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GOOD NEWS

**21 DAY DEVOTIONAL
HELPING YOU IN YOUR NEW JOURNEY
TO FOLLOW CHRIST**





THAT'S PLAIN ENOUGH, ISN'T IT? YOU'RE NO LONGER WANDERING EXILES. THIS KINGDOM OF FAITH IS NOW YOUR HOME COUNTRY. YOU'RE NO LONGER STRANGERS OR OUTSIDERS. YOU BELONG HERE, WITH AS MUCH RIGHT TO THE NAME CHRISTIAN AS ANYONE. GOD IS BUILDING A HOME. HE'S USING US ALL—IRRESPECTIVE OF HOW WE GOT HERE—IN WHAT HE IS BUILDING. HE USED THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS FOR THE FOUNDATION. NOW HE'S USING YOU, FITTING YOU IN BRICK BY BRICK, STONE BY STONE, WITH CHRIST JESUS AS THE CORNERSTONE THAT HOLDS ALL THE PARTS TOGETHER. WE SEE IT TAKING SHAPE DAY AFTER DAY—A HOLY TEMPLE BUILT BY GOD, ALL OF US BUILT INTO IT, A TEMPLE IN WHICH GOD IS QUITE AT HOME.

EPHESIANS 2:21-22 (MSG)

WELCOME HOME!

WE WANT TO WELCOME ANYONE AND EVERYONE—
JUST AS YOU ARE!

Today, we are just as passionate
as we were on day one, about
seeing Jesus impact your lives.

Here at NBCFC, our heart is to
see people Encounter God, Live
in true Freedom, Discover their
God-given purpose, and Make
a Difference in the Kingdom.

This 21-day devotional is designed
to guide you on your journey with
Jesus. A growing relationship with
Him is intentional, it happens through reading scripture, prayer,
and fellowship with other believers. We believe your life will be
transformed as you pursue Him daily.



With love,
Apostle Nicky & Pastor Lillian

JESUS LOVES YOU

This is just the beginning...

To be made whole, or to be saved is to submit to God and His plan and purpose for our lives. It means, turning from our old ways and turning to Jesus, and to receive the forgiveness He has for us as we walk in new life. Jesus paid the ultimate price, so that we would inherit the Kingdom of God. This is the good news of the gospel and the finished work of the cross.

Romans 10:9 says that "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

Salvation is God's free gift to us, and we become His children. It is an irrevocable acceptance into the family of God and an empowerment to live life fully, with the purpose of reflecting God to the rest of His creation.

If you are not sure whether you are right with God, or you know that you need Jesus in your life, you can choose to accept Him today.

**I GAVE MY
HEART TO JESUS!**

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WHAT DOES IT MEAN DAY 1 TO SAY “YES” TO JESUS?

You said yes to Jesus-and we're really proud of you!

There are a lot of ways you might hear people talk about saying yes to Jesus. You might hear phrases like "committing your life to Jesus," "becoming a Christian," "getting saved," or "choosing to follow Jesus." But what does it mean to follow Jesus? What changes? Those are some of the questions this book will help answer. But who is Jesus and why should we be more like Him? Well, to answer that question we need to go all the way back to the beginning.

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.”
John 3:16 NLT

God’s love for us is so great that Jesus was willing to die for our sins so that we could be a part of His family forever. That’s the kind of love that would make anyone want to say yes to His love, forgiveness, and new way of life. When we understand what He has done for us, we can become true followers, and when we understand that following Jesus means becoming like Him, we can experience true life-change.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I SAY YES TO JESUS?

DAY 2

God likes to hear from us at any time. Pray with your own words, or try these: “God, thank You for the gift of salvation: saving me from myself and bringing me into a healing relationship with You. Use Your love to shape me today, in the coming weeks, and for the rest of my life. I’m trusting You to make me new ,in Jesus’ name, Amen. Christians end prayer in “Jesus name”, because this is one of the ways Jesus taught us to pray.

