

Jesus Needs Your Cooperation

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him Who loved us: You aren’t trying to *become* **more than conquerors**. Jesus has already made you into **more than conquerors**. He is just wanting to teach you how to take advantage of the fact that you *are* **more than conquerors**.

Faith only deals with what is already done. Jesus has already done all the work; He has already created the provisions; He is just trying to get you to learn how to apply the procedures. The first thing you need, is to apply The Seven Biblical Principles to moving into full cooperation with Jesus. Once you have done that, you need to apply them to learning how to take advantage of the fact that you *are* **more than conquerors through Him Who loved you**.

Jesus, help me learn how to apply The Seven Biblical Principles to me being completely cooperative with You. Help me apply them to me learning how to take advantage of the fact that I am **more than conquerors** through You Who love me. Empower me to live the **more than conquerors** life. Show me that it involves me realizing that I am **more than conquerors**. But, that fact isn’t dependent on whether I feel like I am **more than conquerors**. It hasn’t even been based to whether or not I knew I was **more than conquerors**. It has been so because You made me **more than conquerors** when I was born as a child of God.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Five

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Jesus' Faith

Week Six Day Two

STEP TEN: *Know How To Be Convinced*

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am *convinced* that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

It Takes Jesus' Faith To Convince You

"For I am convinced" is a statement of faith in God. It is a strong, consistent faith in God's authority, power, willingness, and desire to **along with Him (Jesus), graciously give us all things.** It is a faith that He will protect you from being destroyed by any bad things.

Jesus, make it clear to me that I can cooperatively read all these things in Romans 8:31-39 and spend my time trying to convince myself through all this proof. I can reason with myself and try to get my mind and heart to accept the validity and truth of it all. I can read these things over and over until I feel like I have really accepted it as a fact. But, when it comes to **trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword, when I face death all day long, when I am being considered as sheep to be slaughtered, I will doubt, fear, worry, and fail.**

Two Sources Of Faith

Let Jesus show you these truths through Peter; he had been listening to Jesus, living with Him, being trained by Him, and was now humanly "convinced" that *his* faith was ready for anything:

The Truth

Mat 26:31-32 (NIV) Then Jesus told them, "This very night you will all fall away on account of Me, for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee." When Jesus says something, it is *vital* that you listen and accept what He says as fact and truth. *He* must be the One you listen to and accept as your authority on everything. Your faith *must* be in the truth; and, Jesus *only* tells you the truth because He *is* the truth. **Mat 6:32 (NIV)**

Human Faith

Mat 26:33 (NIV) Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will." Jesus, show me that Peter is speaking with a lot of faith; he is convinced; he is confident; he is **sure** and **certain** that he will be able to take faith-action on this matter. It looks like Peter is getting his faith from the Author and Perfecter of his faith; but, he isn't.

Heb 11:1 (NIV) Now faith is being *sure* of what you hope for and *certain* of what you do not see. Jesus, You know the source of Peter's faith. Peter has confidence in himself and his own faith; he "believes" he has such great faith and commitment that *he can do everything (Philippians 4:13)*. Help me not try to use or build up my human faith. Teach me how to look to You for speaking Your faith into my faith so I will be **sure** and **certain** through You.

The Truth

Mat 26:34 (NIV) "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times." If Peter had faith in Jesus, he would have believed Jesus' words and sought guidance and help from Him. But, Peter had a faith that blocked off faith in, from, and through Jesus. So, here is Peter's next decision and action:

Human Faith

Mat 26:35 (NIV) But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown You." And all the other disciples said the same. Jesus, these guys were committed, determined, filled with faith, had a lot of training, and were expressing their readiness to take the necessary steps of faith-action, which was: "even if I have to die with You." But, even though I have these same things, I am not and they weren't ready for the test.

How To Get Jesus-Faith

So, Jesus and the disciples left that place and went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray. **Mat 26:40-41** Then He (Jesus) returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with Me for one hour?" He asked Peter. "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Watch and pray: Jesus teach me that I am *watching* when I am looking for needs to pray about. I am *watching* when I am trying to make a decision and realize I need to include You in the decision. I am *watching* when I consult You while trying to get a solution to something. I am *watching* when I start looking for ideas and feelings to come to me from You.

Jesus, I am *praying* when I get good ideas and supportive feelings and give You the credit for them. I am *praying* when my thoughts include looking to You for what You have to say about the decision I am about to make. I am *praying* when I ask You for Your knowledge, foreknowledge of the future, understanding, and wisdom concerning a solution I am seeking. I am *praying* when I ask You for Your power to empower me to do what I need to do.

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation: You are being tempted when you forget to include God in your decisions and plans. You are being tempted when you start thinking that you have reached the training, faith, and spiritual growth where *you* are ready to strike out on your own. You are being tempted when you take faith-action through self-help, determination, self-confidence, and self-esteem.

The spirit is willing, but the body is weak: Jesus, You used Romans 7:15-24 to give me a vivid picture of my willing but weak spirit. And, You gave me a vivid picture of the weakness of my body. Because of my spirit's relationship with my body, I have to clearly understand the difference between human-faith and Your-faith. Your-faith comes through watching and praying. Since Peter didn't watch and pray, he failed, even though he had a lot of human faith. Like me, he needed to fix his eyes *on* You, as Author and Perfecter of his faith. Help me keep my eyes on You for Your faith to be spoken into my faith.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Six Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through The Truth

Week Six Day Three

STEP TEN CONTINUED: *Know* How To Be Convinced

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am *convinced* that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Truth

Mat 26:31-32 (NIV) Then Jesus told them, “This very night you will all fall away on account of Me, for it is written: “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee:” When you have applied The Seven Biblical Principles to enough Scriptures, and when you have received enough results from it, you will read the Bible with respect. You will accept it as God' Book; you will allow Jesus to speak faith into you through it; and, you will start taking faith-action based on it.

Jesus, I need this respect, faith, and submission to Your Word. Help me read the Bible as the Truth that it is. Help me feel its power and authority; help me yield my own will to its principles. Let me get the full benefits of all it says. Help me not argue, reason, try to add my own interpretation, or ignore it. Give me complete faith in it and You.

Human Faith

Mat 26:33 (NIV) Peter replied, “Even if all fall away on account of You, I never will:” You have been trained by the world to self-commit, get determined, speak with confidence, believe in yourself, know you can do it, and never give up. With Peter, you are seeing that human effort and world training don't bring about spiritual results.

When You, like Peter, make up your mind, it keeps you from getting Jesus' faith and help. Once you feel you have the answer or the ability, there is no place in your heart for Jesus' faith and help. It is only when you open up to your need for what Jesus is offering that you succeed in life. You have to ask Jesus to help you be willing to see your weaknesses.

Jesus, I get these feelings that I know what to do. I feel so confident that I can do various things. Help me not close You out and fail to get Your faith and help. Help me recognize it when I don't invite You into my situations and decisions. Help me look to You for Your guidance, Your help, and Your faith. Keep me from making promises as to what I will do.

The Truth

Mat 26:34 (NIV) “I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times.**”** You may not like what Jesus is telling you; you may even feel like what He is saying about you isn't true. But, if you will stop and ask Him for explanations and examples, He will help you see that He knows what He is talking about.

You must start with relational faith. You may disagree with what He is saying about you; but, relational faith will convince you He is right. So, you open your heart to Him for His proof. That helps you allow Him to show you things about you that are hard to see. Jesus will give you proof of what He is talking about. That will give you specific faith. You believed Him because you trust Him; *and*, you believe because you can now see His point.

Jesus, help me be **poor in spirit** enough that I can hear words from You that are painful to hear. Help me be saved from the pain and disappointment that comes from failures that You would have delivered me from. Help me always have relational faith in You so I will trust You with all Your evaluations of me and my life; let me join You in dealing with the problem.

Human Faith Continued

Mat 26:35 (NIV) But Peter declared, “Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown You.” And all the other disciples said the same: There are statements of faith that you are responsible for speaking out loud. However, they are statement about what you know God will, is, or has done. Statements of faith that declare what *you* will or will not do aren't the kind of faith-statements God is looking for. Pride is being presented here; self-confidence is being exhibited; and, a human commitment is being declared.

Jesus, help me see the difference between faith in myself and faith in You. Keep me from trying to impress You with my determination, dedication, or commitment. Help me not brag about what I will do for You. Let me ask You for all those things You want to do with, for, in, and through me. Help me always see I need You, so I can do those things You want from me.

Letting Jesus Speak Faith Into You

Mat 26:40-41 Then He (Jesus) returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. “**Could you men not keep watch with Me for one hour?**” **He asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”**

The Early Warning System

Then He (Jesus) returned to His disciples and found them sleeping: Peter hasn’t denied Jesus yet; he hasn’t failed the assignment yet; he can still be helped to win over this temptation. There will always be warnings, evidences, and indications that you are failing to invite Jesus into one of your life situations. Peter was, at that moment, failing a very simple assignment. If he didn’t have the power to keep himself awake, how was he going to have the power to die for Jesus. Jesus was giving him a warning that he needed help with his commitment.

