

# Building a Relationship with God

STUDY GUIDE

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the study guide. The goal of the book *\*Building a Relationship with God\** is to help the believer understand the relationship that is ours in Christ and then to develop the ongoing habits and practices that will enable us to walk in, and walk out, that relationship each and every day.

This companion study guide is aimed at helping individuals and those participating in a small group Bible study setting to engage with the book and apply its truths to their lives.

For each chapter in the book, the study guide comprises the following elements:

- A brief description and of the teaching contained in the chapter.
- 15 bullet point statements.
- 15 Bible verses for memorization which correspond to that chapter's teaching.
- 10 practical applications of this teaching.
- 15 questions for personal reflection and group discussion.
- Five recommended books and resources that can help the reader further engage with the subject.

## HOW TO USE THIS STUDY GUIDE

The study guide is designed to work both for an individual or members of a Bible study group or small group working through this material.

Ideally, we encourage you to read through the main book and, at the end of every chapter, then work through the study guide. It can be a good idea to use a pen or pencil to underline things that speak to you. We encourage you to read through this material with a journal or blank paper at hand. Write down the things that God is saying to you.

An important component in this book is the two chapters concerning constructing a vision for your personal relationship and work with God. You will get out of this material what you put into it. We invite

you to approach this prayerfully, filled with hope for everything God has for you.

I encourage you to take the time to think through the questions that correspond to each chapter. There is not always a correct answer to these questions; the goal is not to tick a box, but to reflect, meditate, and allow the Lord to provoke things within your own heart.

When reading through the applications, it could be good to ask yourself: How can I do this? When can I do this? What would it look like to embed this application into my life? How do I struggle with this?

Most of all, enjoy the journey and learn to drink from the Rock who is Christ Jesus (1 Corinthians 10:4).

## NOTES FOR SMALL GROUP LEADERS

This material is designed to help both individuals and small group Bible studies engage with the content. Here are practical guidelines to help you lead a small group and maximize the benefits of this study guide.

When leading a group, it is beneficial to encourage everyone to commit for a specific time period. The study guide is ideally designed to cover a three-month period with weekly meetings. I encourage you to ask every participant to make a strong commitment to attend for the entire three-month period. Participants will connect more deeply with the material if they engage with it consistently each week. They will also form stronger connections with other group members, fostering relationships and embarking on a shared journey through this material.

Setting expectations is crucial when leading a small group. I recommend that small groups meet for an hour, with the option to extend if the group's energy and dynamism warrant it.

There are various ways to use this material, and I encourage leaders to follow this format:

- Prepare 3-4 short teaching segments, each lasting 5 to 7 minutes.
- Lead 3-4 discussion sessions where everyone has the opportunity to share a thought, answer a question, or ask a question.

I encourage leaders to use a clock or timer to manage teaching segments, as it is easy to lose track of time and overrun.

When facilitating discussions, setting expectations is important, as many participants may not be accustomed to time limits on their contributions. Depending on group size, ask each person to share a thought within 30 to 40 seconds and then pass the baton to the next participant. If you set expectations at the beginning, it will be easier to keep participants within those limits. Forgetting to do so can lead to frustration when you try to rein them in mid-speech.

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Leaders should actively steward and curate discussions. Simply asking people to share and then sitting back is ineffective. Instead, guide the conversation, ask supplementary questions, and engage with participants. It is beneficial to lovingly challenge participants' assertions, encouraging critical thinking rather than mere regurgitation of answers.

Ideally, the leader's role is to guide the discussion so that the group collectively delves deeper into the truth of God's word. There may be times when the leader needs to correct a participant who makes a completely false or unbiblical statement. However, the ideal approach is to challenge participants to think biblically and help them gain a higher perspective.

Leaders should clearly communicate which chapter will be covered in the following week's session and ensure all participants have access to the study notes for preparation.

Concluding the small group study with a time of prayer or ministry is beneficial, as it allows us to collectively commit to our relationship and inheritance in Christ Jesus.



## CHAPTER 1 - THE PROMISE OF LIFE IN CHRIST

In chapter one, we explore the truth that believers are called into a relationship with God through Christ, not as something to be built by personal effort, but as an inheritance received by faith. We uncover that while many Christians understand how to begin this relationship—through repentance and faith in Jesus—they often lack guidance on maintaining and flourishing in it, leading to frustration. God invites us into a face-to-face fellowship with Him, desiring that we find complete satisfaction in Him alone. Many believers fail to experience this, measuring themselves against others rather than God's standard in Christ Jesus.

Chapter one teaches that our relationship with God is not a product of self-effort, which leads to religion and inevitable failure, but an inheritance secured through Christ's work on the cross. Sin separates us from God, producing shame that drives us to hide, yet we are declared righteous in Christ, enabling us to live in His presence. The parable of the prodigal son illustrates this inheritance: The elder brother is always with the Father, and all He has is his, yet many live as servants rather than sons due to a misunderstanding of their standing.

The chapter challenges the notion that a vibrant relationship with God is reserved for eternity, asserting that eternal life and fellowship with Him are available now. It critiques the tendency to accept a low-level connection with God, urging believers to reject self-reliant efforts and embrace the pre-existing relationship they have in Christ. This relationship, marked by constant presence and access to all God has, requires faith and intentional acknowledgment rather than performance. The chapter sets the stage for a journey of discovery, promising practical steps to explore and enjoy this inheritance in daily life, reorienting our existence around unbroken fellowship with God.

- God invites us to a face-to-face relationship with Him.
- Many Christians know how to start a relationship with God but not how to maintain it.
- We should measure ourselves by Christ's standard, not others.
- God desires us to find complete satisfaction in Him.
- Our relationship with God is an inheritance through Christ, not built by effort.
- Self-effort in relating to God leads to religion and frustration.
- Sin separates us from God, but we are righteous in Christ.
- The Holy Spirit reveals our inherited relationship with God.
- We are always with God, and all He has is ours.
- Eternal life and fellowship with God begin now, not just in eternity.
- Comparing ourselves to others hinders our relationship with God.
- Christ alone satisfies our spiritual thirst.
- Shame from sin drives us to hide, but grace restores fellowship.
- We must acknowledge our inheritance to enjoy it fully.
- Practical steps can help us live in constant fellowship with God.

## Bible Verses

- John 14:20 – "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you."
- Colossians 1:13 – "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love."
- Ephesians 1:6 – "To the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved."
- 2 Corinthians 10:12 – "For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise."
- Philippians 3:14 – "I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."
- John 4:14 – "But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him

a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

- Galatians 1:4 – "Who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father."

- Ephesians 1:17-18 – "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling."

- Romans 5:17 – "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ."

- Luke 15:31 – "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.'"

- Psalm 16:11 – "You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

- Romans 8:32 – "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

- Matthew 7:11 – "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!"

- Philemon 1:6 – "That the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."

- John 1:16 – "And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace."

## Practical Applications

- Affirm your inheritance by starting each day with a declaration of your relationship with God through Christ.

- Avoid comparison by focusing on Christ's example rather than measuring yourself against others.

- Seek satisfaction in God through daily prayer and worship, avoiding worldly substitutes.

- Quickly confess sin and receive grace to restore fellowship immediately.
- Live in God's presence by practicing awareness of Him in everyday tasks.
- Study your identity in Christ regularly to reinforce your inheritance.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal the depth of your relationship with God daily.
- Make decisions as a son, not a servant, knowing all God has is yours.
- Express gratitude daily for God's presence and provision.
- Share the truth of your inheritance with others to encourage them.