Becoming more like Jesus is a process. God does the heavy lifting, but we can partner with Him in the work He’s doing. For the rest of our journey together, we’re going to look at three ways we can do that:

Learning some of the basics of following Jesus

Who is Jesus? What does it look like to talk to God and learn more about Him? We’ll spend the rest of this week answering important questions like these.

Living like Jesus

During Jesus’ time on earth, He modeled many ways of living that can bring us closer to God, help us connect with Him, and live like Him.

Loving like Jesus loved

Nothing makes us grow more like Jesus than loving like He loved. During week three, we’ll take a look at what it means to put Jesus’ love into practice.

WHO IS GOD?

DAY 3

Is God:
God the Father?
Jesus the Son?
The Holy Spirit?
All three in one?
Yes!

Choosing to follow Jesus is a three-in-one decision: You are accepting the invitation through Jesus (the Son of God) to become a child of God the Father, filled with the Holy Spirit, and empowered to live as a daughter or son of God. God is three in one. The Spirit of God was present with God the Father from the beginning of Creation, as seen in the first two sentences of the Bible.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. Genesis 1:1-2 NIV

Jesus, God the Father, and the Holy Spirit are One, and Jesus came not just to show us what God is like, but to give us direct access to the Father forever, through the Holy Spirit. Later, the author of John retells the story of Creation. This time, Jesus is also mentioned and the author refers to Him as God's Word in John 1:1-2, 12, 14, 18, 33-34 NIV.

*Pray with your own words, or try these:
God, help me to know You as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Father, You are my Provider. Jesus, You are my Savior. Holy Spirit, You are my Guide. In Jesus' name, Amen.*

HOW DOES GOD GUIDE US?

DAY 4

Who is the Holy Spirit, and how does He guide us? Do we have to act really spiritual to get the Spirit's attention? Jesus promised something different. Jesus described the Holy Spirit as a Comforter, Advocate, Helper and Friend. Do you know anyone like that? Maybe a mentor, mother, or wise friend? As you read Jesus' words, think about the Holy Spirit as your Comforter, Advocate, Helper and Friend.

"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you."

John 14:16-17 NIV

Jesus was coming closer because the Holy Spirit would not only be with us, but in us: The Spirit did what Jesus promised and came to fill His followers with the same comfort, power, and love that filled Jesus. By saying yes to living Jesus' way, we invite the Holy Spirit to help, comfort, and advocate for and through us.

"The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. He will remind you of all the things I have told you."

John 14:26 MSG

God chooses to live within us and guide us. In the coming weeks, we will identify practices for becoming more hospitable to God's presence in our lives.

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

DAY 5

Baptism is a public way of declaring your decision to follow Jesus. It's an outward expression of an inward transformation—showing others that your life now belongs to Him.

But why go underwater? It's a symbol representing Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection to new life through Him.

- Going under the water represents Jesus' death and our sins being washed away.
 - Rising out of the water represents new life in Christ
- It's a picture of leaving the old behind and stepping into a new life with Jesus.

Jesus Himself was baptized, setting an example for us. In that moment, we see the fullness of God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Baptism is not just symbolic—it's deeply personal. It's a moment of:

- Identity (you belong to God)
- Love (you are chosen)
- Affirmation (you are His)

"Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."Matthew 28:19 (MSG)

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE BAPTIZED
YOU CAN SIGN UP TODAY FOR BAPTISM**
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HOW DO I GET TO KNOW GOD?

DAY 6

1. We spend time with God through prayer.

Prayer is a great way to share experiences, conversations, excitement, needs, and trust-building moments with God. How do you pray? Prayer is communicating with God. You might thank Him for who He is, ask for support, or simply be silent in God's presence. Prayer isn't a performance, so you don't need to worry about saying the "wrong" things. Instead, it's a way to relate to God, who loves you. So be honest. If it matters to you, then share it with God.

