

### WELCOME

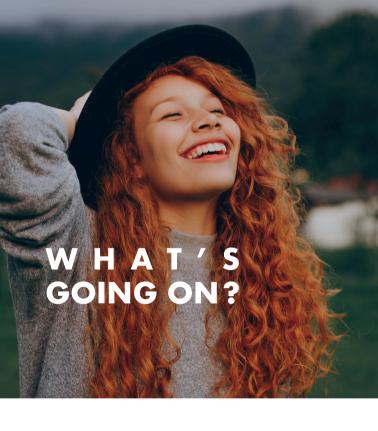
We are so happy for the decision you just made to follow Jesus!

This is a life changing decision, one you will never forget nor regret. Today is a historical day for you.



You may wonder,
What about now?
What do I do?

Especially if you do not live in a Christian environment, it can be confusing. Being a Christian simply means to follow Jesus. We encourage you to know Him better. We would love to help you start this journey



The decision you've made is a very important step for your entire life. The Bible uses a rich variety of ways to describe what happens when you turn your life over to God. Here are some of these truths:

### You are declared "Not guilty" by God.

Jesus-Christ paid the penalty for every wrongdoing in your life. He has set you FREE and you are completely forgiven.

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

# In the Bible, the step you've taken is called being "born again".

As you accepted God in your life, He now lives in you through his Holy Spirit, and this is a completely new life!

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)



# By your decision you became part of the people of God.

As people are meant to live together, you need other Christians and they need you too.

"Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God." (1 Peter 2:10a)

#### You became a child of God.

As such, you can have a close relationship with Him and you can begin to talk Him personally. This is what we call prayer.

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." (John 1:12)



If you asked God to forgive your sins and give you a new life, you can be sure that these promises are made directly from God to you:

#### God hears me.

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you." (Jeremiah 29:12)

#### God loves me for who I am.

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

#### God forgives me.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

#### I've got eternal life.

"Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life." (John 5:24)

#### God is with me, not against me.

Jesus said: "All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away." (John 6:37)

"God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake vou." (Hebrews 13:5)



#### **Bible**

Start by looking for a Bible. You can find a paper copy or you can also download it on your smartphone, the app is called Bible or Youversion. It's pretty helpful to read and understand the Bible.

The Bible is the best way to know Jesus better as it recalls his life (in the Gospels), and his relationship with humanity. It's a big book, but I encourage you to start by reading the Gospel of John or Mark.



#### **Prayer**

prayer can seem a little scary, weird or you may not know "how to" pray, but it just means to talk to God. We encourage you to talk to Him very simply, with your own words. You don't have to pretend with God. He is your father and He loves to hear about how you are doing, what is going on in your life, your needs or your questions.

He is not taken aback by anything you say. He is listening to your prayers and He will answer.

Below we propose a few other practical steps, but remember: living with Jesus isn't a set of rules to abide by or things you're absolutely supposed to do. Though, we believe these tools will help you grow further in your faith!



#### Church

Be a part of a Church. A church is not just about a building, but it's a community of people who love Jesus. Getting together with people sharing the same faith is a good foundation to follow Jesus. We invite you to join a local church where you can connect with other Christians, build friendships and be encouraged.



### Friendship

Share your decision. You may know a friend, family member, coworker or someone who is a Christian. I invite you to share with them the decision you made. I'm sure this person will be happy to hear about it, they will be there for you and help you in this journey, for example if you have any questions or want someone to pray with.



### **Discipleship**

In the Bible, a follower of Jesus is called a disciple. They learnt to live with and like Jesus. If you're interested in learning that too, I propose the Alpha Course: It's generally a 8-week program that will help you connect with believers around a meal, where you can talk about life's big questions. Click on this link to know more about it and find a group near you:

https://www.alpha.org/global

## We hope that this tools will help you in your beautiful journey

We are praying for you. Have great day!



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