### Discussion Questions

- What does a face-to-face relationship with God look like in daily life?
- Why do many Christians struggle to maintain their relationship with God?
- How does comparing ourselves to others affect our walk with God?
- What does it mean to find complete satisfaction in God alone?
- How is inheriting a relationship with God different from building one?
- Why does self-effort in relating to God lead to frustration?
- How does sin impact our fellowship with God, and how can we recover?
- What does being declared righteous in Christ mean for our identity?
- How can the Holy Spirit help us understand our inheritance in Christ?
- What does it mean that we are always with God and all He has is ours?
- Why do some believers delay a vibrant relationship with God until eternity?
- How can we practically quench our spiritual thirst with Christ's living water?
- How does shame from sin hinder our relationship with God?
- Why is acknowledging our inheritance key to enjoying it?
- What steps can we take to live in constant fellowship with God now?

## Recommended Books

- *\*Destined to Reign\** by Joseph Prince  
Focuses on grace and righteousness as gifts, helping readers understand their inheritance in Christ without self-effort.
- *\*Battlefield of the Mind\** by Joyce Meyer  
Explores renewing the mind to align with God's truth, key to living out the inherited relationship with Christ.
- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee  
Examines the believer's union with Christ and the promise of life received through faith, not works.
- *\*The Pursuit of God\** by A.W. Tozer  
Encourages an intimate, face-to-face relationship with God, reflecting the chapter's call to fellowship.
- *\*The Power of Simple Prayer\** by Joyce Meyer  
Offers practical steps to deepen daily communion with God, fostering a vibrant relationship now.

## CHAPTER 2 - THE RELATIONAL KINGDOM

The chapter "The Relational Kingdom" explores the kingdom of God as a present, relational reality, rather than solely a future hope. It clarifies that the kingdom is where God reigns, fully established in heaven and partially on earth through believers who submit to Jesus' lordship. Jesus proclaimed this kingdom's arrival through His teachings and miracles, demonstrating its availability now. The kingdom exists in contrast to the worldly kingdom, with believers as citizens of heaven living under God's rule, provision, and healing amidst a world influenced by the god of this age.

The chapter emphasizes that the kingdom's essence is relational, centered on a personal, experiential relationship with Jesus Christ rather than mere intellectual knowledge or ministry achievements. While ministry and miracles are valuable, they are not the ultimate goal; instead, true fulfillment comes from knowing Jesus intimately. The Bible serves not just as information but as an invitation to this relationship, with Scripture being God-breathed and alive with the Spirit's power. The kingdom grows like yeast, expanding its influence on earth, a process underway since Christ's arrival.

The chapter highlights the need to move beyond theoretical faith to a lived experience, where ministry flows naturally from intimacy with God. Examples from the early church illustrate that effective ministry arises from worship and relationship rather than performance. The chapter critiques reducing the kingdom to facts, asserting that truth is embodied in Jesus, the way, truth, and life. Daily communion with Him transforms knowledge into a vibrant, heart-centered faith, satisfying the soul's deepest longings through His love.

- The kingdom of God is a present reality and a future hope, accessible now through Jesus.
- Jesus announced the kingdom's arrival with His teachings and miracles.
- The kingdom is where God reigns, fully in heaven and partially on

earth via believers.

- Believers are heaven's citizens, living under Jesus' lordship amidst a contrasting worldly kingdom.
- The kingdom's core is a personal relationship with Jesus, not just ministry or miracles.
- True satisfaction stems from experiencing God's love, not external achievements.
- The kingdom grows progressively, like yeast, filling the earth since Christ's coming.
- Ministry should flow from intimacy with God, not merely intellectual understanding.
- The early church modeled ministry emerging from worship and relationship.
- Scripture is an invitation to relationship, alive with the Spirit's breath.
- Theoretical knowledge must become experiential faith for true Christian living.
- Jesus embodies truth, making relationship with Him essential to understanding the kingdom.
- Daily fellowship with Jesus is vital for a thriving spiritual life.
- The Bible's purpose is to lead us into a lived experience of God's presence.
- The kingdom's relational nature distinguishes it from informational religion.

## Bible Verses

- Colossians 1:13 - "He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love."
- Matthew 3:2 - "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
- Luke 11:20 - "But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you."
- Matthew 10:8 - "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."
- 2 Corinthians 4:4 - "Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."
- Matthew 16:18 - "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."
- Philippians 3:20 - "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."
- John 14:6 - "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.'"
- John 10:9 - "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture."
- John 17:3 - "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."
- Matthew 7:23 - "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'"
- Romans 10:17 - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
- Psalm 107:9 - "For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness."
- Ephesians 3:17-19 - "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."
- John 6:63 - "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."



## Practical Applications

- Dedicate daily time to prayer and Scripture, focusing on connecting with Jesus personally rather than just studying for information.
- Journal moments when you've sensed God's presence or love, using these reflections to strengthen your relational bond with Him.
- Listen for the Holy Spirit's guidance in daily decisions, cultivating an ongoing conversation with God throughout your day.
- Worship regularly with the intent of encountering God, letting it deepen your emotional and spiritual connection to Him.
- Serve others motivated by your love for Jesus, ensuring your actions stem from relationship rather than obligation.
- Share your testimony with others, highlighting how knowing Jesus relationally has transformed your life and faith.
- Participate in a small group to build relationships with believers, encouraging mutual growth in faith and intimacy with God.
- Meditate on Bible Verses  
, asking the Spirit to make them alive in your heart, fostering a deeper relationship with Jesus.
- Practice daily gratitude, thanking God for His love and presence, which reinforces your awareness of His relational nearness.
- Schedule quiet time alone with God, silencing distractions to hear His voice and nurture your personal relationship with Him.

## Discussion Questions

- How does viewing the kingdom of God as a present reality change your approach to faith?
- What experiences have shown you the kingdom of God's presence in your life?
- How do you prioritize relationship with Jesus over ministry activities in your daily routine?
- When have you felt unfulfilled despite spiritual successes, and what did you learn from it?
- What does a relational kingdom mean to you personally in your walk

with God?

- How can we ensure our ministry reflects our relationship with God rather than just knowledge?
- What insights does the pearl of great price parable offer about valuing Jesus above all else?
- How can you transition from knowing about God to experiencing Him daily?
- What habits help you maintain a consistent, personal relationship with Jesus?
- How does Praying Hyde's story inspire you to deepen your intimacy with God for effective ministry?
- How can we support each other in prioritizing relationship over performance in our faith?
- How does the kingdom's present and future nature affect your perspective on living for God?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in making Scripture a relational experience for you?
- How can our church emphasize relationship with God over religious routines?
- What practical steps will you take this week to grow closer to Jesus relationally?

## Recommended Books

- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee  
Explores the believer's union with Christ and the relational aspect of living in God's kingdom.
- *\*The Pursuit of God\** by A.W. Tozer  
Encourages a deep, personal relationship with God, reflecting the chapter's focus on intimacy over knowledge.
- *\*The Power of the Blood\** by Derek Prince  
Discusses Christ's sacrifice as the foundation for a present relationship with God in His kingdom.
- *\*Unmerited Favor\** by Joseph Prince  
Highlights the grace that enables believers to live as citizens of God's kingdom now.

- *\*The Power of a Praying Life\** by Joyce Meyer  
Offers practical ways to cultivate a personal, experiential relationship with Jesus daily.

## CHAPTER 3 - THE RELATIONSHIP OF JESUS WITH HIS FATHER

This chapter explores the transformative truth that God does not call believers to forge an individual relationship with Him but invites them into the eternal, pre-existing relationship between Jesus and the Father. This invitation hinges on the concept of being "in Christ," a recurring theme in the New Testament, particularly in Paul's epistles.

Understanding this phrase reveals that believers inherit a perfect and complete relationship with God, shifting them from striving for acceptance to living out a received grace. This shift fosters rest and peace, as the focus moves from earning God's favor to working out the salvation already given.

