



**Check In**

Connect with God honestly about where you are at



**Reflect**

'Review until' something stands out to talk to God about



**Share**

Talk with God & others about what is now on your heart to do

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**Check-In**

God is glad to connect with you. He wants to hear how you are doing. Take a moment to notice your primary emotion of the day to help yourself be fully present. Consider whether you are primarily sad, angry, scared, happy, excited, tender. Share with God that emotion. Write out: What are you thankful for? Consider repeating: "In Christ, I am a loved child of God, not what I have done, do, or will do."

**Reflect**

Spend some time with the biblical texts and the resources below. Consider starting by making some observations or reading until something stands out to you; feel free to pause when the Lord prompts you. Talk with God about what encourages, challenges, or confuses you.

**Read Romans 6:1-14**

*God knew his people would struggle to continue to trust in His promises and remember all that he achieved in Christ. Passing through water throughout the Scripture both symbolized God's rescue and provided assurance God would sustain His children. Noah and the Ark, Israel and the Red Sea, the Crossing of the Jordan into the Promised Land were all instances of God's literal saving through water. Baptism itself does not save people, but is one of the Scriptural responses which shows a person is actively trusting God with their life and rejecting life governed by ourselves for ourselves as we pass through the water. It's a total person response being submerged under water—body, soul, and spirit—to the news of Jesus' work on our behalf.*

*How does baptism relate to being a new person with a new family on a new mission?*

**Read** more about [baptism](#) on our website.

**Share**

Be quiet for 3 minutes. What do you sense God is saying to you? How will you respond faithfully this week? The community is built and encouraged when we share out of our like experiences, gifts, time with God, and reflect on Scripture. What insight, question, or experience do you want to share with us?

**Steps for Everyday Faith, Family, and Mission because of Jesus**

- What are you thankful for? What challenges are happening in your life, family, and community?
- What did you like/not like about the Scripture?
- What did you discover about God and/or people in the passage?
- How is God inviting you to respond and live with Him this week?
- Who do you know that needs to hear this?
- Ask God: How can I bless (body, labor, emotions, social, spiritual) those people who need this?