2. We read the Bible.

The Bible is a collection of books written by people thousands of years ago. So, why should we read it today? We'll talk more about the Bible later, but here are some basics. The Bible helps us to see what God is like and how people like us have come to know Him. Its authors, guided by the Holy Spirit, tell stories of God's goodness, ask relatable questions, and engage with the hardest parts of life.

3. We gather with other Jesus followers.

Getting to know God is about "Jesus and me" and "Jesus and we." The Bible reminds us very practically how to follow Jesus and get to know God together. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

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OTHERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO GET TO
KNOW GOD**

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WHAT AM I LEARNING?

DAY 7

Congratulations! You've made it to the end of week one. We're so proud of you for taking intentional steps to grow in your faith. Deciding to follow Jesus is a big decision, and it's probably stirred up some new ideas, questions, and perhaps doubts. That's okay. Remember, following Jesus is a lifelong journey, so we don't need to have all the mysteries of faith figured out after one week.

Below, there's space for you to write down two or three words or phrases to describe how you feel about your faith journey. Maybe you feel excited and expectant, or you might feel a little uncertain. You might not even be able to describe exactly how you're feeling. Don't worry about having a "right" answer. Your honest answer is the best answer. You don't need to share these words with anyone; this is simply a chance for you to reflect.

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2. _____
3. _____



WHO AM I BECOMING?

DAY 8

Now, you might be wondering: What does it actually look like to become more like Jesus? Is it even possible to become more like Jesus? After all, Jesus is God, the Creator of everything, who has always existed and who never sinned. How could we possibly become like Him? How do you become a concert violinist, Pro football player, or expert chef? First, you start somewhere.

You say yes to a new way of life. Saying yes doesn't make you a master, but it does make you a learner in the process of becoming something more. As a learner, you gain knowledge, develop relationships, practice skills, and overcome setbacks. Learners also make mistakes, fall short, and keep moving forward. Jesus used the word "disciple" to refer to a learner. When we said yes to Jesus, we said yes to a lifelong process of becoming His disciples.

First, we'll learn about some of the habits and mindsets Jesus valued and lived out, also called spiritual practices. Then, we'll explore how Jesus loved and how we can show the same kind of sacrificial care to others. During Jesus' time on earth, some people were trying to figure out whether Jesus was really God's Son. They asked Him, "What's the greatest command of God?" He responded: ... "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment."

Jesus summed up all of God's words to us as: Love God and love your neighbor as yourself. Becoming the kind of person who loves God and loves your neighbor is a process that will take a lifetime. Every disciple experiences setbacks and failures. If you're like the rest of us, you may have experienced some of those setbacks already. You might have returned have experienced some of those.

HOW DO I READ THE BIBLE?

DAY 9

To Jesus, the Bible was so much more than words on a page. That's because God shaped the Bible to show followers of Jesus how to live and love across generations. But how do we use it? The first is called the Hebrew Bible or the Old Testament. The second is the New Testament written in Greek. The New Testament was written after the life of Jesus.

1. Jesus used the Bible to show God's love for people.

In Matthew 22, a person asks Jesus, "What is the greatest commandment from God?" Sound familiar? We read this passage yesterday, but let's read it again and see how it can help us read the Bible better... "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments." Matthew 22:37-40 NLT. Jesus quoted the Bible to help people understand the heart of God.

2. Jesus used the Bible in context.

In Matthew 4, Jesus is tempted by a spiritual enemy. The enemy quotes the Bible to make his lies sound like spiritual wisdom—but Jesus isn't fooled. That's because He understands the value of context. Ancient authors wrote the Bible with different languages and perspectives than we have today. When we don't read in context, we risk missing the point the Bible is trying to make.

HOW DO I PRAY?

