



ELEUTHERIA COMMUNITY

# You Said Yes. Now What?

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*Your first steps with Jesus*

FIRST STEPS · PART TWO OF THREE

# Welcome

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*So you said yes.*

Maybe it happened quietly, on your own, reading something that finally made sense. Maybe somebody prayed with you. However it happened, something real just happened, and you are probably wondering what on earth comes next.

That is exactly what this is for.

Nobody expects you to have this figured out. The people whose prayers fill the other resource in this series did not have it figured out either. They were ordinary, and they learned to walk with God one step at a time, the same way you are about to. So take this slowly. Read one chapter a day if that helps. Come back to it. And know that you are not doing this alone.

01

## What Just Happened

Something changed, even if you cannot fully explain it yet. Scripture calls it becoming a new creation. The old is gone, and something genuinely new has begun in you.

This is not about having felt a certain way, or having said exactly the right words. It is about what God has actually done. You believed, and He received you. That is not a feeling you have to keep manufacturing. It is a fact you now get to stand on.

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.*

**JOHN 1:12**

*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:*

**TRY THIS**

Say it out loud today. I belong to God now. Let it feel strange. It will settle in.

02

## You Are Not Alone Anymore

Here is something worth knowing early. God has not left you to figure this out by yourself. His own Spirit now lives in you, the same Spirit Jesus promised His disciples before He left them.

That Spirit is the one who will remind you what is true when you forget, comfort you when things are hard, and quietly nudge you towards what is right long before you have the words for it. You will not always notice Him. But He is there.

ROMANS 8:16

*The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,*

JOHN 14:16-17

*And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.*

TRY THIS

When you are unsure what to do next, ask Him. He is not distant, and He is not too busy for you.

03

## Talk To Him Every Day

Prayer is simply talking to God, and there is no formula you need to get right first. Bring Him what is actually going on. The good, the anxious, the ordinary, the embarrassing.

Some days you will have a lot to say. Some days almost nothing. Both are fine. What matters is that you keep the conversation open, the way you would with anyone you are getting to know.

### PHILIPPIANS 4:6

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;*

### 1 THESSALONIANS 5:17

*pray without ceasing,*

### TRY THIS

Tonight, before you sleep, tell Him three things. Something you are thankful for, something you are worried about, and something you need.

## Read His Word

The Bible can feel like a lot when you are just starting. Do not try to read it all at once, and do not start by trying to understand every difficult part.

Start with one of the Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke or John, and simply read about Jesus. A little each day is worth more than a lot once in a while. Think of it as a lamp for the step right in front of you, not a floodlight over your whole future.

### PSALM 1:1-3

*Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.*

### PSALM 119:105

*Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.*

### TRY THIS

Open to the Gospel of John tonight and read the first chapter. That is all. Just the first chapter.

05

## Tell Someone, and Get Baptised

Faith was never meant to stay private. Tell someone what has happened, even if it is just one person you trust. Saying it out loud makes it real in a way that keeping it to yourself never quite does.

And when you are ready, get baptised. It is not what saves you, that has already happened, but it is how the first believers publicly said this is who I belong to now. It is a picture of the old life going under the water and a new one coming up out of it.

### ACTS 2:38

*Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

### ROMANS 6:3-4

*Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

### TRY THIS

Message us. We would love to talk with you about baptism, and there is no rush and no pressure.

## Find Your People

Nobody was ever meant to follow Jesus alone. The very first believers did life together constantly, sharing meals, praying together, genuinely present in each other's lives, not just seeing one another once a week.

That is what we are too. A house, not a building. People, not a programme. Come and see what that actually looks like before you decide whether it is for you.

### ACTS 2:42-46

*And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,*

### HEBREWS 10:24-25

*And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

### TRY THIS

Come to one gathering. Just one. See how it feels to not do this alone.



## Discover What He's Put In You

You have something to offer already, even this early. Every believer is given something by the Spirit, not just the people who are naturally confident or already up front.

You do not need to know what your gift is yet. Most people discover it by simply showing up and serving in ordinary ways first. It tends to reveal itself.

### 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-7

*There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:*

### 1 PETER 4:10

*As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.*

### TRY THIS

Ask someone in the community what they have noticed in you. It is often easier for others to see it first.

## Love Like You've Been Loved

Jesus said the world would know His followers by one thing above all else. Not by how much they knew, or how impressive their gatherings were, but by how they loved one another.

You have just been loved by God in a way you did not earn. Let that be the pattern for how you now treat the people around you, especially the ones who are hardest to love.

### JOHN 13:34-35

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

### TRY THIS

Think of one person this week who is difficult to love, and do one small kind thing for them anyway.

## Keep Going

There will be good days ahead and there will be genuinely hard ones. You will not always feel close to God, and that will not mean anything has gone wrong.

Here is a promise worth holding onto for both kinds of day. The One who started this work in you is not going to abandon it halfway. He finishes what He begins.

### PHILIPPIANS 1:6

*being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;*

### TRY THIS

On a hard day, come back to this page. You are not starting over. You are still on the road.

## Where to go from here

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You have the first steps. Now take the obvious next one, which is to read about Jesus for yourself rather than reading about Him second hand.

The third book in this series does exactly that. Thirty Days in Matthew walks you through one whole Gospel, a short passage a day for a month, from the family tree at the beginning to the command to go at the end. Each day has a few words to help you notice what is there, and a few words from a Christian who lived in the first two centuries after Jesus, so you are never reading it entirely on your own.

Start it tomorrow if you can. Chapter four of this book told you to open the Gospel of John and read the first chapter. Matthew is the same idea, only finished.

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