



FIRST STEPS

A NORTHLANDS DEVOTIONAL

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We're thrilled that you have become a part of the Kingdom of God!

This 14-day devotional will help guide you along your **first steps** in your walk with Christ.

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Forgiveness of Sin is Complete in Jesus

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
in accordance with the riches of God's grace.*

EPHESIANS 1:7

QUESTIONS

1. What sin(s) are included in the price Jesus paid?

2. Is there a requirement for you to pay any part of your sin?

3. What can you do now knowing you are completely forgiven?

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for me and paying my debt of sin in full! Help me to be grateful for this truth. Thank you that I don't have to try to pay it back or add something to your sacrifice. I believe in you and receive this amazing free gift as an expression of your love for me.

Free Gift of Righteousness

For if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!

ROMANS 5:17

QUESTIONS

1. What actions do we have to perform to receive righteousness?

2. What kind of a relationship do we now stand in with God?

3. How do we continue to walk in righteousness?

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for making a way for me to become righteous. Not by any means of what I have done, but what you have done in the finished work of the cross. I am so thankful that with this truth I can approach you in prayer knowing that I am in right relationship. I can ask any questions and bring any concerns before you. Thank you for showing me how much you love me by allowing me to stay close to you.

I Am Free From Condemnation

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.

ROMANS 8:1-2

QUESTIONS

1. Why don't I carry around condemnation for what I did wrong in my past?

2. How can I approach God now if I have no condemnation?

3. Do I have to continually offer a sacrifice so I can stay in a condemnation-free relationship?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you that I now stand in no condemnation. I thank you that all of my sin, shame, and wrongdoing was taken care of on the cross so I can live with no condemnation. Help me to understand that You put sin as far as the east is from the west and remember it no more. You love me and see me as holy, cleansed, and forgiven. Thank you.

Jesus Absorbed God's Wrath Against Me

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

ROMANS 5:9

QUESTIONS

1. What is the wrath we were saved from?

2. How can we avoid the wrath of God?

3. How was the wrath of God absorbed/paid for?

PRAYER

Jesus, thank you for absorbing the wrath of God for us when you died on the cross. Thank you for dying in my place. Now I can walk in confidence of the fact that I have been rescued from God's wrath and live in right relationship with Him because of you, Jesus.

DAY 5

I Am Chosen

*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*

1 PETER 2:9

QUESTIONS

1. How do I know that I am chosen?

2. What does it mean to be chosen?

3. How does God see me now that I'm in Jesus?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for choosing me. Thank you for initiating relationship with me. Thank you for loving me first. As I learn to walk in the truth of being chosen, help me also to declare your praises. Help me to see myself as chosen by you.

Reading the Bible

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

PSALM 119:15

QUESTIONS

1. What is the writer trying to get across to the reader?

2. What do I feel the Holy Spirit is showing me?

3. How can I put this into practice in my life?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you so much that you had people write down their stories and encounters with you. I am grateful that I get to learn about and apply the same truths to my life. Help me better see who you are and who I am in your eyes. Help me to grow and walk in your ways, allowing your word to be a lamp for my feet and a light on my path.

I Am Strengthened in Christ

I can do all things through him who gives me strength.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

QUESTIONS

1. How do I access the strength that is given me?

2. What can I consider during a trial to be joyful?

3. How can I become confident that He will strengthen me?

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to realize today that I can do all things through you who gives me strength. Thank you that you supply me the strength needed for any situation. Help me to consider it pure joy when I face trials, and help me within the trial to keep my eyes upon you. May I allow *you* to be the biggest thing in the situation, not the trial. Thank you that you protect me, guide me, and never leave me.

DAY 8

I Am Loved

*This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.*

1 JOHN 4:10

QUESTIONS

1. What did I do to receive the love of God?

2. Is Jesus' love for me dependent on what I do or don't do?

3. How can I love others around me?

PRAYER

Lord, help me to realize that I am loved by you - not by what I have done, good or bad, but because I have believed in your Son. Help me to see your amazing love expressed to me all the time. Help me to love others and show your kindness to them, just as you have shown it to me. Thank you for loving me.

I Have Direct Access to God

He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

EPHESIANS 2:17-20

QUESTIONS

1. What is the difference between a slave and a son/daughter?

2. How did we gain direct access to God?

3. How will my prayers change as I see myself rightly?

PRAYER

Thank you that a way has been made through Jesus for me to have full access to you. Thank you that you see me as a son/daughter. Help me to see myself that way. I choose to come to you as a child, not a slave; like a member of the household, not a stranger.

I Can Ask for Wisdom

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

JAMES 1:5

QUESTIONS

1. What is the nature of God found in James 1:5?

2. How can we now approach God knowing this is his response?

3. How has God been generous to you recently?

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for your generous response to me without finding fault. Help me to believe this truth over the lie that my asking is dependent on my actions. You are an amazing and loving God. Guide me in all my ways and help me to seek wisdom only from you.

I Am Accepted

*Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you,
in order to bring praise to God.*

ROMANS 15:7

QUESTIONS

1. What stands out to you, knowing that you have been accepted?

2. How does being accepted change the way you think and act toward God?

3. How will knowing you have been accepted change the way you face difficulties?

PRAYER

Lord, how amazing this truth is! You accept me, not on my own basis but on the truth of what Jesus did on the cross and my belief in him. Help this to change the way I view things and how I approach you in prayer.

Spend a moment considering what changes as a result of you being accepted by Him.

I Am Redeemed

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

1 PETER 1:18

QUESTIONS

1. What brought about my redemption?

2. What impact does this truth have on my relationship with God?

3. How does God see me today?

PRAYER

Lord, thank you that I am redeemed! Thank you that my redemption wasn't done with things that perish, but instead with your precious blood. Thank you that I live in this truth daily. Help me to apply it to the way I approach you in prayer and to my understanding of how you see me. Remind me daily of who I am in Christ.