DAY 10

Jesus spent a lot of time in prayer. The Bible tells us on multiple occasions, Jesus stayed up all night to pray. Why? He's God, right? Why does He need to pray? During Jesus' time on earth, He was fully God and fully human. As a human, He was like us and needed to use consistent habits to sustain His relationship with God, His Father. For Jesus, prayer was a source of direction, courage, and connection with God—and prayer can do the same for us. Study how Jesus prepared to make a big choice—choosing a core group of followers who would end up founding the church. In those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God.

Prayer is meant to be a personal conversation with God—like you would have with friends, family, or a mentor. Take the pressure off. Let go of how you think you should pray and just talk with God openly and honestly. So, how did Jesus pray? Jesus made prayer a priority. Jesus prayed in the presence of others. Jesus prayed on His own. Jesus asked others to pray for Him. So let us cultivate a good prayer life as believers.



HOW DO I MAKE FRIENDS?

DAY 11

Throughout His ministry, Jesus surrounded Himself with people who could encourage Him, pray for Him, and support Him. Yes, Jesus was their Savior, but He was also their friend. Here's how Jesus talked about His relationship with His followers:

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." John 15:15 NIV

If Jesus chose close relationships, it's a good idea for us to find close relationships with other followers of Jesus, too. In times of joy, celebrating with friends can make those moments even more meaningful. These things are true about relationships, because God made us to be like Him. God is in a life-giving relationship with Himself as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and He desires a relationship with us. That's why surrounding yourself with people who follow Jesus is an essential spiritual practice—when you do so, you're following God's example.

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WHAT IS WORSHIP?

DAY 12

Worship. Jesus' life was characterized by worship. What words come to mind when you think about worship? Maybe words like music, instruments, songs—which makes sense! Singing is certainly a way Jesus worshiped. On the evening before Jesus' execution, He shared a meal with His friends. It was Passover, an important holiday for the Jewish people. At the end of the meal, Jesus and the disciples sang together. In ancient Jewish culture, people often sang Psalms 113-118 to celebrate Passover. It's likely that Jesus sang these words of praise:

Who can be compared with the Lord our God, who is enthroned on high? He stoops to look down on heaven and on earth. He lifts the poor from the dust and the needy from the garbage dump. He sets them among princes, even the princes of his own people! Psalm 113:5-8

Singing is one way we can worship God, but worship goes beyond something we do through music. We worship whenever we express our devotion to God. When we worship God, we're recognizing His awesome qualities and the amazing things He's done. Any moment that reminds us of God's qualities and character is an opportunity for worship. This weekend, you'll have the opportunity to worship God through singing with other followers of Jesus at church. But don't wait until then to worship. Take a few minutes to consider what you're thankful for. Maybe it's the beauty of God's creation, a relationship, or God's forgiveness through Jesus. Express your gratitude to God for who He is and what He's done!

HOW DO I STOP DOING WHAT'S BAD FOR ME?

For many new believers, the Christian experience is defined by a repetitive cycle of failure, confession, and temporary resolve. This cycle of “habitual sin” is not a sign that you lack salvation, but a sign that you are attempting to manage your behaviour through the Law rather than transforming your life through your new identity (2 Cor 5:17).

The Law was given to reveal your inability, but grace was given to establish your righteousness. Breaking a habit is not about “trying harder” to stop a behavior; it is about aligning yourself to be who God says you are. When you realize that you are a new creation, the old patterns lose their legal and spiritual authority over you. **SEPARATE YOUR ACTIONS FROM YOUR IDENTITY.**

The first step in breaking a habitual cycle is to stop identifying yourself with your struggle. Religion tells you that you are a “sinner” because you sinned, but the New Covenant declares that you are righteous because of Christ. Your spirit was perfected the moment you were born again, and it cannot sin. You possess a new nature that is dead to sin and alive to God.

If you focus on the sin, you strengthen the sin because the “strength of sin is the law”. (1 Cor 15:56)

Condemnation and guilt act as fuel for habitual sin by keeping you trapped in a “law mindset”. You must realize that you are favored and loved even in the midst of your struggle, as Grace always precedes transformation.