Jesus, help me take advantage of any warning You give me. Even if I miss Your first warning, let me pick up on any additional warnings. Help me not be stubborn, too embarrassed, or too prideful to admit I was wrong. Help me join You in attacking and dealing with anything that I have, am, or will make a mistake on.

Admitting You Can’t

Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with Me for one hour?” He asked Peter: What was the answer to this question? The answer was, NO! But, Peter probably felt ashamed, felt defensive, and probably made a new commitment to do better. When you fail Jesus, the reason *is*, you failed to get something from Him that you needed. You are always inadequate; you always fail on your own; the *only* way to not fail is to turn to Jesus and get His help. All Peter had to do was ask for help.

Jesus, help me always answer Your questions by asking You for the answer. Help me ask You why I failed; help me admit I failed and then cooperate with You to get the solution. Let me realize that I have to have You in order to do anything successfully.

Power Rather Than Instructions

Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with Me for one hour?” He asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak: Here is the place where you can get confused. Jesus can tell you what you need to do to not fail and you can improperly apply it. You can give it your best efforts to apply His instructions and try to **watch and pray**. Or, you can hear Jesus speak the power and faith into you so you *can* **watch and pray**.

Jesus, help me *desire* to **watch and pray**. Help me *study* and learn how to **watch and pray**. Help me *pray* for the power and ability to **watch and pray**. Help me look to You for the faith, so I can *believe* I have the training, abilities, and power to **watch and pray**. Help me **watch and pray** out of *love* for You, myself, and other people. Help me take *faith-action* and practice watching and praying. Then help me be *thankful* for being able to **watch and pray**.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Seven

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Win/Win Relationships

Week Six Day Four

STEP TEN CONTINUED: *Know* How To Be Convinced

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

WHEN Trouble Comes

For I am convinced: Romans 8:38-39 *isn't* saying that none of these things will ever come your way. You must keep in mind that Jesus said in John 16:33: **(NIV) I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.**

Jesus, when these things (**trouble**) do come my way, let it be that **in You (Jesus) I may have peace**; help me also **take heart** because You (**Jesus**) **have overcome the world (John 16:33)**; and, **in all these things I am more than conquerors through You Who loved me (Rom 8:37).**

As long as you make Jesus and the Bible the *final* authority in what you believe, accept, know, and are convinced of, then your faith will be powerful, constant, and unwavering. But, you have to use The Seven Biblical Principles to make sure you have the right kind of faith and are going in the right direction. Otherwise, you will make promises based on faith in yourself.

1. Jesus, help me want or *desire* the right things.
2. Jesus, help me *study* and understand the right things.
3. Jesus help me *pray* and ask for the right things.
4. Jesus, help me *believe* I have received the right things.
5. Jesus, help me do all this for the reasons of *love*.
6. Jesus, help me join you and give me the power and wisdom to take *faith-action* on the right things.
7. Jesus, help me always be *thankful* for Your power, wisdom, and love that has helped me do the right things.

When Faith Comes

For I am convinced that: Jesus-faith has a goal and purpose that makes sure you are believing and taking action in the right direction. Since this faith is coming through Jesus, you can't just believe for anything you want. It keeps the mighty power of God under God's control.

Mark 11:24 (AKJV) Therefore I say unto *you*, What things soever *you* desire, when *you* pray, believe that *you* receive them, and *you* shall have them. Jesus, show me that if I could just use human faith, no telling what I would believe for and get done for me through the mighty power of God. Help me see that, that would be a very scary situation that could ruin the world. I thank You for keeping God's power under Your control.

Faith For Good Gifts

Mat 7:11 (NIV) If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!

In Matthew 7:7-10 just above Matthew 7:11, Jesus gave the three keys to Christianity and getting things from your heavenly Father. The asking, seeking, and knocking all have to do with **good gifts**. If you ask, seek, or knock for things that aren't good for you *and* those around you, then God *will not* give them to you. Jesus only gives you His faith for **good gifts**. **Good gifts** are only good gifts, if they are beneficial to every person involved (win/win).

Win/Win Described In The Very Next Verse

Mat 7:12 (NIV) **SO IN EVERYTHING**, do to others what you would have them do to you, **for this sums up the Law and the Prophets**. Immediately after Jesus talks about the keys to Christianity and good gifts, He gives the golden rule for all relationships; He defines how a win/win relationship works. You are to always make your decisions and take your actions on the basis of **what we would have them do to us**.

For this sums up the Law and the Prophets: Jesus, teach me that every law, rule, commandment, and principle of God is summed up in this one concept. If I **do to others what I would have them do to me**, I fulfill all the rules, laws, commandments, and principles that God stands for. Make it clear to me that everything the Holy Spirit speaks into my conscience, heart, and mind is based on this concept.

Win/Win Faith

For I am convinced that neither death nor life: This isn't just a matter of having faith from Jesus for individual issues of life and death, it is a principle that everyone needs to be made aware of for every human everywhere. They need to know why these things happen.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons: Jesus, help me understand that most of the calamities, wars, diseases, pestilence, plagues, disasters, and mass murders come from the satanic realm. People are listening to Satan and yielding to his demonic forces. Help me realize that all these things are happening because of who people are listening to. Help me warn people about this issue. Many don't understand why all this is happening. You want to set them free from listening to Satan.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future: It doesn't matter what is happening to you right now or what will happen to you in the future; if you want Jesus' love, none of it can take Him and His love from you. You can be sure of one thing; God will take everything that happens to you and make it work together for your good.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers: Jesus, help me believe that no one nor any *thing* is more powerful than God. I am safe in His protection and safe in His love. Help me not only live on the basis of this fact, but, help me share it with all who will listen.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

Jesus, help me believe this with all my heart and mind. Help me believe that nothing that is going on in the highest heaven or in the greatest depths of hell have any influence or power over my relationship with my heavenly Father and Your love. Help me see that this next thing says it all: If I want God and all He has to offer, if I want Your faith and Your love, then nothing **in all creation** will be able to take it and them away from me.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Eight

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Relational Faith

Week Six Day Five

STEP TEN CONTINUED: KNOW How To Be Convinced

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am *convinced* that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be *able* to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

This Is Your Goal

For I am convinced: When you don't have Jesus' faith causing you to know that nothing **will be *able* to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord**, you live a life of fear, doubt, depression, and confusion. Romans 8:38-39 is the avenue or channel through which Jesus is speaking to the reader. He is speaking His faith into you and causing you to know these facts. The main issue has to do with what you are trying to get these two verses to do.

If you apply Romans 8:38-39 to your brain and mind, you will be trying to get it to convince *you* through proof that they are true. If you open your heart to Romans 8:38-39, Jesus will speak assurance, peace, and security into *it*. If you try to get your mind to accept this, you will always be needing further proof. You will always have to come back for more evidence. If Jesus speaks the faith and truth of these verses into you, it will be a permanent, consistent, and eternal truth in your heart and mind.

Jesus, when the storms of life come my way, I need to be able to face them with Your assurance, peace, and faith. It is a time when I need to *already* be convinced. If I have to try to get this faith in the face of great challenges, the battle is almost unbearable. But, if You have already convinced me of my security in You, I have the emotional stability to face them with great peace, faith, and assurance. Help me open my heart to Your faith right now. Speak through all these verses and bring my heart and mind into Your eternal security.

Provisional Faith Based On Relational Faith

For I am convinced that: You are being led into believing for specific things; but, you can only believe in these provisions of God because you know, are **sure**, and are **certain** that this security is based on **the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord**. You have to enter into Jesus like a strong tower or fortress. He is empowering you to see Him as having the rights, power, authority, abilities, love, and willingness to protect you from all these things.

Jesus, there are a lot of things listed in Romans 8:38-39; help me understand that they are very powerful and dangerous things. Show me that they have eternal issues attached to them. But, help me see that it all comes down to Who You are. It's **the love of God that is in You, Christ Jesus, my Lord**; You give me eternal security by empowering me to put into practice those things You are teaching me.

Jesus, help me keep my eyes fixed on You; help me allow Your faith to flow through my eyes into my heart. Help me see You and know Who You are and what You have the authority to do. Let me see Your heart and Your position at the right hand of our heavenly Father. Speak to my heart and give it the assurance I need to never doubt my eternal security in You. I give You my heart, my mind, and my life right now. I know You will protect me for all of eternity.

For I Am CONVINCED That

- 1. Neither death nor life:** Life and death are things you have no control over. As long as you live and after you die, they will not **be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord**. So, because you have made Christianity permanent in your life, you have also made it permanent in your death.

Jesus, thank You for teaching me and empowering me to make Christianity a permanent part of my life; I am now eternally secure in You. Speak faith into my heart so I can base my life on this fact. Help me always know You are keeping me eternally secure.

2. **Neither angels nor demons:** These beings are very powerful; but, angels are submitted to God. However, demons are obedient to Satan. These demons are capable of creating a lot of spiritual, circumstantial, and physical damage to you, as a human; but, Jesus defeated them. Jesus holds all authority in heaven and earth.