The chapter underscores the necessity of humility in this journey. Believers are urged to honestly assess their current walk with God, recognizing where it falls short of the divine standard. This humility enables them to reject distorted imitations of faith—often shaped by human examples or traditions—and pursue the authentic relationship modeled by Jesus. The only true benchmark for this relationship is Jesus's own communion with the Father, characterized by unbroken unity and fellowship throughout eternity, including His earthly life.

Jesus's relationship with the Father was effortless and natural, free from separation or religious striving. As both fully God and fully man, He lived dependent on the Holy Spirit, demonstrating what is possible for every believer. His sinless life flowed from abiding in the Father's love, not from personal effort, offering a pattern for believers to follow. This communion was marked by constant dialogue with the Father, a joy in His presence, and a boldness rooted in righteousness, untainted by shame or doubt.

The chapter challenges common misconceptions that distance believers from this reality, such as viewing Jesus solely as divine and thus unrelatable. Instead, it emphasizes His humanity, showing that His life of fellowship is accessible through the Spirit. Believers are called to abide in Christ, allowing His life to flow through them, overcoming sin and worldly distractions by resting in their identity in Him. This

relationship, inherited through Christ, positions believers in heavenly places, enabling them to experience the same intimacy, victory, and joy Jesus knew with the Father.

- We are invited into the eternal relationship between Jesus and the Father, not to build our own.
- Being "in Christ" means inheriting a complete relationship with God.
- Humility is crucial to recognize shortcomings in our walk with God.
- Jesus's perfect fellowship with the Father is the standard for our relationship with God.
- Jesus lived in constant unity with the Father, never knowing separation.
- We can share the same communion with God as Jesus did through Christ.
- Abiding in Christ allows His life to naturally flow through us.
- Jesus's sinless life stemmed from abiding in the Father, not self-effort.
- We must reject religious lenses that create distance from God.
- Jesus's humanity demonstrates what believers can experience through the Spirit.
- Our identity in Christ provides confidence and boldness before God.
- We are to live in the present reality of our union with Christ.
- Jesus found ultimate joy in fellowship with the Father, a joy we can access.
- Temptation is overcome by resting in our righteous identity in Christ.
- Believers are seated in heavenly places, reflecting Jesus's relationship with the Father.

## Bible Verses

- John 10:30 - "I and My Father are one."
- Philippians 2:12-13 - "Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."
- John 15:5 - "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do

nothing."

- John 15:4 - "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."

- John 14:20 - "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you."

- 1 Corinthians 6:17 - "But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."

- Ephesians 2:6 - "and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

- John 5:19 - "Then Jesus answered and said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.'"

- John 11:41-42 - "Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, 'Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me.'"

- John 15:9 - "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love."

- Matthew 4:19 - "Then He said to them, 'Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.'"

- 1 Peter 5:6 - "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time."

- John 20:21 - "So Jesus said to them again, 'Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.'"

- 1 John 4:17 - "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world."

- Psalm 16:11 - "You will show me the path of life; In Your presence is fullness of joy; At Your right hand are pleasures forevermore."

## Practical Applications

- Meditate daily on being "in Christ," reflecting on how this identity shapes your relationship with God (e.g., read Ephesians 1:3-14).

- Humbly ask God to reveal areas needing growth in your spiritual walk, embracing correction (e.g., pray Psalm 139:23-24).
- Study Jesus's prayers in the Gospels to model your own communication with God (e.g., John 17).
- Rest in Christ's finished work, resisting the urge to earn God's favor through effort (e.g., Romans 8:1).
- Counter temptation by affirming your righteous identity in Christ, rejecting doubt (e.g., declare Galatians 2:20).
- Pray continually throughout the day, fostering constant fellowship with God like Jesus (e.g., practice 1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- Set aside distraction-free time daily to deepen your focus on God's presence (e.g., commit to 15 minutes of silence).
- Seek joy in God's presence during routine tasks, mirroring Jesus's delight (e.g., worship while working).
- Encourage others by sharing the reality of being "in Christ" when they struggle (e.g., teach Colossians 1:27).
- View challenges through your heavenly position in Christ, shifting perspective (e.g., stand on Ephesians 2:6).

### Discussion Questions

- What does being "in Christ" mean for our relationship with God?
- How does humility enhance our walk with God, and how can we develop it?
- What aspects of Jesus's fellowship with the Father can we emulate?
- How do religious lenses distort our view of God, and how can we correct this?
- What practical steps help us abide in Christ daily?
- How does Jesus's humanity impact our understanding of our potential in God?
- Why is Jesus's relationship with the Father the only true standard for ours?
- How can we shift from striving to resting in our relationship with God?
- What does constant communion with God look like in modern life?
- How does our identity in Christ influence our response to sin?



- How can we experience the joy Jesus found in the Father's presence?
- What distracts us from fellowship with God, and how can we remove them?
- How did Jesus's dependence on the Spirit shape His life, and ours?
- Why is living in the present reality of Christ's union vital?
- How can we help others grasp their inheritance in Christ?

## Recommended Books

- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee  
Explores the believer's union with Christ, emphasizing the inherited relationship modeled by Jesus and the Father.
- *\*The Pursuit of God\** by A.W. Tozer  
Encourages a deep, abiding relationship with God, mirroring Jesus's communion with the Father.
- *\*Grace Revolution\** by Joseph Prince  
Highlights living in the grace of Christ's relationship with the Father, fostering rest over striving.
- *\*My Utmost for His Highest\** by Oswald Chambers  
Offers daily reflections on abiding in Christ, reflecting Jesus's dependence on the Father.
- *\*The Spirit-Filled Life\** by Charles Spurgeon  
Discusses the Holy Spirit's role in enabling believers to experience the Father-Son relationship.

## CHAPTER 4 - THE GREAT EXCHANGE

Chapter 4, "The Great Exchange," explores the profound significance of Christ's work on the cross, emphasizing that all benefits in a believer's relationship with God stem from this finished act. It shifts focus from Jesus's physical suffering—nails, thorns, and a tortured body—to the deeper spiritual cost: His separation from the Father. This separation, described as the greatest price paid, enabled the ultimate exchange where Jesus took on humanity's sin and its consequences (sickness, poverty, torment), offering in return His righteousness, joy, health, and provision. The cross is presented as the foundation for an eternal, intimate relationship with God, inherited through grace, not earned by effort.

The chapter critiques the evangelical reduction of salvation to a future ticket to heaven, asserting that God intends believers to experience eternal life and fellowship with Him in the present. Hell is redefined as a chosen eternal separation from God rather than a place of divine punishment, with Christ's sacrifice fully satisfying God's justice. This opens heaven's realities to believers now, limited only by their hunger for God, not by divine restriction. The cross tore the veil, granting immediate access to God's presence for all who accept it.

Central to the teaching is the binary nature of the believer's relationship with God: one is either in Christ or not, with no degrees of status. Believers inherit Christ's perfect relationship with the Father, akin to full citizenship with all rights, not a partial standing based on performance. The Holy Spirit plays a vital role in revealing this inheritance, which includes everything needed for life and godliness, already provided through the cross. The blood of Jesus removes every barrier to fellowship, empowering believers to overcome by resting in this finished work, not by striving.

The chapter contrasts Old Testament obedience under the law, which highlighted sin without resolving it, with New Testament identity in Christ, where righteousness precedes righteous acts. Believers are encouraged to renew their minds to this identity, awakening to their

righteousness, which naturally leads to victorious living. The challenge is not to gain more from God but to recognize and live in what has already been given, a revelation unlocked by the Spirit and affirmed through scripture.