WHY DOES JESUS REST?

DAY 14

Do you ever feel anxious about everything going on during the week? Or do you wish you had more time for the people in your life? If so, you're in good company. Life often seems to demand for us to be busy. But Jesus invites us to a different (and better) way of living. Take a look at this surprising passage from the life of Jesus:

Yet the news about him spread all the more, so that crowds of people came to hear him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed. Luke 5:15-16 NIV

When He sacrificed productivity and opportunities to help others in order to rest, it was a good thing. Why? We can only be as helpful as we are healthy. So like Jesus, we can set boundaries with our time and purposefully slow down.

Rest is also worship. The Bible begins with an account of God creating the world. The story uses a seven-day structure to describe God's work. On the sixth day God created people, but the seventh day was a day of rest. Why is that important? Because humanity's first full day on earth was a day of rest—not work. Throughout the Bible, the seventh day of the week is called the Sabbath. On that day, people are invited to worship by not doing work. But how is this worship? It's easy to forget this basic spiritual truth: God is in control; we're not. When we forget, we tend to try to control our lives through work.

HOW DO I LOVE LIKE JESUS LOVED?

Welcome to the final week of our journey! Last week, we started some spiritual practices to help us live the way Jesus lived. We witnessed how His mindsets, practices, and habits made way for His ministry. This week, we'll explore how Jesus loved. In other words, how did Jesus relate to other people? How did He make people feel? And How did He use His words and actions to accomplish His purpose? Let's check out an argument Jesus chose to break up. It happened between a few of His friends and followers:

An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him. Then he said to them, "Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For it is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest." Luke 9:46-48 NIV

Jesus said that the person who welcomes a child is the greatest. What? Why does that make someone great? Jesus explained, "It is the one who is least among you all who is the greatest." In other words, Jesus said that the greatest in God's eyes is the person who isn't seeking prestige, power, or a platform. Instead, they're seeking to humbly serve. Jesus, who is God, came as a baby to a humble family in a small village. When He grew up, He didn't order His followers around like servants. Instead, He patiently led them and looked for ways to meet their needs.

WELCOMING OTHERS

DAY 16

Have you ever felt “at home” in a place that wasn’t your home? Maybe you get that feeling in a church, coffee shop, or at a friend’s house. Or you might feel at home with a family member or friend. All of us feel “at home” when we feel safe to be ourselves— not worried about doing or saying the wrong thing because we feel loved and accepted as we are. We all want a place to feel “at home.” Jesus knows this, and that’s why He made people feel at home everywhere He went. He did this by taking time to welcome people into His life, listening, showing empathy, and giving them permission to be honest. We call this hospitality.

We find a list of people who followed Jesus during His ministry. These were the people Jesus welcomed into His life. They were flawed people, but Jesus’ hospitality turned these different individuals into a kind of family... The Twelve were with him, and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod’s household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

Hospitality breaks down social barriers and builds unlikely friendships. Hospitality invites us to be less critical and more curious.

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BECOMING A GENEROUS PERSON

DAY 17

According to John, generosity makes room in our hearts for Jesus. Generosity means sharing what you have to help someone else. See how simple that definition is? It includes our money but also everything else we have- our time, our skills, our resources. So, how can you become a generous person? It's not complicated, but it's not always easy. Here are a few ways to be generous.

1. Ask yourself, "What do I need?"

God wants us to enjoy the things we have. But we don't own our stuff. God does, and He calls us to share what we have with others. So ask yourself, "What do I really need?"

2. Ask yourself, "What do I have to share?"

Maybe you have plenty of spare time or a skill you've developed. Or maybe you have resources that could bless others. No matter what it is, if you have something, you can find a way to share it.

3. Ask yourself, "What does my community need?"

The people around you have needs you can meet. Being generous with your words and presence could make a difference. Followers of Jesus often give regularly. Why? Because the church is doing God's work in your community.

