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A SIMPLE GUIDE TO YOUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST



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STARTING A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Welcome

Hi there,

We are so excited for you. If you've recently made the decision to start a relationship with Jesus, we believe that's the most important step you could ever take. Whether you prayed, whispered something honest to God, or simply opened your heart and said, "Jesus, I want to follow You," this is a big deal, and we're celebrating with you.

The Bible tells us that heaven itself celebrates when one person takes a step toward Jesus, and we're joining in that celebration. This is not the end of something, but the beginning of something brand new. It's the start of a journey with Him.

Now, you might be wondering, "*What exactly happened? What comes next?*" Well, you've begun a relationship! Like any relationship, it grows one step at a time. You don't need to have it all figured out today. You don't need to be perfect. You've taken the first step, and that's what matters most.

The Bible says, "If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). That means your past doesn't define you anymore. Your identity isn't based on your mistakes, your achievements, or what others say about you. From now on, your life is rooted in Jesus, and He promises to walk with you every step of the way.

So what now? Inside this pack you'll find some simple resources to help you take your first steps. Nothing heavy or overwhelming. Just a few ways to help you pray, read the Bible, and find community. If you have questions, please ask them! If you feel unsure, you're not alone. We've all started somewhere, and we're here to walk with you.

This is just the beginning. And you don't have to take this journey alone.

We're so glad you're here,
The Crossroads Team



What Just Happened?

You just made the decision to start a relationship with Jesus. That means something incredible: God has welcomed you into His family.

Sometimes we think following Jesus is about praying the right prayer or doing all the right things. But the truth is much simpler. What happened in this moment is not about checking a box. It's about saying "yes" to a relationship with the God who made you, loves you, and has a plan for your life.

THE BIBLE EXPLAINS IT THIS WAY:

- **You are forgiven.** Through Jesus' death and resurrection, your sins are no longer held against you (Romans 8:1).
- **You are new.** "If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). Your past does not define you anymore.
- **You belong.** You are now part of God's family, and He promises never to leave you or let you go (John 10:28).
- **You've just begun.** This is not the finish line. It's the starting line of a new life with Jesus.

Like any relationship, it will grow over time. There will be days of joy, days of challenge, and days of learning. But the good news is this: Jesus walks with you through it all.

So if you're wondering, "*What's next?*" the answer is simple: keep walking. Open yourself up to God in prayer. Spend time reading His Word. Stay connected to His people. And keep saying "yes" to the next step He puts in front of you.

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First Steps with Jesus

Starting a relationship with Jesus is the beginning of a journey. Like any relationship, it grows as you spend time together and take steps forward. Here are a few simple ways to begin:

1. TALK TO GOD (PRAYER)

Prayer doesn't need to be fancy or formal. It's simply talking to God and listening for His voice. You can thank Him, ask for help, or share what's on your mind. He hears you and cares about every detail of your life. Try this: "God, thank You for loving me. Help me trust You as I begin this new journey."

2. READ THE BIBLE

The Bible is how we hear God's voice and learn His heart. If you're not sure where to start, begin with the Gospel of John in the New Testament. Read a little each day and ask, "What does this show me about Jesus?" Pro tip: Don't worry about what you don't understand. Focus on what you do understand and let God use it to speak to you.

3. JOIN THE FAMILY (CHURCH COMMUNITY)

Faith is not meant to be lived alone. Being part of a church family gives you encouragement, support, and people who can walk with you. Keep coming on Sundays. Get connected in a small group or serving team. Growth happens best in community.



4. ATTEND A STARTING POINT GROUP



We think the church should be the safest place to bring your questions and doubts. Starting Point is an engaging group experience where you can explore faith, free from pressure and judgment.

5. TAKE THE NEXT STEP: BAPTISM



Baptism is the public way to show what God has done in your heart. It's an outward sign of your inward decision to follow Jesus. If you've started a relationship with Him, baptism is your next step. Our team would love to help you take it.

This is just the beginning. Following Jesus is a daily decision to trust Him, learn from Him, and walk with Him. Some days will feel easy, some will feel hard, but you are never alone.

Need to Talk With Someone?

If you have questions about faith or want prayer, our pastors and team would love to connect with you.
Email: info@crossroads140.com

7-DAY STARTER DEVOTIONAL:

Your First Week With Jesus

HOW TO USE THIS DEVOTION

Starting a relationship with Jesus is the beginning of a new journey. These next seven days are designed to help you take simple steps in that relationship. Each day gives you a short Bible verse, a thought to reflect on, and a practical way to respond. Don't worry about getting it perfect—just spend a few quiet moments with God. He cares more about your heart than your performance. Take it one day at a time, and trust that Jesus is walking with you.



Day 1: Jesus Is With You

Verse: “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.” (Hebrews 13:5)

Thought: You are not walking alone. Jesus promises to be with you every step of the way. Even if you don't always feel Him, His presence is real.

Reflection: Take a moment to thank Jesus for being with you today.

Day 2: You Are Forgiven

Verse: *"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."* (Romans 8:1)

Thought: Because of Jesus, your past no longer defines you. You are forgiven, and God sees you as His child.

Reflection: Is there something from your past you've been carrying? Give it to Jesus in prayer.



Day 3: You Are Loved

Verse: "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." (John 3:16)

Thought: God's love for you is personal and unconditional. You don't have to earn it—it's already yours.

Reflection: Say this out loud today: "God loves me."

Day 4: Talk to God

Verse: “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” (1 Peter 5:7)

Thought: Prayer is just honest conversation with God. He cares about everything you carry, big or small.

Reflection: Share one worry or fear with God today in your own words.



Day 5: Hear from God

Verse: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." (Psalm 119:105)

Thought: The Bible is how we hear God's voice. Start small, even one chapter at a time. Try beginning with the Gospel of John.

Reflection: Read John 1 today and ask: What does this show me about Jesus?

Day 6: You Are Made New

Verse: "If anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Thought: Following Jesus changes everything. He gives you a new identity, new purpose, and new hope.

Reflection: Write down one way you feel different since starting this journey.



Day 7: You're Part of a Family

Verse: "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." (1 Corinthians 12:27)

Thought: You don't have to do faith alone. God designed you to grow with others in His family, the church.

Reflection: Commit today to keep showing up—whether on Sundays, in a group, or with a friend who can walk with you.

Final Encouragement:

This is just the beginning of your journey with Jesus. Keep taking one step at a time. He is with you. He is for you, and we're here to walk with you.