- The cross provides all we need for our relationship with God.
- Jesus's greatest suffering was spiritual separation from the Father.
- The cross exchanges our sin for Christ's righteousness and blessings.
- Salvation offers eternal life starting now, not just in the future.
- Hell is eternal separation from God, a choice, not punishment.
- Heaven's realities are accessible on earth, limited by our desire.
- Relationship with God is binary: in Christ or not.
- We inherit Christ's relationship with the Father through grace.
- Identity in Christ, not obedience, defines our walk with God.
- The Holy Spirit reveals our full inheritance in Christ.
- Everything for life and godliness is already ours through the cross.
- The blood of Jesus removes all barriers to God's presence.
- Victory comes from resting in Christ's work, not striving.
- Renewing the mind to our identity in Christ is key.
- Revelation unlocks the reality of what we possess in Christ.

## Bible Verses

- Isaiah 53:10 - "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand."
- 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 - "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation."
- Matthew 5:6 - "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled."
- John 19:30 - "So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, 'It is finished!' And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."
- Matthew 27:46 - "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?'"
- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 - "But as it is written: 'Eye has not seen, nor ear

heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.' But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."

- Romans 8:32 - "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"

- John 17:3 - "And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."

- Ephesians 2:13 - "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

- Revelation 12:11 - "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

- 1 Corinthians 15:34 - "Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have the knowledge of God. I speak this to your shame."

- Ephesians 1:17-18 - "that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints."

- Romans 8:14 - "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

- Luke 6:45 - "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks."

- Deuteronomy 28:1-2 - "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God."

### Practical Applications

- Spend time daily thanking God for the cross, reflecting on how it

secures your complete salvation and relationship with Him.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to deepen your understanding of your inheritance in Christ, opening your eyes to His provision.
- Counter self-doubt by affirming your identity in Christ, focusing on His righteousness rather than your shortcomings.
- Speak Bible Verses  
about the blood of Jesus aloud to strengthen your faith and resist spiritual challenges.
- Pause during stress to rest in the truth that Christ's work has already provided all you need for victory.
- Pursue God's presence through prayer and worship, trusting your hunger will unlock more of heaven's realities.
- Share the good news of reconciliation with others, emphasizing God's grace over condemnation.
- When tempted to strive, remind yourself of your heavenly citizenship and authority in Christ as a son of God.
- Replace guilt with gratitude by celebrating your unearned fellowship with God, secured by the cross.
- Meditate on your identity in Christ each morning, letting it shape your actions rather than striving to earn favor.

## Discussion Questions

- How does viewing Jesus's spiritual separation as His greatest suffering reshape your understanding of the cross?
- What does experiencing eternal life now mean for your daily walk with God?
- How can we move beyond seeing salvation as just a future promise?
- Why does identity in Christ take precedence over obedience in our relationship with God?
- How does defining hell as separation from God affect your view of salvation and evangelism?
- What part does the Holy Spirit play in helping you grasp your inheritance in Christ?
- How can you practically shift from striving to resting in Christ's finished work?

- Why is the idea of a binary relationship with God (in Christ or not) significant?
- How does the exchange of sin for righteousness at the cross impact your self-perception?
- What barriers prevent you from fully embracing heaven's realities on earth now?
- How does the blood of Jesus empower you to overcome daily struggles?
- Why might obedience-based faith hinder our experience of grace?
- How can renewing your mind to your identity in Christ change your behavior?
- What role does hunger for God play in experiencing more of Him?
- How can we encourage others to see their full inheritance in Christ?

### Recommended Books

- *\*The Power of the Blood\** by Derek Prince  
Explores the transformative power of Christ's blood in securing our relationship with God through the cross.
- *\*Destined to Reign\** by Joseph Prince  
Focuses on the exchange of sin for righteousness, emphasizing grace as the basis for our inheritance.
- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee  
Examines the believer's union with Christ through the cross, aligning with the chapter's themes.
- *\*The Blood Covenant\** by Kenneth E. Hagin  
Discusses the significance of Christ's sacrifice and its implications for believers' lives today.
- *\*Victory Over the Darkness\** by Charles Spurgeon  
Highlights the victory and identity gained through the cross, encouraging rest in Christ's work.

## CHAPTER 5 - THE LEGAL & EXPERIENTIAL RELATIONSHIP

In "The Legal & Experiential Relationship," this chapter addresses the common tension Christians face between the promises of Scripture and their personal experiences. While the Bible declares believers are righteous in Christ, many struggle with sin and feelings of inadequacy. The chapter explores how to reconcile this discrepancy, offering a transformative approach to faith.

This chapter critiques various inadequate solutions the church has historically employed, such as adopting a religious façade, resorting to legalism, seeking special spiritual experiences, or deferring transformation to the future. Instead, the chapter introduces the concept of understanding one's relationship with God in two dimensions: the legal (positional) and the experiential (vital).

Using marriage as an analogy, this chapter explains that just as marriage confers an immediate legal status that doesn't change over time, so does salvation grant believers an unalterable position in Christ. However, the experiential aspect of marriage—and similarly, faith—can deepen and grow. The key is to ground one's experience in the unchanging legal reality established by God's covenant through Christ.

The chapter highlights that God relates to believers based on His covenant with Jesus, not on individual performance. This covenant is eternal and unbreakable because it's between God and His Son. Believers are invited into this pre-existing relationship, which is already perfect and complete. The challenge is to live out this reality on earth.

To bridge the gap between legal status and daily experience, this chapter outlines a threefold mission: First, believers need the Holy Spirit to reveal what God has already given them. Second, through meditation and confession of Scripture, believers internalize God's promises, embedding truth in their hearts. Third, regularly acknowledging God's presence and enjoying communion with Him fosters a vibrant faith.



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The chapter emphasizes that God is both relational and covenantal. He is emotional and desires fellowship, yet His commitments are steadfast and based on His Word. Believers are encouraged to relate to God on both levels: trusting in the unchanging covenant while cultivating an experiential relationship.

By understanding and applying these principles, believers can navigate life's challenges without questioning God's love or their standing with Him. Instead of asking "why" during trials, they can seek to know God more deeply in those moments. The chapter concludes with practical advice on maintaining awareness of God's presence throughout the day, fostering a continuous, joyful relationship with Him.

- Christians often experience tension between biblical promises and personal reality.
- The Bible declares believers are righteous, yet many struggle with sin and doubt.
- Historical church solutions like façades, legalism, or deferred hope are inadequate.
- The legal (positional) aspect of faith is unchanging, like marital status.
- The experiential (vital) aspect of faith can grow and deepen over time.
- God's covenant is with Jesus, not individuals, ensuring its permanence.
- Believers are invited into Christ's perfect relationship with the Father.
- The Holy Spirit reveals what God has already given to believers.
- Embedding Scripture in the heart transforms experience.
- Regular fellowship with God bridges legal status and daily life.
- Experiences can initiate understanding, but Scripture sustains it.
- God is both relational and covenantal, emotional yet steadfast.
- Trials are opportunities to know God more deeply, not to question "why."
- Prayer should align with what God has already provided.
- Practicing God's presence fosters continuous communion and joy.

## Bible Verses

- 1 John 3:9 - "Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God."
- 1 Peter 2:24 - "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed."
- John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

- Matthew 23:27 - "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness."
- Colossians 2:20-23 - "Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations—'Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,' which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh."
- Acts 10:15 - "And a voice spoke to him again the second time, 'What God has cleansed you must not call common.'"
- Galatians 5:6 - "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but faith working through love."
- 1 Corinthians 13:7 - "bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."
- 1 John 4:18 - "There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love."
- Romans 5:5 - "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."
- 1 John 2:5 - "But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him."
- John 14:23 - "Jesus answered and said to him, 'If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.'"
- Romans 10:17 - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
- Isaiah 40:8 - "The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever."
- Acts 2:16-18 - "But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My

Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy.'"