Heb 2:14-15 (NIV) Since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity so that by His death He might *destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--and free those* who all their life were held in slavery by their fear of death. None of these beings have the power or the ability **to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord;** that makes you eternally secure for as long as you want it. Jesus will always honor your God-given free will.

Jesus, I am so glad You have all power and authority in heaven and earth. Help me understand that You were able to **destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil--and free me, who all my life was held in slavery by my fear of death.**

3. **Neither the present nor the future:** A lot of things can happen to you during your day. As time goes by, you never really know what to expect. If you were to think about all the bad things that might happen to you, you could go into depression, hopelessness, helplessness, fear, and even panic. But, since Jesus is in control of your life, you can trust Him to watch over you. You can know that today, tomorrow, the rest of your time here on earth, and eternity is locked into **the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord;** that makes you eternally secure for as long as that is the desire of your heart.

Jesus, my life could be filled with anticipations of negative and painful things. You have given me security in You; You have given me love, joy, and peace. Help me stay in this attitude of trust, faith, and dependency on Your protection, blessings, and miracles.

4. **Nor any powers:** A lot of people have positions, power, authority, and control. They may not be able to do anything to your relationship with Jesus directly; but, they may make you so miserable, persecuted, and tortured that you decide it isn't worth it to suffer this much.

Jesus, help me not try to prepare for difficulties, persecution, or torture. Help me know You will always give me the necessary attitudes, character, grace, and power to handle any of those things that might come my way. Keep me faithful to You no matter what comes.

5. **Neither height nor depth:** There are spiritual issues that God hasn't fully revealed to you. But, God *has* made known to you the issue of spiritual warfare. **2 Cor 10:4 (NIV) The weapons you fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. Eph 6:12 (NIV) For your struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.**

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Jesus, teach me all the aspects of spiritual warfare. Help me stop fighting, arguing, and attacking humans. Help me understand what it means that my struggle isn't against people. Help me understand how to handle all these things in the heights and in the depths.

7. **Nor anything else in all creation:** This sums it all up; only things created might force you out of God's love. Since you want to be eternally secure in God's love, you have God's guarantee that you have it. None of the above-mentioned things **will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord**; that makes you eternally secure.

Jesus, let this be my conviction; let Your faith convince me of all these truths. Fill my heart with the power of Romans 8:31-39; speak Your powerful, securing faith into my heart and mind. Help me live on the basis of these facts. Give me a life in You that produces results.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Twenty-Nine

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Warnings

Week Seven Day One

STEP TEN CONTINUED: *Know How To Be Convinced*

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

Moving From Human Faith To Jesus-Faith

Dealing With Human Faith

Remember Peter, who tried to use his human faith to resist temptations to deny his Lord and how he declared his faith and willingness to take faith-action? **Mat 26:35 (NIV)** But Peter declared, **“Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown You.”** And all the other disciples said the same. Let Jesus show you where He had to take Peter from and where He had to take him into.

I will never disown You: Jesus, as You reveal to me Peter's declaration of a faith that he had in and through himself, show me how subtle it is to mistake human faith with Your faith. Help me understand why he wasn't getting this faith from You. Show me that it was because he wasn't using spiritual principles to get Your faith. He was using his human system.

Even if I have to die with You: Jesus, teach me that Peter “believed in himself” because he hadn’t become **poor in spirit** when he listened to You present the Sermon on the Mount. He didn’t learn that **apart from** You he couldn’t do anything, when you presented the vine illustration. He didn’t listen when You told him that the flesh counts for nothing. Help me see that, that can happen to me as I read my Bible. You can say it to me; but, I have to listen.

The Warning

Mat 26:34 (NIV) I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times.” Was this Jesus speaking faith into Peter that “**this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times**”? No, Jesus was warning Peter about a problem he needed His faith to resist. But, because Peter felt he already had all the faith he needed, he didn’t heed the warning and “do what it took” to get Jesus-faith.

John 16:8 (NIV) When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment. Jesus, this can happen to me; the Holy Spirit can warn me that I am about to do something wrong, bad, or evil. But, I can yield to pride and think that all I have to do to heed the warning is to make up my mind to not do it. Help me stop and pray, asking You to empower me to resist that thing the Holy Spirit is warning me about.

The Training

Mat 26:40-41 (NIV) Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with Me for one hour?” He asked Peter. “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.” The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation: This is what you have to do in order to get Jesus-faith. When Jesus said this to Peter, he could have allowed it to create faith and the power to **watch and pray so that** he would **not fall into temptation**.

Watch: Jesus, this can happen to me; I can try to be careful. I can evaluate situations and decide that I can handle it. I can fall asleep when I should be reading my Bible and praying. Help me give up trying to be careful and use The Three Keys To All Of Christianity. Help me use The Seven Biblical Principles and find out why I think I can handle spiritual issues. Help me use my toolset to find out why I am too tired to study my Bible and pray.

Pray: Jesus, this can happen to me; I can go a whole day and make many decisions and then realize that I never consulted You for any of them. I can pray and ask You for guidance and then walk away from You and go do it with my own strength and skill. I can come up with things I think are best for me, and then try to get You to put Your stamp of approval on them. Help me come to You, seek Your guidance, join You in the fulfillment of its application, and then thank You for giving me Your powerful miracles that came from it.

A Trained Christian

Acts 3:1-3 (NIV) One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer--at three in the afternoon. Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money.

Jesus-Faith

Acts 3:6-8 (NIV) Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God.

Jesus, show me how I can tell the difference between human faith and Your faith. Make it clear to me that human faith fails; Your faith produces supernatural, miraculous results that help and heal me and those around me. Do the same work in me that You did in Peter. I can see that Peter’s faith wasn’t in himself anymore; but, his faith wasn’t just *in* You; it was *from* You. His heart had accepted principles like those in the seven faith-building questions. Help them to do the same work in me.

Yielding To Jesus-Faith

Jesus gave Peter special training, after he denied Him three times. Jesus worked on Peter’s relational faith so He could later start giving him provisional faith. Let Jesus show you the time where Peter gets this special training from Him. It starts with some women at the tomb.

No Condemnation

Mark 16:5-7 (NIV) As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and PETER, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.’”

You are looking at the verses after Peter had denied his Lord three times. He needed the faith-building question number five that says: **Rom 8:34 (NIV)** Who is he that *condemns*? Christ Jesus, Who died--more than that, Who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for you. Peter thought He was condemned or separated from Jesus.

Jesus, Peter decided he had done something bad enough that he had *cut himself off* from You and God’s love. He didn’t know that the only way for him to be cut off was to want to be cut off. You were ready to help Peter, who *still wanted* God’s love. Help me see how You proved that this “want” was all He required of him at this stage in his life. **Rom 8:1 (NIV)** Therefore, there is now no *condemnation* for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Thirty

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Resisting Condemnation

Week Seven Day Two

STEP TEN CONTINUED: *Know How To Be Convinced*

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am *convinced* that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

A Statement Of Faith

Mat 26:35 (NIV) But Peter *declared*, “Even if I have to die with You, I will never disown You.” And all the other disciples *said* the same. It is hard for you to be able to tell when you are *speaking* through Jesus’ faith or your faith. **James 3:2 (NIV)** We all **stumble in many ways.** If anyone is never at fault in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to keep his whole body in check. You want to *say* those things that represent God’s truth. If the Bible says you have something, you need to be *saying* the same things. But, if you don’t say them through Jesus’ faith, you are just quoting Scripture.

Jesus, help me not just say the words in the Bible. Help me say them with the conviction, assurance, and acceptance of the truth they represent. Help me believe them in such a way that they become a part of what I base my life on. Let them be facts that I know are governing me. Let them be principles that are like the law of gravity to me.

A Fact That Can Be Changed

Mat 26:34 (NIV) I tell you the truth,” Jesus answered, “**this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown Me three times.**” There are things that are going to happen to you no matter what; but, after they do, you can do something to handle them. And, there are things that are going to happen to you; but, only if you don’t do something about it before they do. Jesus is telling Peter about something that is going to happen because he isn’t ready to face the issue. There were things Peter could do; but, he hadn’t learned some important spiritual principles to handle them. If he had been ready, he would have been able to receive power from Jesus to resist temptation.

Jesus, help me apply myself to Your training, so I will be ready to handle those things that are going to happen to me no matter what. And help me be ready to prevent those things from happening to me that can be stopped by proper spiritual training. Empower me and train me to be able to handle, with You, all problems and issues no matter what kind they are.

A Teaching That Can Be Applied

Mat 26:40-41 (NIV) Then He returned to His disciples and found them sleeping. “Could you men not keep watch with Me for one hour?” He asked Peter. **“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation.”** The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.” Jesus and the Bible have power to speak creative change and faith into you. **“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation”** were power-words for Peter to resist the temptation he was going to face. They could have used to **watch and pray** so he wouldn’t **fall into temptation**; but he didn’t hear them with spiritual ears.

Jesus, help me always realize that You are God; when You talk, You and the Bible speak creative power. Help me not just get information; give me transformation. Open my heart to everything You and the Bible say. Give me faith, power, and creation for a new way of living.