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NOTICING & MEETING NEEDS

DAY 18

Today, let's talk about a skill Jesus shows us in the Bible that's easy to overlook. On the surface, it seems ordinary. But it's actually one of the most important ways we can love like Jesus. Jesus is brilliant at noticing needs. Dozens of stories in the Bible begin with Jesus walking somewhere and noticing someone in need. Sometimes their need was visible and physical. Other times it was under the surface or spiritual. Either way, Jesus saw the needs of people around Him. Once Jesus noticed a need, He used what He had to meet it. Sometimes, He'd use His words to meet a spiritual or emotional need.

As followers of Jesus, we're called to live lives focused on others. One of the best ways to do that is by serving others. We serve others when we notice their needs and use what we have to meet those needs. As we discussed yesterday, this can often look like using our time, skills and resources to serve others. Sometimes, we can't meet a need on our own, but that doesn't mean we can't help. Instead, it's an opportunity to ask for God's help to meet a need that's beyond us.

Followers of Jesus seek to serve others. We notice needs and, with God's help, we meet them. So keep your eyes open today. Who around you might need an encouraging word, prayer for physical or emotional healing, or help with a task? As you live an "others-focused" life, you'll experience greater closeness with God.

**DISCOVER THE SKILLS AND TALENTS GOD HAS PLACED
IN YOU AND SIGN UP FOR STEP 2 WHERE YOU
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FORGIVING OTHERS

DAY 19

Forgiveness is a big deal to God. He loves to forgive. That's why, throughout the Bible, God generously offers forgiveness and second chances to all kinds of people. As Christians, we know what it's like to be forgiven. We've all made mistakes and hurtful choices. But God offers us forgiveness through Jesus—not because we earned it, but because God loves to forgive. Jesus said:

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."... Luke 23:34 NIV

That's how much Jesus loves to forgive. He sees the God-given potential in every person and doesn't jump to judgment. What does this mean for followers of Jesus? You've probably already guessed it: Followers of Jesus forgive others.

Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting what was said or done, and it doesn't mean excusing what someone's done. Instead, it means letting go of the need to get back or get even.



TELLING PEOPLE ABOUT JESUS

DAY 28

On the last day of Jesus' ministry, He left His disciples with some parting words..

*"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."
Matthew 28:18-20 NIV*

Let's go through this passage together. "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." Jesus is the ruler of heaven and earth. He's the King, and we live in His Kingdom. Jesus' Kingdom isn't like any other nation on earth. That's because it's filled with people who choose to live and love like Jesus through service, generosity, hospitality, and forgiveness. "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."

Not everyone has experienced Jesus' grace, forgiveness, and acceptance. Jesus wants to change that, and He wants our help. So, He calls us to go into our neighborhoods, workplaces, and all over the world, loving people like Jesus does and showing them the joy, passion, and purpose of a life that's fully devoted to Him. This could look like, inviting your neighbors to church, sharing the story of what God has done in your life, or any number of ways God can use you to share and show His love to others around you.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

DAY 21

You're almost finished reading this book, but your story is just beginning. We're so proud of you for going through this journey. Today, we'd like to share these words from an early Jesus follower named Paul...

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns. Philippians 1:6 NLT

Paul wrote these words to a group of Jesus followers two thousand years ago. The whole chapter is full of encouragement for people doing their best to follow Jesus each day. They weren't perfect, but they were making progress, like we are. We don't know where you were when Jesus found you and you chose to follow Him. And we don't know the challenges you've had to overcome in the past few weeks. But we are confident that God has started a good work in you, and He will continue His work for the rest of your life.

Your journey of following Jesus is unique. You might choose to find friends through a small group. You might choose to get to know more about your church. You might choose to use your gifts to make a difference through serving. Or you could choose something completely different! This weekend at church, let your leader know that you have completed this book. They'd love to congratulate you and help you discover your best next step as you follow Jesus.

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