### Practical Applications

- Daily affirm your legal status in Christ by declaring, "I am righteous in Christ," regardless of feelings or failures you may experience.
- When struggling, recall your unchanging position in Christ rather than focusing on shortcomings or temporary setbacks in your behavior.
- Meditate on Scriptures about God's love and confess them aloud to embed these truths deeply in your heart and mind.
- Set reminders (e.g., every 15 minutes) to briefly acknowledge God's presence and love, enhancing your awareness of Him.
- In trials, ask, "Lord, what aspect of our relationship do You want to reveal here?" instead of questioning why it's happening.
- Avoid praying for what God has already given; instead, thank Him for it, aligning your prayers with His promises.
- Practice gratitude for your covenantal relationship with God, not based on performance but on Christ's finished work.
- Share your experience of God's love with others to encourage their faith and build a supportive community.
- When tempted to doubt, revisit key verses that affirm your identity in Christ to reinforce your confidence.
- Cultivate a habit of worship throughout the day to maintain fellowship with God, keeping your spirit connected.

### Discussion Questions

- How have you experienced tension between biblical promises and your personal life?
- Why do you think the church has struggled to resolve this tension effectively?
- What is the difference between the legal and experiential aspects of your relationship with God?
- How does the marriage analogy help you understand your

relationship with God?

- Why is it important to ground your experience in the legal reality of your faith?
- How can you rely on the Holy Spirit to reveal what God has already given you?
- What practical steps can you take to embed Scripture in your heart?
- How does regularly acknowledging God's presence impact your daily life?
- Why is it crucial to ask "who" instead of "why" during trials?
- How can you avoid praying for things God has already provided?
- What role does Scripture play in sustaining your experiential relationship with God?
- How does understanding God's covenantal nature affect your trust in Him?
- In what ways can you practice fellowship with God throughout your day?
- How can the group support each other in living out this teaching?
- What personal changes do you anticipate from applying these principles?

## Recommended Books

- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee  
Explores the balance between positional truth and experiential faith in Christ.
- *\*The Power of Your Words\** by Charles Capps  
Emphasizes confession of Scripture to bridge legal status and daily experience.
- *\*Unmerited Favor\** by Joseph Prince  
Discusses the covenantal relationship with God through Christ, grounding experience in grace.
- *\*The Spirit-Filled Life\** by Charles Spurgeon  
Highlights the Holy Spirit's role in revealing and living out our legal inheritance.
- *\*Enjoying God\** by Joyce Meyer  
Offers practical insights into cultivating an experiential relationship

with God daily.

## CHAPTER 6 - VISION & RELATIONSHIP PART I

This chapter explores the significance of envisioning one's relationship with God, urging readers to reflect on their current spiritual state and align it with God's divine perspective. The chapter posits that most believers possess an unconscious vision of their walk with God, typically molded by past experiences and religious traditions rather than by God's unique, glorious plan for them. These past influences often erect invisible barriers—akin to fleas confined in a container or a dog restrained by an invisible fence—that limit expectations and hinder spiritual growth. This chapter asserts that God, as a visionary, holds a specific, flourishing vision for each believer's relationship with Him, rooted in His promises rather than human limitations.

Drawing from Joshua 1:1-8, the chapter illustrates how God provided Joshua with a clear vision of the Promised Land, encouraging courage and obedience to His law. This biblical example underscores the necessity of perceiving God's vision to step into a promise-filled life. The chapter introduces biblical hope as a dynamic, vision-driven expectation anchored in God's Word, distinct from vague wishes. This hope, when embraced, empowers believers to transcend natural circumstances and see themselves as God does—conformed to Christ's image, as highlighted in Romans 8:28-29.

This chapter emphasizes the imagination's role as a God-given tool, often misused in worry or fear, but capable of embedding God's vision when guided by Scripture. By engaging imagination with God's promises, believers can transform their hearts and lives, aligning with His perspective. The chapter critiques the tendency to live on autopilot, replicating past patterns without intentional vision, and stresses the need for a defined relationship with God. Using the analogy of romantic relationships requiring mutual definition, it argues that clarity in one's spiritual relationship prevents stagnation and fosters growth. Legally, believers stand complete in Christ, yet experientially, they must pursue God's vision to fully realize this reality. The chapter sets the stage for a practical exercise in defining this relationship, encouraging readers to reject past constraints and embrace a Spirit-led

vision for their walk with God.



- God has a unique, glorious vision for each believer's relationship with Him.
- Most believers unconsciously shape their spiritual vision based on past experiences.
- Past experiences and religious traditions often create invisible barriers to growth.
- Biblical hope is a vision-filled expectation rooted in God's promises.
- Imagination, when aligned with Scripture, embeds God's vision in the heart.
- God's vision transcends human limitations and past failures.
- A defined relationship with God is essential for spiritual progress.
- Joshua's vision of the Promised Land exemplifies God's desire for believers.
- Faith relies on hope nurtured by God's Word.
- Worry misuses imagination, while Scripture redirects it to truth.
- Believers are legally complete in Christ but must grow experientially.
- Hope aligns believers with God's perspective over natural circumstances.
- Defining one's spiritual relationship prevents living on autopilot.
- God's vision is promise-driven, not past-defined.
- Clarity in vision shapes a flourishing walk with God.

## Bible Verses

- Joshua 1:1-8 – "Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you... Be strong and of good courage... This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night."
- Hebrews 11:1 – "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
- Romans 8:28-29 – "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God... predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son."
- Proverbs 13:12 – "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but when the

desire comes, it is a tree of life.”

- Isaiah 55:8-9 – “‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,’ says the Lord.”

- Psalm 84:2 – “My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.”

- Habakkuk 2:2 – “Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.”

- Ephesians 4:13 – “Till we all come to... the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

- Romans 15:13 – “Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

- Hebrews 11:27 – “By faith he forsook Egypt... for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.”

- Ephesians 2:6 – “And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

- Philippians 3:14 – “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

- 2 Corinthians 3:18 – “Beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory.”

- Colossians 3:1-2 – “Seek those things which are above... Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.”

- 1 Corinthians 2:9-10 – “‘Eye has not seen, nor ear heard...’ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit.”

## Practical Applications

- Reflect daily on God’s promises, asking Him to reveal His vision for your relationship with Him, free from past constraints.

- Write a detailed description of your current walk with God, then seek the Holy Spirit’s guidance to align it with His vision.

- Identify and reject limiting beliefs from past experiences or traditions that cap your spiritual expectations.

- Meditate on Scriptures like Romans 8:29, imagining yourself conformed to Christ’s image in daily life.

- Replace worry with hope by visualizing God’s promises unfolding,

engaging your emotions positively.

- Set weekly time to review and refine your vision for your relationship with God, ensuring it reflects His promises.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill you with hope, shifting your focus from circumstances to God's perspective.
- Use imagination to see challenges as opportunities for growth, trusting God's purpose as in Joshua 1:1-8.
- Share your God-given vision with a friend for encouragement and accountability in pursuing it.
- Practice seeing yourself as God sees you—seated in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6)—and act accordingly in faith.

### Discussion Questions

- What past experiences might be shaping your current vision of your relationship with God?
- How do invisible barriers from tradition or religion limit your spiritual growth?
- Why is biblical hope critical for developing faith in God's vision?
- How can imagination be harnessed to deepen your walk with God?
- What does being conformed to Christ's image mean for your daily life?
- How does a lack of defined vision affect your relationship with God?
- Why should God's promises, not past failures, define your spiritual vision?
- How can meditating on Scripture transform your imagination and hope?
- What role does the Holy Spirit play in clarifying God's vision for you?
- How does worry misuse imagination, and how can you redirect it?
- Why is clarity in your relationship with God essential for progress?
- How can the group support each other in embracing God's vision?
- What steps can you take to break free from past spiritual limitations?
- How does seeing yourself as God sees you influence your actions?
- What changes might you expect from aligning with God's vision?

## Recommended Books

- *\*Your Best Life Now\** by Joel Osteen

Encourages envisioning a flourishing life with God, aligning with His promises.