A Faith That Produces Results

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Once you have “done what it takes” to establish a faith relationship with God, God-sized, miraculous, supernatural things start to happen in your life. Your attitudes and character have been brought into a condition where Jesus can flow through you in power. *Peter’s* faith didn’t help him; it didn’t empower him to defeat the temptation to deny his Lord. But, with Jesus’ faith, he was able to allow Jesus to flow through him into the life and body of a hurting person.

Jesus, help me to be transformed in my attitudes and character. Help me be so cooperative with You that You can not only meet my needs but flow through me to meet the needs of others. I can see how important it is for me to learn how to yield to You and all You have to offer. Take me, train me, and lead me into a life with You.

Getting Peter Ready For A Life With Jesus

Mark 16:5-7 (NIV) As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But **go, tell His disciples and Peter,** ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.’”

Peter denied Jesus three times just like Jesus said he would; Peter and *his* faith had failed. You must understand that you are *practicing* faith-action, not taking faith-action. Peter was and you are new at accomplishing things in the spirit realm. Like Peter, you have a lot to learn. Practicing faith-action has to be with a willingness to make mistakes. Peter was *very* verbal all during his training. He got dealt with about it; but, it got him ready for his future.

When the angel told those in Mark 16:5-7 to **go, tell His disciples *and Peter***, it was a special message to Peter that would change his life. That is what Jesus is saying to you right now.

Jesus, I am ready to be trained by You to work together in the spirit realm. Help me go over Romans 8:31-39 on a regular basis so I won't get discouraged with all my mistakes and failures. Let me see how You were so patient with Peter; let it help me know You will be patient with me. Help me not get discouraged or feel condemned when I fail to do what I was trying to do. Help me keep looking to You for further guidance, training, and experience.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Thirty-One

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Wanting

Week Seven Day Three

STEP TEN CONTINUED: *Know* How To Be Convinced

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

Moving From Human Faith To Jesus-Faith

1. *I Want* Jesus And His Salvation

Jesus is still showing you how Peter learned to get His faith. Peter had denied his Lord three times just like Jesus said he would; but, the important thing was, Peter still *wanted* Jesus and His salvation. Peter committed a huge sin; and, he did it after he had been warned by Jesus. It is easy to see how Peter could think he had cut himself off from Jesus and His salvation.

After Jesus was crucified and rose from the dead, some ladies went to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body for burial; but, they found the tomb empty and an angel in it. He told them: **"Go, tell His (Jesus') disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you (Mark 16:7).'**" This was a special message or invitation to Peter. When you mess up in a big way like Peter did, Jesus will give you a special invitation.

Jesus, help me put myself in Peter's place. Help me imagine that it was me who denied You. Help me see what You will do when I need this kind of special help. Show me how You were getting ready to give Peter some final training on faith. You were about to train Peter on relational faith and miraculously put it into Peter's heart. This relational faith became the foundational faith on which Peter lived the rest of his life.

2. I Know That Nothing Can Separate Those Who Want Jesus

John 21:15 (NIV) When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you truly love Me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “You know that I love You.” Jesus said, “Feed My lambs.”

The reason there are *seven* faith-building questions is because it’s difficult to deal with spiritual questions. When Jesus asks you one of these seven questions, you typically do what Peter did when He asked: “**do you truly love Me more than these?**”. You typically use your brain and try to produce spiritual answers. Peter was doing that trying to get faith and love through his own reasoning. It hard not to consult your human mind and brain when asked a question.

Jesus, I started out as a new or untrained Christian with the principles the world taught me. I tried to convince myself of something and thought I had faith. I tried to believe in myself; I try to love people; I tried to have all the correct feelings and convictions to live the right kind of life. But, my faith, love, and efforts were all too weak; I failed.

3. I Now Get The Answers To All Questions From Jesus

Let Jesus show you His work on Peter; notice how and why He kept asking the same question over and over. See what this repetition does to Peter, as he struggles with the transition from human faith to Jesus-faith. Try to put yourself in Peter’s place and see if you can understand how Peter felt. Then put yourself in Jesus’ place and see if you can understand what Jesus was trying to do.

4. I Now Get The Answers As A Miraculous Change In My Heart And Mind

John 21:16 (NIV) Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you truly love Me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, You know that I love You.” Jesus said, “Take care of My sheep.”

This is Jesus, the Creator of the universe:

- Jesus, this is You, Who said: “Let there be light,” and there was light (Gen 1:3).”
- This is You, Who said: “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. You said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go (John 11:43-44).”
- This is You, Who said: “Stretch out your hand.” He did so, and his hand was completely restored (Luke 6:10).
- This is You, Who said: “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” You declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

Jesus, help me see that You are the Creator of the universe asking Peter to let Him to speak faith and love into him. Help me feel what Peter was feeling and trying to do. Show me that he was still trying to get his heart and mind to understand these spiritual principles. He didn’t realize it had to come as a supernatural miracle that would change his heart and mind; so, You asked him again. Jesus, help me turn to The Seven Biblical Principle in these situations.

5. I Am Now Set Free From Trying To Do Spiritual Things With Human Abilities
John 21:17 (NIV) The third time He said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said, “Feed My sheep.

Jesus, help me see that You are asking me these seven faith-building questions like You asked Peter the same question three times. I can get frustrated, like Peter, with seven questions coming at me. I can do what Peter did and keep trying to answer them with my mind and brain. Help me apply The Seven Biblical Principles, so my attention is drawn to the spiritual.

6. I Have Stopped Consulting Myself And Started Consulting Jesus
Jesus told Peter and He is telling you in **Matthew 26:41 (NIV)** “**Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.**”

The spirit is willing, but the body is weak: Jesus, Romans 7:15-25 explained that my great wants and desires aren’t powerful enough to carry out spiritual requirements. I can’t believe, I can’t love, and I can’t stop doing wrong things and start doing right things. Help me see that as long as I keep looking inside myself for the things I need, I will be disappointed and fail.

7. I Now Have My Eyes Fixed On Jesus
Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation: When your focus, your attention, your questions, your figuring things out, and your decisions are done with Jesus, you are inviting Him into the resources of your mind and heart.

Jesus, help me be looking to You for ideas to pop up in my mind. Help me be looking to You to help me yield to Your faith and love in my heart. Help me respond to these things so I can grow like Peter. Let God-sized, supernatural miracles take place in my heart and mind.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Thirty-Two

Opening The Door To God’s Invisible World Through Knowing

Week Seven Day Four

STEP TEN CONTINUED: *Know* How To Be Convinced

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am *convinced* that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

Moving From Human Faith To Jesus-Faith

1. I *Want* Jesus And His Salvation

“Go, tell His (Jesus’) disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you (Mark 16:7).’” Everyone messes up; we all fail; we all do things that are very disappointing to ourselves and God. But, do you want Jesus to train and empower you to improve in these area? The seven faith-building questions are for those who mess up, but still want Jesus. It is for those who are attacked and accused, but still want Jesus. It is for those who run into a whole bunch of bad circumstances, but still want Jesus. It’s for those who want to learn how to answer spiritual questions by looking to Jesus for the answer.

Jesus, help me never give up on You; I know You will never give up on me. But, I need Your power to help me never stop believing in these seven questions. Speak Your faith into me through them; fill my heart with relational faith so I will always believe in and trust You. Let me keep my eyes on You when distracting things come my way. Help me stay focused on You and Your greatness all during temptations, difficulties, and persecution.

2. I *Know* That Nothing Can Separate Those Who Want Jesus

John 21:15 (NIV) When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you truly love Me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “You know that I love You.” Jesus said, “Feed My lambs.” Like Peter, you feel guilty, miserable, disappointed, and like a failure when you fail Jesus. But, He separates you from your deeds; He is ready to join you and start to work on those failing deeds. You are justified; you are perfect before God; that is so you can get together with Jesus and find out what caused the failure. Because of your perfect record, you can join Him in concentrating on your deeds, rather than focusing on you.

Jesus, I have all kinds of thoughts and emotions about why I am going through various things, why I messed up, and why I can’t do better. But, help me stop examining myself and focus on You. Give me Your power to start joining You so you can analyze circumstances, deeds, and failures together. Thank You for separating me from my deeds. Help me to accept the way You look at things so I can be in unison with You.

3. I *Now* Get The Answers To All Questions From Jesus

Jesus, sometimes I want to prove how smart I am. I want to come up with the answers to Your questions myself. Help me realize that You have answers that I will never come up with. Help me learn to always go to You for additional training. Let me learn from You rather than trying to impress You. Help me keep hungering and thirsting after Your righteousness and training.

4. I *Now* Get The Answers As A Miraculous Change In My Heart And Mind

John 21:16 (NIV) Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you truly love Me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, You know that I love You.” Jesus said, “Take care of My sheep.”

When you read the Bible, you can feel pressure to perform; or, you can feel the miraculous power of Jesus speaking transformation, miracles, healing, and faith into you. You can tell when you are looking to yourself; you feel pressure. You can tell when you are looking to Jesus for His help with each Bible verse, you feel power. The Bible isn't just a book of information it is a Book of creation and transformation.

Jesus, it hurts me when I try to live Christianity through my efforts and mental abilities. When I get my eyes on my abilities, efforts, knowledge, and skills, my life gets difficult and painful. Help me fix my eyes on You as the Author and Perfecter of my faith. You will keep pouring the faith I need for every question, problem, failure, and need. Help me always look to You every moment of every day. Help me become transformed by the Bible.

5. I Am Now Set Free From Trying To Do Spiritual Things With Human Abilities

John 21:17 (NIV) The third time He said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love Me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You.” Jesus said, “Feed My sheep.”

Your relationship with Jesus gets hurt, when you are trying to impress, prove, or convince Him of something. If you forget that Jesus isn't looking for what you can do for Him, you will always be on the “hot seat.” If you always remember that Jesus is wanting you to be looking for what He can do for you, in you, with you, to you, and through you, then your Christian life becomes productive and joyous. Rather than getting hurt, Peter should have asked Jesus why He kept questioning him. If you get offended, then you are assuming that Jesus is abusing you.

Jesus, I am used to defending myself, explaining why I did something, and proving I did the right thing. Set me free from this human system and help me realize that You always have a love-reason for why You do things. Help me always be ready to ask You what Your purpose is so I can cooperate with You. Help me get my answers to Your questions from You.

6. I Have Stopped Consulting Myself And Started Consulting Jesus

Jesus told Peter and He is telling you in **Matthew 26:41 (NIV) “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”** There are four important truths here. There is the principle of *watching* and *praying*. And there is the *attitude* of your spirit and the *weakness* of your body. Jesus took these four concepts and put them together so as to reveal how to take a willing spirit and give it control over a weak body.

Jesus, teach me how to always be watching for moments where I am not inviting You into the situation. Help me always pray over the moment-by-moment situations of my day. Teach me how to pray rather than consult my mind for ideas and solutions to problems. Empower me to use my willing spirit to take control over my weak body.

7. I Now Have My Eyes Fixed On Jesus

Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. You have to be aware of the temptation to do your own watching. You can try to be careful to include Jesus in everything. You can drive yourself crazy trying to make sure you are always watching and praying. But, Jesus isn't asking you to look to yourself to always watch and pray. Watching and praying are very important; but, they aren't principles you can implement.

Jesus, if I fail to include You in an issue, help me to go back to You and ask You to help me watch and pray. In my spirit, I want to always watch and pray; but, I will be constantly forgetting to do it. My brain, in my body, isn't going to be able to remember. I need You to empower me to remember.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Thirty-Three Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Holy Spirit Power

Week Seven Day Five

STEP TEN CONTINUED: *Know How To Be Convinced*

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

Moving From Jesus' Ministry To Holy Spirit Ministry

Things Were A Little Different Back Then

Peter lived in a time when Jesus' ministry was getting Christianity started. Jesus was on earth in His physical form; He was doing those things that were necessary for providing all of mankind the power and benefits of salvation. However, Him operating in a human body had some limitations.

Jesus, help me understand what things were like, when You were living here in Your physical body. Help me see that You were only able to be in one place at a time. So, after You had completed Your earthly mission, You went back to heaven, so You could be everywhere at once. Now, You are able to do all kinds of supernatural, spiritual, God-sized things all over the world simultaneously. Teach me the way *that* happened: You left and went back to heaven and sat beside our heavenly Father and the Holy Spirit is now doing Your ministry.

The Holy Spirit Starts His Ministry

John 16:7 (NIV) But I (Jesus) tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor (Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. Peter was living during the time when Jesus was on earth and the Holy Spirit had not yet come and started the phase of His ministry. Therefore, there was something Peter needed that you get at salvation.

When Does The Holy Spirit Come?

Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power *when the Holy Spirit comes on you*; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. The “**when**” for Peter was going to be at a later date; the “**when**” for you was at salvation. But, the “**when**” for you was also at a later date; it was “**when**” you decided to make Christianity a permanent decision and lifestyle. It was “**when**” you decided to stop looking to yourself and start looking to Jesus and the Holy Spirit for meeting all your needs.

Jesus, I want this “**when**” to be now. I want to yield to the Holy Spirit’s ministry so I can be in a permanent relationship with You. Help me understand that I must have the Holy Spirit come on me in order for me to have the power I need. Show me the difference He made on Your disciples. Help me see the difference between the Holy Spirit living in me and the Holy Spirit coming on me.

Jesus Left So He Could Send You His Holy Spirit

Acts 1:9 (NIV) After He said this, He was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. Jesus didn’t leave you without having His ministry; He didn’t leave you without His training; He didn’t leave you without His power; and, He didn’t leave you without His relationship. He simply expanded them so that all of these things were provided all the time to everyone.

Jesus, show me the importance of Your ministry being provided to me through Your Holy Spirit. Help me see that I don’t have to go anywhere to be with You and You with me. Help me realize that now I am able to **remain in You and You in me**. Help me see how much better it is for me than when You were on earth in Your physical body. Help me see the brilliance of Your plan to leave, so You could minister to me through the Holy Spirit.

Jesus Did His Work

John 15:3 (NIV) You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Peter was *very* well trained; Jesus made sure he was in good shape as it related to knowing what he needed to know. But, Peter was still living in the Romans 7:15-25 Christian lifestyle. He was still looking to himself for faith, dedication, commitment, love, and power. He needed a relationship that would help him get a flow of all God’s resources coming into him. And, that had to happen by means of a life in the Holy Spirit described in Romans chapter eight.

Peter And Mankind Got The Holy Spirit!

Acts 2:1-4 (NIV) When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Now, Like Peter, All Christians Can Love And Believe

Acts 1:8a (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you. Jesus, teach me that this ministry, that the Holy Spirit provides, takes me from having to produce faith and love on my own and opens the door to God's love (Romans 5:5) and the Jesus-life (Galatians 2:20). Show me that once the Holy Spirit came on Peter, he could stop looking to himself and what he could do. When he got the power of the Holy Spirit, he was able to start learning a whole new way of life. All the things You taught him were transformed into understanding and wisdom by the Holy Spirit. His eyes were opened to all God's truths.

Peter Could And All Christians Can Understand The Truth

Jesus told Peter and the other disciples this would happen: **John 16:13-14 (NIV)** But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you. All the things Jesus taught Peter and all those things you are being taught in the Bible, the Holy Spirit explained to Peter and is explaining to you.

Jesus, help me appreciate what Your Holy Spirit is doing for me. Help me realize that I won't be able to understand anything the Bible says. Let me see that the reason the disciples were struggling with understanding what You were saying to them before the Holy Spirit came was because they needed Him to help them understand. I thank You for giving me the Holy Spirit inside me and for helping me yield to Him coming on me.

Peter Got The Holy Spirit Inside Him

John 20:20-22 (NIV) After He (Jesus) said this, He showed them His hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you." And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. This is when the Holy Spirit came into the disciples as a salvation experience. From that point on, they were born again with the Holy Spirit living inside them. This got Peter ready to be an example and a witness for Jesus.

Jesus, help me understand that, like Peter, I can't be an example or a witness of all You have done for me until I have been born again. Peter and I needed Your salvation to cleanse us, so the Holy Spirit could come inside us to teach and train us Your truths. Help me see that Your plan was to not only put Your Holy Spirit inside us, You wanted us saturated by Him so we could have the power to demonstrate the Christian life to others.

You Got The Holy Spirit Inside You

Rom 8:9 (NIV) You, however, *are controlled* not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. This happened to you at salvation. You didn't belong to Jesus until being born again brought the Holy Spirit inside you. But, you needed one more experience and so did Peter. Your body needs a special treatment that helps it start being an example and a witness.

Jesus, teach me that when You saved me, I got the Holy Spirit. So now, **the Spirit of God lives in me.** Help me see that, that is what Peter got when You breathed on him. But, just like Peter, I need the Holy Spirit to come on me. **Acts 1:8 (NIV)** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. I want to be one of Your witnesses who is able to live Your life with power thorough the activities of my body.

When Jesus was asking Peter those three questions, Peter was struggling with being able to answer them from a spiritual standpoint. This was because he was still in the Romans 7:15-24 life. You and Peter hadn't yet allowed the Holy Spirit, Who is inside you, to lead you into all truths. But, Peter had a head start on you; he had already been trained by Jesus. That is what Romans 8:1-39 has been teaching you, how to be trained by and yield to the Holy Spirit.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Thirty-Four Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Spirit Baptism

Week Eight Day One

STEP TEN CONTINUED: *Know How To Be Convinced*

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am *convinced* that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

Moving Through Holy Spirit-Ministry To Jesus-Ministry

The Holy Spirit Ministry

John 16:7 (NIV) But I (Jesus) tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor (Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. Before new birth, you could read, memorize, study, and quote the Bible using your human brain, mind, and heart; but, they remained just words to you. It wasn't until the Holy Spirit came inside you and made them real that they started to transforming your born-again mind. You got born again but your body didn't. That keeps you from making your body act and talk in such a way that it is a good example and witness of what Christianity looks like.

Rom 7:22-23 (NIV) For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. Jesus, my body isn't a good example and witness of You and Your Christianity. It needs another special work. My mind was born again but it isn't powerful enough to control my body: **Rom 7:15 (NIV)** I do not understand what I do. For what I *want* to do I do not do, but what I *hate* I do.