- *\*The Power of Positive Thinking\** by Joyce Meyer

Discusses using imagination positively to shape a God-inspired vision.

- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee

Explores the experiential pursuit of God's vision for believers in Christ.

- *\*Faith and Confession\** by Charles Capps

Emphasizes aligning thoughts and words with God's promises for a defined vision.

- *\*The Power of Vision\** by Derek Prince

Offers insights into seeking and pursuing God's vision for one's relationship with Him.

## CHAPTER 7 - VISION & RELATIONSHIP PART II

The chapter "Vision & Relationship Part II" explores how to define and establish a vision for one's relationship with God, emphasizing practical steps to align with His perspective. It presents God as a God of faith, possibility, and promise, unchanging in His nature and Word, as affirmed by Scripture. This perspective highlights God's ability to see potential rather than limitations, fostering hope as an essential element in relating to Him. The chapter urges believers to approach each day with anticipation, trusting that God's mercies renew every morning, erasing the past and opening possibilities for the present and future.

The chapter contrasts a backward-looking focus on past sins, typical of evangelical teaching, with a forward-oriented vision rooted in grace. While mercy addresses past failures, grace empowers present living and future hope, encouraging believers to live with one foot in the now and one in the tomorrow God envisions. This dual perspective is modeled in Scripture, such as God's interaction with Abraham, where He relates based on future promises rather than present realities.

To define this vision, the chapter advocates a process of inquiry with God, suggesting a deliberate, reflective journey rather than a rushed task. It recommends writing down answers to key questions about one's desired intimacy with God, ministry flow, and spiritual vitality, refining this vision with the Holy Spirit's guidance. This process mirrors Habakkuk 2:2-3, emphasizing clarity and patience as the vision unfolds. The chapter warns against letting past failures or religious ceilings cap this vision, urging believers to embrace God's limitless perspective—where nothing is impossible (Luke 1:37)—and to pursue it daily with faith, not fear.

- God is a God of faith and possibility, seeing potential over limitation.
- Hope is vital for relating to God, fueled by His unchanging Word.
- Each day offers fresh mercies, erasing the past for new beginnings.
- Grace orients believers forward, unlike a sin-focused past lens.
- God relates to us based on His promises, not our current state.
- Defining a vision requires reflective inquiry with God.
- Writing your vision clarifies and activates your faith.
- The Holy Spirit refines our vision as we seek God's perspective.
- Past failures should not limit God's vision for our relationship.
- God's limitless nature invites a bold, expansive spiritual vision.
- Living with one foot in today and one in tomorrow aligns us with God.
- Clarity in vision prevents vague or stagnant faith.
- Pursuing God's vision demands daily faith over fear.
- Scripture anchors our vision in God's eternal promises.
- A defined vision fosters a dynamic, growing walk with God.

## Bible Verses

- Lamentations 3:22-23 - "Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness."
- Hebrews 11:8 - "By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance."
- Genesis 15:5 - "Then He brought him outside and said, 'Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them.' And He said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.'"
- Habakkuk 2:2-3 - "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time."
- Luke 1:37 - "For with God nothing will be impossible."
- Romans 4:17 - "Who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did."
- Jeremiah 29:11 - "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future

and a hope."

- Isaiah 43:19 - "Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?"

- 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."

- Psalm 139:16 - "Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed. And in Your book they all were written, the days fashioned for me."

- Ephesians 3:20 - "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us."

- 2 Corinthians 5:7 - "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

- Proverbs 29:18 - "Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law."

- John 16:24 - "Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

- Matthew 9:29 - "Then He touched their eyes, saying, 'According to your faith let it be to you.'"

### Practical Applications

- Ask God daily what He envisions for your relationship with Him, writing down what you sense over time.

- Craft a one-sentence vision statement for your walk with God, refining it weekly with prayer.

- Begin each morning thanking God for new mercies, setting an expectant tone for the day.

- Identify one past limitation you've placed on your faith and replace it with a promise from Scripture.

- Visualize your future with God based on His Word, engaging your imagination positively each day.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to expand your vision beyond current circumstances or past failures.

- Share your written vision with a trusted friend, inviting feedback and encouragement.

- During doubt, confess Luke 1:37 aloud, reinforcing God's limitless

power in your life.

- Dedicate five minutes daily to reflect on how today's actions align with God's tomorrow for you.
- Review your vision monthly, adjusting it as God reveals more of His heart and purpose.

## Discussion Questions

- How does God's nature as a God of possibility inspire your faith?
- Why is hope essential for envisioning your relationship with God?
- How can fresh mercies each day change your approach to challenges?
- What's the difference between a past-focused and grace-focused vision?
- How does God relating to Abraham's future apply to your life?
- Why is writing your vision a powerful step in faith?
- How can the Holy Spirit guide you in defining your spiritual vision?
- What past ceilings have capped your expectations of God?
- How does living with a dual now-and-tomorrow focus affect your walk?
- Why must faith, not fear, drive pursuit of God's vision?
- How can Scripture anchor your vision when doubts arise?
- What makes clarity in your vision vital for spiritual growth?
- How can the group help each other pursue God's vision boldly?
- What steps can you take to embrace God's limitless perspective?
- How might a defined vision transform your daily life with God?

## Recommended Books

- *\*I Declare\** by Joel Osteen  
Provides practical steps to declare God's promises, aligning with a forward-looking vision.
- *\*The Power of Vision\** by Derek Prince  
Guides readers in defining and pursuing God's vision for their lives.
- *\*The Power of Imagination\** by Joyce Meyer



Explores using imagination to envision God's possibilities, rooted in faith.

- *\*Faith and Confession\** by Charles Capps

Teaches how to activate faith through words to realize God's vision.

- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee

Encourages a dynamic, Spirit-led vision for a growing relationship with God.

## CHAPTER 8 - RIGHTEOUSNESS AND SIN CONSCIOUSNESS

The chapter "Righteousness by Faith" examines righteousness as the foundation of the believer's relationship with God, rooted in Christ's sacrifice rather than human effort. It begins with sin's devastating effect—separating humanity from God and causing spiritual death (Genesis 2:16-17)—and humanity's inability to bridge this gap due to God's unapproachable holiness. Righteousness is presented as a legal gift through Christ's atonement, not a reward for good behavior, immediately granted to believers upon salvation. The great exchange—Jesus becoming sin so we might become righteous (2 Corinthians 5:21)—is the cornerstone, positioning believers as innocent before God.

The chapter stresses renewing the mind to embrace this identity, as legalism and self-effort fail to overcome sin. Sin consciousness fosters fear and distance, while focusing on righteousness brings peace and boldness in God's presence. It refutes the idea that sanctification is a gradual process requiring human effort, asserting Christ's finished work is complete. Practical steps to internalize righteousness include studying its theology, experiencing it via the Holy Spirit, confessing Scripture, and repenting quickly. Righteous acts flow from this identity, not as a means to earn it.

The chapter challenges believers to reject divine displeasure and embrace God's goodwill, as seen at Christ's birth (Luke 2:14). By aligning theology with experience, confessing truth, and repenting swiftly, believers overcome sin's power, living as new creations with unrestricted access to God.

- Sin separates humanity from God, causing spiritual death.
- Human understanding cannot fully grasp God's holiness or sin's impact.
- Righteousness is a legal gift through Christ's sacrifice, not earned.
- Believers are declared righteous immediately, not in the future.
- Jesus became sin, enabling us to become God's righteousness.
- Renewing the mind is crucial to living as righteous.
- Legalism and self-effort cannot overcome sin effectively.
- Sin consciousness breeds fear and distance from God.
- Righteousness grants peace and bold access to God.
- Theology of righteousness must be understood intellectually.
- Experiencing righteousness involves the Holy Spirit's revelation.
- Confessing God's Word reinforces righteous identity.
- Quick repentance aligns believers with their righteous status.
- Identity in Christ drives righteous actions naturally.
- God welcomes believers into His presence as righteous citizens.

## Bible Verses

- Genesis 2:16-17 - "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.'"
- Romans 8:10 - "And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness."
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 - "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
- Romans 5:17 - "For if by the one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ."
- Ephesians 4:23-24 - "and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."
- Romans 12:2 - "And do not be conformed to this world, but be

transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

- Colossians 2:20-23 - "Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations—‘Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,’ which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men? These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh."

- Galatians 6:15 - "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation."

- 1 John 1:9 - "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

- 1 Corinthians 2:16 - "For ‘who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?’ But we have the mind of Christ."

- Romans 8:6 - "For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."

- Proverbs 28:1 - "The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion."

- Romans 5:1 - "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

- Ephesians 2:14 - "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation."

- Philippians 1:11 - "being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God."

### Practical Applications

- Study Romans to grasp righteousness as a gift, aligning your theology with Scripture's truth about your legal standing before God.

- Meditate daily on your righteousness in Christ, inviting the Holy Spirit to make this truth a felt reality in your heart.

- Confess aloud, "I am the righteousness of God in Christ," each morning to build faith and reinforce your new identity.

- Repent immediately upon sinning, trusting God's forgiveness by

faith, not feelings, to maintain alignment with your righteous status.

- Approach God in prayer with boldness, confident that you're welcomed as a righteous citizen of heaven, not a fearful outsider.
- Replace thoughts of guilt with reminders of Christ's finished work, shifting focus from sin to your righteous standing.
- Share the truth of righteousness with others, encouraging them to embrace their identity in Christ over past failures.
- Reject legalistic rules for behavior, relying instead on your renewed mind to naturally produce righteous actions.
- Pray for a deeper experience of God's peace, asking Him to reveal His goodwill toward you as a righteous child.
- Live with confidence in daily decisions, knowing your actions flow from your identity as a righteous new creation.

### Discussion Questions

- How does recognizing sin's spiritual consequences enhance your understanding of righteousness?
- Why is righteousness defined as a legal status rather than a personal achievement?
- How does renewing your mind affect your ability to live out your righteous identity?
- What misconceptions about righteousness have you noticed in your own beliefs or others' teachings?
- How does sin consciousness impact your confidence in approaching God?
- Why is quick repentance essential for staying connected to your righteous standing?
- How does embracing righteousness alter your perception of entering God's presence?
- What role does confessing God's Word play in strengthening your faith in righteousness?
- How can you shift your focus from past sins to your current identity in Christ?
- Why does identity in Christ outweigh self-effort in overcoming sinful habits?

- How does righteousness bring peace and boldness into your relationship with God?
- What obstacles do you face in fully accepting your righteous status?
- How can this group encourage one another to live out the truth of righteousness?
- Which Bible Verses about righteousness most inspire you to trust Christ's work?
- How might understanding righteousness influence your interactions with family or friends?

### Recommended Books

- *\*The Power of Right Believing\** by Joseph Prince  
Focuses on believing in one's righteousness in Christ to overcome sin consciousness.
- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee  
Explores the believer's righteous identity through Christ's finished work.
- *\*The Blood Covenant\** by Kenneth E. Hagin  
Discusses the legal gift of righteousness secured by Christ's sacrifice.
- *\*Battlefield of the Mind\** by Joyce Meyer  
Teaches renewing the mind to embrace righteousness over guilt and fear.
- *\*The Power of the Blood\** by Derek Prince  
Highlights the blood of Jesus as the basis for righteousness and access to God.

## CHAPTER 9 - FAITH AND EXPERIENCE

The chapter "Faith and Experience" examines the pivotal role of faith in a believer's relationship with God, asserting that faith, rather than experiences, forms the bedrock of spiritual life. It portrays God as a deity who operates through faith, requiring believers to engage with Him on this basis to please Him and receive His promises. The chapter critiques the common reliance on experiences, which, while enriching, are transient and can lead to an unstable spiritual existence. It highlights the Apostle Peter's reflection on the Mount of Transfiguration, where he elevates the reliability of Scripture above even the most profound experiences, underscoring that God's Word is the ultimate truth.

The chapter dispels myths about faith, rejecting the notion that it is an elusive gift reserved for a few. Instead, it presents faith as a universal revelation and a practical means to connect with God, accessible to all believers. It critiques the practice of praying with mere hope rather than firm belief, which often results in discouragement when immediate outcomes are not evident. Jesus' cursing of the fig tree in Mark 11 serves as a key illustration, demonstrating that faith involves speaking to obstacles, believing without doubt at the moment of prayer, and trusting in the result before it manifests.

Faith is positioned as the mechanism to appropriate God's grace and promises, distinct from feelings or sensory confirmation. The chapter warns against allowing emotions or circumstances to dictate belief, advocating for a steadfast trust in God's Word. It emphasizes that faith precedes experience—believing leads to seeing—and must be actively exercised and maintained, especially amidst trials. The chapter encourages believers to reject the idea of insufficient faith, asserting that they possess all the faith needed to access God's provisions. It concludes by urging daily activation of faith, fostering a consistent reliance on God's promises over fleeting experiences.

- Faith is essential for pleasing God and engaging with Him.
- Experiences, though valuable, are less reliable than Scripture.
- Faith is a revelation, not a mysterious or exclusive gift.
- Misunderstandings of faith lead to discouragement among believers.
- Faith requires believing at the moment of prayer, not when results appear.
- The fig tree narrative illustrates speaking to obstacles and unwavering belief.
- Faith must persist despite contradictory circumstances.
- God's Word surpasses all experiences in certainty.
- Faith serves as a bridge to God, available to everyone.
- Feelings should not govern faith.
- Faith grows through active use and facing challenges.
- Believers must hold faith steady during trials.
- Faith precedes and shapes experience.
- Every facet of Christian life operates by faith.
- Believers already have sufficient faith for God's promises.

## Bible Verses

- Hebrews 11:6 - "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."
- Romans 14:23 - "But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin."
- 2 Peter 1:19-21 - "And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."
- Matthew 17:20 - "So Jesus said to them, 'Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, "Move from here to there," and it will move; and



nothing will be impossible for you.”

- John 20:29 - "Jesus said to him, ‘Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’"

- Hebrews 11:1 - "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

- Matthew 24:35 - "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away."

- Psalm 119:89 - "Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven."

- Mark 11:22-24 - "So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.’"

- Hebrews 10:35-36 - "Therefore do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise."

- Romans 10:17 - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

- 1 Peter 1:7 - "that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

- Isaiah 12:3 - "Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation."

- Psalm 27:13 - "I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

- John 15:4-5 - "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing."

## Practical Applications

- Begin each morning by affirming trust in God’s promises, setting a foundation of faith over feelings.

- Pray with conviction, believing you receive the answer immediately, not waiting for visible proof.
- Address life's challenges directly, speaking God's will over them with confidence and authority.
- Anchor your beliefs in Scripture, letting it guide you rather than relying on emotional highs.
- Counter doubt by vocally reaffirming God's Word, strengthening your faith against uncertainty.
- Exercise faith in minor daily issues, building resilience for greater trials ahead.
- Share how faith has worked in your life, inspiring others to trust God more deeply.
- Worship God by faith, engaging His presence even when emotions are absent.
- Replace negative self-talk with Scripture-based affirmations, aligning thoughts with faith.
- Thank God for answers to prayers in advance, cultivating a mindset of expectant faith.