The Need For The Spirit To Come On You

Rom 7:17-18 (NIV) As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the *desire* to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. If you are living like this with yourself and the people around you, they aren't going to want Jesus and Christianity. You won't be a good witness of what Jesus is able to do through people being born again.

Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Jesus, I need power to come on my body to make it do what my born-again mind wants it to do. Submerge it into the Holy Spirit and leave it there. Let Him saturate it with His power and transforming character. It needs a special work that it didn't get when I got saved. This is keeping me from being able to make it respond to Christianity.

The Body Of Death

Rom 7:24 (NIV) What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? As you know, Jesus delivered you from this body of death by separating its drives, passions, and deeds from you, by giving you His Biblical **wants** and **hates**. It was still doing wrong, bad, and sometimes even evil things. But, ***now* if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it (Rom 7:20 NIV)**. However, as you can see, this doesn't make the activities of your body's words and deeds a good witness for Jesus.

The Body Of Death Solution

Luke 3:16 (NIV) John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one more powerful than I will come, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Jesus is your baptizer; He will submerge you into the Holy Spirit and leave you there. That will saturate your body with the Holy Spirit and make it usable for you to do those things the Bible and Jesus want you to do.

Rom 8:10 (NIV) But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness. Jesus, help me see that the reason I am not getting much cooperation from my body is because it is **dead**. Help me understand that **dead** in spiritual terms means separation. My body is **dead** or separated from God. Help me yield to You baptizing me into the Holy Spirit so He can bring it to life.

Saturating Your Body With The Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38-39 (NIV) Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off--for all whom the Lord our God will call.” Once you repent of your sins and are baptized in water, you are ready for Jesus to baptize you into the Holy Spirit. All you have to do is ask Him to baptize you into His Holy Spirit and He will.

Rom 8:11 (NIV) And if the Spirit of Him Who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He Who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, Who lives in you. Jesus, help me understand that as I yield to You to baptize or submerge me into Your Holy Spirit, this will **give life to my mortal body through Your Spirit, Who lives in me.** Guide me into Your baptism process so I can start getting more cooperation from my body.

Rom 12:1-2 (NIV) Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is--His good, pleasing and perfect will. Once you allow Jesus to baptize you into the Holy Spirit, it is time to use your body to do those things that build up your spirit and help others come to Jesus and grow in Him.

Jesus, help me learn how to yield to Your teaching through the Holy Spirit. Just like You trained Your disciples when You were on earth, let me be trained by You. Help me be one of Your best disciples. Help me yield to the power of Your words as the Holy Spirit speaks to me Spirit to spirit. Empower me to live those things You are teaching me through Him.

From Killing Words To Spirit Life

2 Cor 3:6 (NIV) He has made you competent as ministers of a new covenant--not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

The letter kills: Jesus, make it clear to me that the Bible lays out things that can only be accomplished through supernatural power and provisions. Help me see that the struggle in Romans 7:15-24 is because that person is trying to fulfill the requirements of the Bible on a human level. Show me that it kills me to try to live instructions that require me to perform supernatural things. But, help me see that You have provided me with a way to read these supernatural, God-sized instructions without them pressing down on me and my human skills, intelligence, and abilities.

From Spirit Life To Body Cooperation

The Spirit gives life: As you who are reading the Bible while *living* Romans 8:1-39, the Holy Spirit fills you with the supernatural, miraculous power of God. You accept each word as true, real, and life-giving. Jesus' faith empowers you to *receive* them as being true *of you*. Your heart can feel the reality and power *they give you*. You are learning the things of God; but, you are also understanding what they mean, how to *get* them, how to apply them, and how to live on the basis of them through your body. You can *feel* them empowering you to live the Jesus-life.

Jesus, take me into this powerful and dynamic way of reading the Bible. Fill my heart with the realities of every word in it. Let them flow into me and mix with Your faith so that I *know* these life-giving truths. Give me the full benefits of all You are providing in it. Let it penetrate my mind, heart, and life through my body. Transform my physical activities.

From Human Words To Spirit Words

John 6:63 (NIV) The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and they are life. Jesus talked with human words that those around Him spoke. But, His words created supernatural, miraculous results when He spoke. However, Jesus spoke these creative words to some people and nothing happened. He spoke these same words to others and powerful, transforming things happened. You need to be one of those people who experience Jesus' words and are changed, healed, transformed, and blessed. And, those who apply the truths found in The Seven Biblical Principles become one of those people.

Jesus, help me receive Your words that are Spirit and life. Empower me to read the Bible, study it, and apply it through the power of Spirit and life. Help me transition from reading it and not being able to make my body do it, to reading it with Your spiritual Power. Teach me how to yield to Your creative words that move my body into spiritual things.

From Human To Spirit Being

John 3:5-7 (NIV) Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at My saying, 'You must be born again.'

You have been born again; you aren't just a human with human abilities, understanding, and systems. You are now a child of God; you are learning supernatural, miraculous, God-sized things. You are learning how to live through your body in the spirit realm. You are learning those things Jesus is teaching and creating in you. Then you are fulfilling them through your body, as you yield to the Holy Spirit's power to do what you couldn't do before.

Jesus, thank You for giving me the *desire* to be born again. Thank You for teaching me Your truths through me *studying* the Bible. Thank You for teaching how to *pray* for those things I need. Thank You for giving me the faith to *believe* I have been born again. Thank You for pouring Your *love* into my heart. Thank You for allowing me to take *faith-action* through my body. Thank you for giving me this appreciative heart, so I can *thank* You for all these things.

A Prayer For Your Spiritual Growth

Eph 1:17-19a (NIV) I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may *give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.* I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may *know* the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for you who believe.

Jesus, help me keep praying this prayer for myself and for the people around me. Help me pray it while using Your faith to believe it. Help me apply The Seven Biblical Principles to it. Set me free from approaching You and Your Word from a human perspective to a godly, supernatural perspective. Teach me how to apply spiritual, godly principles to all You are trying to teach me and create in me.

From Lacking, To Having, To Yielding

1 Cor 2:14 (NIV) The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. Reading the Bible without yielding to the Holy Spirit leaves you with **foolishness** and a place where you **cannot understand them**. Just because you have the Holy Spirit doesn't mean you yield to Him. You must read the Bible with an expectancy that something special and powerful will come out of each verse. This is where you fix your eyes on Jesus and wait until He speaks faith into you. Then from that point on, you will have an expectancy and anticipation that each verse will create wonderful things in you.

Jesus, this is the kind of life I want; I want the Bible to open up to me. Help me believe that each verse will speak special truths to me. Help me believe they are creating special transformations into me. Let the Bible come alive to me; let me grow and become the person that You want me to be. Help me learn how to live in the spirit realm and be successful in living there.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Thirty-Five Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Jesus-Training

Week Eight Day Two

STEP TEN CONTINUED: *Know How To Be Convinced*

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

Moving From Human Faith To Jesus-Faith

Three Important Sets Of Scriptures

Jesus, You provided me with an in-depth study on Romans 7:15-25 and what I and people like Peter go through when we are looking to ourselves for producing the Christian life. That study called, **Victorious Christian Living**, and the Scriptures in it helped me understand what I was going through as a new or untrained Christian who only knew human effort and world training.

Jesus, You provided me with an in-depth study on Romans 8:1-30 on how I and people like Peter get a whole different perspective on life once we start yielding to the Holy Spirit. This study called, **Committing To The Christian Life**, helped me yield to the Holy Spirit's power to live the Christian life. The Romans 7:15-25 Christian life was a vital but frustrating way for me to live life. The Romans 8:1-30 Christian life was much better; but, it wasn't until now that I have really started believing in God's powerful relationship with me. Help me yield to Romans 8:31-39 and live the Christian life by faith and love.

A Changed Peter

As the Holy Spirit came and started His ministry in Acts 2:1-4, a crowd gathered around the building where the Holy Spirit was filling Jesus' disciples with His presence. The sound of the mighty wind and the noise of all of them speaking in different languages brought the crowd.

Jesus, help me see that even though Peter had always been an outgoing person, his personal traits didn't keep him from denying three times that he knew You. But, with the Holy Spirit inside him, all Your words, examples, and teachings came alive in his mind and heart. All of a sudden, he started understanding the meaning of many of these things. Let Your Holy Spirit give me these *supernatural* and miraculous understandings and wisdom; help me be like Peter and be instantly changed.

From Human Weakness To Jesus' Strength

Acts 2:14 (NIV) Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me *explain* this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

What Peter couldn't understand, what he couldn't believe, what he couldn't feel, and what he couldn't do, got changed. The Holy Spirit took all the teaching and training of Jesus and made them a *known fact* in Peter's mind and heart.

Heb 11:1 Now faith is being *sure* of what you hope for and *certain* of what you do not see.

Jesus, help me be aware that without the Holy Spirit and His supernatural understanding and feelings filling Peter's mind and heart, he would have *never* been able to see clearly the things He was presenting to the crowd. He would have *never* been able to feel this **sure** or this **certain**. Help me see that first I need Your teaching and training. Then I need Your power through the Holy Spirit to empower me to present Your message to others.

A Few Differences

Things happened differently for Peter than are now happening to you. Peter didn't get the Holy Spirit inside him and coming on him until *after* his training with Jesus. You get the Holy Spirit inside you at salvation. That is *before* your training with Jesus.

Peter was trained by Jesus, Who was in a physical body. You get trained by Jesus through the Holy Spirit living in your physical body.

Peter heard the physical words of Jesus, saw them lived out through Jesus' life, and got a chance to even try them out on a short assignment from Jesus. You get to see Jesus in action by the Holy Spirit taking you through the written words of the Gospels.

Jesus, let the Holy Spirit help me experience You inside me. Let Him give me special explanations, illustrations, and instructions from the rest of the books of the New Testament. Help me yield to Him so my journey through the Gospels will be much like Peter's. Let the Holy Spirit make my reading the Gospels be like I am there.

You Need To Be Trained By Jesus

Peter would have never been able to yield to the Holy Spirit, if he hadn't had all the training and experiences with Jesus. **John 16:13-14 (NIV) But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide *you* into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell *you* what is yet to come. He will bring glory to Me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.**

Jesus, let John 16:13-14 make it clear to me that the Holy Spirit *isn't* trying to take Your place. He is just making You and Your things available for my training. Show me that if I don't yield to the Gospels and experience You in them, I am not giving the Holy Spirit my cooperation. Help me see that He is waiting for me to expose myself to this material, so He can explain it and empower it into my life.

A Continuing Ministry

Mat 28:18-20 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Jesus, help me learn these vital truths so I can live them and then teach them to others. Help me **teach them to obey *everything* You have commanded me**. Thank You for making it clear to me that You are **with me always**, even **to the very end of the age**. Help me see that You are not only with me, You are now in me empowering me to **teach people to obey *everything* You have commanded me**.

Heb 12:2 (NIV) Let us fix our eyes on *Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith*, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Jesus, without faith, I can't live the Christian life. Be the **Author and Perfector of my faith**. Help me be willing to allow Your **joy** to be **set before** me, so I can daily pick up and **endured** my **cross**, and **scorn its shame**. Help me endure any and all opposition that people send against me. Help me love enough those who want You, so that no one can stop me getting the message to them.

The Same Basic Training

John 14:12 (NIV) I tell you the truth, *anyone who has faith in Me* will *do* what I have been doing. He will *do* even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

Jesus, be the **Author and Perfector of my faith**, so I will *do what You have been doing*. Help me *do even greater things than these, because You have gone to the Father*. Let Your ministry flow through me, so You can work in and through me while You are working in and through others all over the world at the same time.

The Same Basic Life

Gal 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live *by faith* in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

Jesus, You allowed me to consider myself as hanging on that cross with You. You are allowing me to consider myself to **no longer live**. You are allowing me to yield to You so you can live in me. You are allowing **the life I live in the body** to be lived *by faith* in You, **the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Yourself for me**.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Thirty-Six Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through A Fixed Look

Week Eight Day Three

STEP TEN CONTINUED: *Know How To Be Convinced*

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am *convinced* that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be *able* to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

Moving From Not Sure To Convinced

For I am *convinced*: It doesn't help you if someone else is convinced. Each person must be convinced themselves before they gain the benefits of Romans 8:31-39. The Holy Spirit is trying to help you be convinced by empowering you to fix your eyes on Jesus. Jesus can do in you what you cannot do yourself. And, it is much easier for you to believe that Jesus can do it in and through you than to believe that you can do it using Jesus' power.

The Assignment

Mat 28:18-20 (NIV) Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore *go* and *make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.* And surely *I am with you always,* to the very end of the age."

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me: Jesus, help me accept the fact that it is impossible for me to win over addictions, habits, relationship problems, emotional struggles, financial difficulties, and physical ailments. But, when You work on them, that is a totally different matter. Teach me that the question isn't, when can I finally get to the place where I can do it; the question *is*, what can You do about it? Show me that if I will yield to You, You will do miraculous things about it.

You must allow the One Who has **all authority in heaven and on earth**, to join you in the life you are living. Once you allow Jesus to join you, it will convince you **that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.**

Jesus, help me with the simple truth that all I need is You. If I can learn how to cooperate with You, you will be able to solve all my problems. Help me be convinced that nothing **will be able to separate me from the love of God that is in You.** Help me start living my life based on the fact that I will be accomplishing everything in my life by working together with You. Help me see that all You are and all You can do is now flowing in and through me. This empowers me to believe that **I can do everything through You Who gives me strength.** Help me be convinced that, that is the life I now have.

Don't Look Away

Heb 12:2 (NIV) Let us fix our eyes on *Jesus, the Author and Perfector of our faith*, Who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. **For I am *convinced*:** When your life consists of *deciding* to do something, *trying* to solve something, *trying* to accomplish something, and *trying* to become something, *but, doing it all with Jesus,* that is when you have a life where you have your eyes fixed on Him. This is a life where you can say, **I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength (Phil 4:13).** It is when your faith is in Jesus' abilities rather than your own.

Jesus, teach me how to have a relationship with You where we do everything together. I will have a lot more confidence when I see that You will be doing the things in my life with me. I feel so much more faith in how things will turn out with You and all Your provisions entering into the project or solution. Speak Your faith into me so I can be convinced You are working in me and all that I do. Give me the assurance that You are doing everything with me. Fill my heart and mind with a vision of all the potential that exists in Your relationship.

Jesus Makes This True

John 14:12 (NIV) I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

For I am CONVINCED: Verses like this only make sense when you see that you have a life that is joined with Jesus. **“He will do even greater things than these”** can only happen if Jesus is right there doing them in you, with you, and through you. Your goals and plans change, once you see that Jesus is right there with you accomplishing those things you are about to do. The question is no longer, how am I going to do that? It is now, what is Jesus capable of doing? Once you get your goals and plans aligned with Jesus, it is just a matter of you yielding and Jesus getting them done. Let Him say and do what He wants to do in and through you.

Jesus, help me keep my eyes fixed on You. Make it so I can set my goals and plans based on what we will do together. Teach me all the principles of how to keep my eyes fixed on You. Help me set my goals, make my plans, and implement them *with* my eyes fixed on You. We can do wonderful things together, by me being empowered to keep my eyes fixed on You.

Jesus' Life Makes It All Real

Gal 2:20 (NIV) I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself for me.

For I am convinced: You now have Jesus' life; which is much more powerful than yours was. The new life you got by being born again, was the life of Jesus. **“I no longer live, but Christ life in me”** is a faith builder. With Jesus living His life in you, with you, and through you, your potential increased in a God-sized way. The only thing holding you back is your God-given free will. **“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live”** freed you. You start all over with a perfect record. You are free to take charge; or, you are free to join Jesus. The eternally best choice is, **the life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God.**

Jesus, pour Your faith into me so I can be convinced and say, **“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live.”** And help me say with conviction, **“the life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God.”** Help me completely trust You with all the activities of my day. Help me know how to constantly be consulting You and Your incredible wisdom. Lead me into a total life of faith in You. Help me join You and live this life together with You.

How Are You Convinced

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am *convinced* that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord. Jesus is *now* empowering you to keep your eyes fixed on Him. He is convincing you through His mighty power; He is giving you His esteem, confidence, and life. You have all the faith you need, because Jesus is your Author and Perfecter of your faith.

Jesus, I am *convinced* because You have made me convinced. I am so excited about living Your life with You. Open my eyes and help me see the full potential of this life we are living together. Let my heart and mind be filled with the love and joy that will empower me to live a life of complete faith in You and all Your provisions. Empower me to include Your name in every question I have about what to do. Help me think, Jesus what should we do? Help me look to You for every solution, every decision, and every action.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Thirty-Seven Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through Level Three

Week Eight Day Four

STEP TEN CONTINUED: *Know* How To Be Convinced

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am *convinced* that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

Three Levels Of Being Convinced

Level One

For I am *convinced*: What if someone came to you and said, Hawaii is a beautiful place? If you had never been there, but, the person that told you about it was a person you really trusted, you would be convinced that Hawaii was a beautiful place. This was the level of being convinced you got when someone told you that God is a good God. You were convinced on a level-one degree of faith.

Jesus, I want to be able to tell other people that I believe God is a good God. I don't want to have this conviction based on sermons, books, testimonies, and experiences of trusted friends. Help me be convinced that You are a good God on a much deeper level. Help my faith be based on a greater conviction than I get through faith in my trusted friends.

Level Two

Let's say you kept thinking about Hawaii and all the things your friend told you about it. So, you decided to do some research. You got on the internet, you read books, you ordered all kinds of brochures from places in Hawaii and studied them all. This would be like you studying the Bible for yourself. As you read, study, pray, and meditate on the Scriptures, you would get more and more convinced that God is a good God.

Jesus, teach me a lot more *about* God for myself, help me raise my conviction to a level-two degree of faith by studying my Bible for myself. Help me not just be convinced because someone told me God is a good God and trust them. Help me have personal information and facts that convince me of that truth. But, show me my faith is based on knowledge *about* God.

Level Three

Suppose you kept thinking about Hawaii and all the things your friend told you and all the things you found out about it yourself. So, one day you decide to actually buy a ticket and fly to Hawaii. Once there, you would be finding out from personal *experience* what a beautiful place Hawaii is. You would walk the beaches, swim in the ocean, visit all the sights, and enjoy the weather there.

Jesus, I have decided to experience God for myself. I am getting personal experiences, memories, feelings, and opinions based on a personal relationship with God. You have given me a level three conviction. That is what these books in the **Starting Your Day With Jesus** series are all about. They have taken the Scriptures from all over the Bible that tell me how to get all the other Scriptures in the Bible into my life. I don't want to just look at all the promises and blessing of God; I want to experience God and all His blessing for myself.

A Level Three Relationship With God

Heb 11:1 (NIV) Now faith is being *sure* of what we hope for and *certain* of what we do not see. A person who is convinced that God is a good God on a level-three intensity is a person who has Jesus' faith. They have arrived at a place where they have unshakable faith. They *know* God is a good God because of all He has done for, in, to, with, and through them. The faith that comes through personal experience is a strong, consistent faith that makes a person a strong believer. They know they know; they are sure of what they believe; they are certain of all the facts.

James 1:6-8 (NIV) But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does. Jesus, I don't want to base my faith on other people's opinions, experiences, and convictions. I want to experience You, learn from You, and be blessed and healed by You for myself. Make me a level-three Christian, so no one or nothing is able to shake me out of my conviction. Let my relationship with You settle the truth in my mind; make my heart secure; let my life be totally built on You.

Faith That Builds

The King James Version presents a conviction and faith-building process in a fashion that is easier to understand: **Rom 1:17 (KJV) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**

The New International Version is a little harder to pick up but says the same thing: **Rom 1:17 (NIV) For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”**

Jesus, as I look back on all my experiences with You, let my relational faith increase and grow. My past relationship with You lets me know what to expect. I know what You have always done in the past for me. You have taken me through a lot of scary, difficult, and impossible things *before*. So, my faith is not only based on what You are saying to me now, it is also based on all the things You have said and done for me before.

Be Patient

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

Jesus, as I go from a new and untrained Christian to a mature, adult Christian, help me be aware that I will feel a lot more assurance and security. Help me realize that these seven questions build assurance and security, as You help me apply myself to them. Show me that reading them over and over will take me into a very strong level-two conviction. But, as I use The Three Keys To All Of Christianity and apply The Seven Biblical Principles to them, I get Your faith, love, and conviction into my mind, heart, and life. That brings me into a level three conviction based on my relationship with You.

Mature Christians Are Praying This For You

The Bible is God’s Book; God’s people are using a special prayer out of the Bible for *you*. As they, through Jesus, pray this prayer for *you*, let Jesus speak faith into you. Accept the fact that He is giving *you* the **Spirit of wisdom and revelation**. Accept the fact that He is causing *you* to have **the eyes of *your* heart...enlightened**.

Eph 1:15-16 (NIV) For this reason, ever since I heard about *your faith* in the Lord Jesus and your *love* for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for *you*, remembering you in my prayers.

Eph 1:17 (NIV) I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give *you* the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.

Eph 1:18-19a (NIV) I pray also that the eyes of *your* heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called *you*, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for *us* who *believe*.

Eph 1:19b-21 (NIV) That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

Eph 1:22-23 (NIV) And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills everything in every way.

Accept this prayer as being a prayer that Jesus heard and answered for you. Allow all the requests in this prayer to transform you and the activities you exert through your body. Let this prayer influence your faith and conviction, so you operate on a level three belief. This prayer is right out of the Bible and contains all the power of God's word.

Truth/Prayer Pages Chapter Thirty-Eight

Opening The Door To God's Invisible World Through A Prayer

Week Eight Day Five

STEP TEN CONCLUSION: *Know* How To Be Convinced

Rom 8:38-39 (NIV) For I am *convinced* that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be *able* to separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus your Lord.

Three Levels Of Being Convinced

This Is Vital For Your Jesus-Life

Eph 1:15-16 (NIV) For this reason, ever since I heard about *your faith* in the Lord Jesus and *your love* for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for *you*, remembering *you* in my prayers. The Romans 7:15-25 Christian reads the Bible, agrees with the Bible, *wants* to live the things in the Bible, and actually tries as hard as they can to obey the Bible. But, without the truths of Romans 8:1-39, they fail to look to Jesus for the power to do the things the Bible is telling them to do.

The Romans 8:1-30 Christian will not be helped, if they don't have **the Spirit of wisdom and revelation**. They know *they* can't live the Christian life. They know they must look to Jesus, so they have to power to live it. But, there is a lot they must learn about how to yield to Jesus and His power. If they try to take His power and use it, they will fail. If they try to find out what His will is for their life and try to fulfill it, they will fail. It is a total surrender to Jesus.

Jesus, help me understand what it means that without You I can't do anything. Help me know what it is I need, so I can move into this new way of life. Show me the power I need to yield to, so I can start living through You. Teach me the ways of learning, being trained, and being a new creation in You. Show me what method You use to train me for eternity.

This Is The Power For Your Jesus-Life

Eph 1:17 (NIV) I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better.

Before this happens to you, you just learn *about* God. If you get to **know Him better**, you will be greatly influenced by **the Spirit of wisdom and revelation**. It is the difference between you reading a verse and it "coming alive" for you. **The Spirit of wisdom and revelation** takes a verse and causes you to know what it says (knowledge); He then causes you to know what it means (understanding); then, He shows you how it is to be applied to your life (wisdom). And then, if you are willing, He makes it a part of who you are (faith-action).

Jesus, You and Your people are interceding for me to get **the Spirit of wisdom and revelation**. Help me receive Him into my heart and mind. Help me yield to Him making the Bible come alive in me. Give me Your **wisdom and revelation** for what the Bible is saying, what it means, how to apply it to my life, and how to yield to it transforming me into its truth.

This Is Your Ability To Be Trained For Your Jesus-Life

Eph 1:18-19a (NIV) I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for us who believe.

Jesus, teach me that my heart is actually who I am. My brain, in my body, and my mind, in my spirit, deal with information that influences who I become. Help me understand that my heart decides what I believe is truth. It controls how I feel about the information my brain has stored and my mind accesses. As it gives me strong positive and negative emotions about the information I am focusing on, help me see where it needs to be changed. Then empower **the eyes of my heart to be enlightened**, so it will yield to You.

You exposed your mind and your heart to world training. Now it is filled with attitudes and character traits based on that training. But, you can't just read the Bible and decide to embrace its truths. Even with Jesus and the Holy Spirit inside you, your heart may still be embracing world training. You need a special miracle to be worked in your heart, so you can change.

When your heart is **enlightened**, it is empowered to **know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for you who believe**. That is a major miracle, and a major life-changer. This is where you pray and ask Jesus to **enlighten** your heart, so it has a new power flowing in and through it.

Jesus, enlighten the eyes of my heart. Help me cooperate with Your intercession and the prayers of others, of Your people, who are praying this for me. Let the Bible come alive in my mind and heart through this **enlightenment**. Let **the eyes of my heart...be enlightened in order that I may know the hope to which He has called me, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, and His incomparably great power for me, who believes in You**.

This Is Your Ability To Understand Your Heavenly Father And Jesus' Power

Eph 1:19b-21 (NIV) That power is like the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

As you give up human effort and world training, you can expect the great things in this prayer. This is the spirit realm, where the temporary world is controlled. It's the difference in pushing your car or driving it. There are things you can do using human effort and world training. But, they are a lot harder than doing them with God's power. And, God's power counts for eternity.

Jesus, help me understand Your power; teach me how to yield to You and Your power. Let me see how my life is to be moved into Your world of power. Heal me and set me free from seeing things from a human perspective. Help me yield to Your training on living in the spirit realm. Build this power-relationship in me so I can cooperate with You.

This Is Your Lord

Eph 1:22-23 (NIV) And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills everything in every way.

Jesus is the Head over everything; He is doing everything for the benefit of the universal Church. This isn't a local church. It is the unified work of all churches everywhere. All churches, that belong to Him, form Jesus' body. Jesus' *new* Body is made up of all the Christians around the world. He lives His life, presents His message, does His ministry, and fulfills His methods in and through all Christians, Who are His Body, and represent His Church.

Jesus, make me into a healthy, trained, transformed, skilled, and mature member of Your Body. Help me respond to You like Your body is supposed to. Just like I expect my arm to respond to my wishes, let me be coordinated, healthy, and completely responsive to Your wishes. Train me, empower me, and help me immediately respond to Your complete plan.

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Don't forget to ask yourself these questions during your day:

1. Did today's study or prayers deal with anything in my life that I am not living yet?
2. Did today's study or prayers deal with anything that I don't understand?
3. Did today's study or prayers deal with anything that I don't agree with?
4. Did today's study or prayers deal with anything that Jesus has given me a breakthrough or miracle on that I haven't adequately praised and thanked Him for?
5. Did today's study or prayers deal with anything that I need to do additional study and prayer on?