### Discussion Questions

- How have past misunderstandings of faith affected your trust in God?
- Why might depending on experiences rather than God's Word be risky?
- What does believing you've received at the moment of prayer mean to you?
- How do you stay faithful when circumstances seem to contradict God's promises?
- In what ways is faith like a bridge to God in your life?
- How does the fig tree story clarify the mechanics of faith for you?
- Why is speaking to obstacles significant in practicing faith?
- How do you distinguish between faith and feelings in your walk with God?
- What makes daily activation of faith essential for spiritual growth?
- How can engaging challenges strengthen your faith over time?
- What steps can you take to let faith, not feelings, lead your decisions?

- How can our group encourage one another to live by faith consistently?
- Which Bible Verses about faith resonate most with you and why?
- How might this understanding of faith transform your prayer life?
- What barriers do you face in trusting God's promises, and how can you overcome them?

### Recommended Books

- *\*Ever Increasing Faith\** by Smith Wigglesworth  
Explores the power of faith as the foundation for a vibrant relationship with God.
- *\*Faith and Confession\** by Charles Capps  
Teaches how to activate faith through God's Word, prioritizing it over experiences.
- *\*The Power of Faith\** by Derek Prince  
Offers practical insights into living by faith daily, aligning with God's promises.
- *\*Unmerited Favor\** by Joseph Prince  
Emphasizes faith in God's grace as the key to appropriating His provisions.
- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee  
Discusses faith as the mechanism for experiencing God's reality in Christ.

## CHAPTER 10 - BUILDING HABITS IN OUR WALK WITH GOD

This chapter explores the critical role of intentional habits in cultivating a deeper experiential walk with God. It begins by clarifying that all believers share the same inherited relationship with God through Jesus Christ, a position secured not by personal effort but by grace. However, the degree to which individuals experience this relationship varies based on their daily practices. This chapter draws a parallel between physical exercise, which strengthens muscles through consistent use, and spiritual disciplines, which foster growth through regular engagement. The emphasis is on creating a context for fellowship with God, not earning His favor, with habits serving as pathways to intimacy rather than obligations rooted in legalism.

The chapter introduces the concept of a "tent of meeting," inspired by Moses in Exodus, as a designated time or place for encountering God, underscoring the need for intentionality. It warns that most people operate with unconscious routines that fail to nurture spiritual vitality, urging readers to proactively shape their habits. The distinction between legalism and grace is pivotal—spiritual disciplines are framed as acts of love and contexts for meeting God, not duties to appease Him. This chapter outlines a practical framework for habit formation, involving triggers (cues), actions (habits), and rewards (payoffs), encouraging readers to embed spiritual practices into daily life.

Specific disciplines are presented as essential habits: reading Scripture daily across various segments (Gospels, Epistles, Wisdom, History, Prophetic), confessing Scripture aloud to activate faith, practicing stillness to abide in God's presence, meditating on God's Word to ignite spiritual understanding, studying the Bible for deeper insight, engaging in personal prayer as communion, worshiping privately to invite God's presence, and listening for God's voice daily. These practices are not about perfection but consistency, gradually becoming part of one's identity, much like a musician refines their craft through repetition. The chapter stresses that spiritual maturity emerges from exercised senses, as habits reflect and shape the believer's character and relationship with God.

- All believers inherit the same relationship with God through Christ, not personal effort.
- The experience of this relationship varies based on daily spiritual practices.
- Spiritual growth mirrors physical exercise, requiring consistent engagement.
- A "tent of meeting" is a designated context for encountering God intentionally.
- Most routines are unconscious and may not support spiritual vitality.
- Spiritual habits flow from grace, not legalism, fostering fellowship with God.
- Daily habits measure the depth of one's experiential walk with God.
- Habits form through triggers, actions, and rewards, becoming automatic over time.
- Reading Scripture daily across segments builds a comprehensive understanding.
- Confessing Scripture aloud activates its power in one's life.
- Practicing stillness recalibrates the soul in God's presence.
- Meditating on Scripture ignites spiritual fire and insight.
- Studying the Bible deepens knowledge of its themes and applications.
- Personal prayer and worship are vital, starting small and growing naturally.
- Hearing God's voice daily builds a conversational relationship with Him.

## Bible Verses

- Ephesians 1:16-20 - "...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ...may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him..."
- James 4:8 - "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you..."
- 1 Timothy 4:8 - "For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things..."
- Philippians 2:13 - "For it is God who works in you both to will and to

do for His good pleasure."

- Ephesians 2:6 - "And raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."
- Exodus 33:7 - "Moses took his tent and pitched it outside the camp... and called it the tabernacle of meeting."
- Isaiah 42:3 - "A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench..."
- Hebrews 5:14 - "But solid food belongs to those who are of full age... who by reason of use have their senses exercised..."
- Hebrews 12:2 - "Looking unto Jesus, this chapter and finisher of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross..."
- Romans 8:28 - "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God..."
- Matthew 12:34 - "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks."
- John 14:20 - "At that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you."
- Psalm 1:1-2 - "...But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night."
- Ephesians 5:26 - "That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word."
- 2 Timothy 2:15 - "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God... rightly dividing the word of truth."

## Practical Applications

- Designate a specific, comfortable spot and time daily to meet God, enhancing focus and consistency in your spiritual life.
- Commit to reading different Bible sections each day (e.g., Gospels, Epistles), using a plan tailored to your schedule and needs.
- Select key verses, rephrase them as personal declarations, and confess them daily to strengthen your faith and identity.
- Spend five minutes daily in silence, focusing on God's presence, to reset your soul and deepen spiritual awareness.
- Choose one Scripture daily, reflecting on it repeatedly to unlock its meaning and stir your spirit throughout the day.

- Explore a Bible theme or book weekly using tools like commentaries or software to gain deeper understanding and application.
- Begin with five minutes of daily prayer focused on communion with God, gradually increasing as it becomes a natural habit.
- Dedicate time each day to sing or listen to worship music privately, inviting God's presence without external aids or fanfare.
- Ask God a simple question daily (e.g., about your day), practicing discernment of His voice to build a conversational bond.
- Identify a spiritual practice, set a trigger (e.g., morning coffee), and reward (e.g., peace), repeating until it's automatic.

### Discussion Questions

- How does viewing our relationship with God as inherited rather than earned affect our approach to spiritual habits?
- Why do some believers experience God more deeply than others, despite sharing the same position in Christ?
- How can comparing spiritual growth to physical exercise encourage us to develop consistent habits?
- What makes a "tent of meeting" significant, and how might it look different for each person?
- Why do unconscious routines often fail to support spiritual growth, and how can we change them?
- How do we distinguish between practicing habits out of grace versus legalism in our daily lives?
- In what ways do your current daily habits reflect the depth of your walk with God?
- How can triggers and rewards make spiritual habits sustainable, and what examples have worked for you?
- What benefits have you noticed from reading Scripture daily across different segments?
- How does confessing Scripture aloud differ from silent reading, and what impact might it have?
- What challenges do you face in practicing stillness, and how could you overcome them?
- How does meditating on Scripture enhance your understanding

compared to casual reading?

- What tools or methods have you found effective for studying the Bible, and why?
- How can personal prayer and worship become authentic habits rather than routine tasks?
- What steps can you take to hear God's voice daily, and how might this transform your faith?

### Recommended Books

- *\*The Power of a Praying Life\** by Joyce Meyer  
Provides practical steps to build prayer habits that deepen fellowship with God.
- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee  
Explores spiritual disciplines as pathways to intimacy with God, not legalism.
- *\*The Spirit of the Disciplines\** by Derek Prince  
Discusses intentional habits that foster spiritual growth and maturity.
- *\*My Utmost for His Highest\** by Oswald Chambers  
Offers daily meditations to cultivate consistent spiritual practices.
- *\*The Power of Positive Thinking\** by Charles Capps  
Encourages habits of confession and meditation to enhance faith and presence.



## CHAPTER 11 - HEARING GOD'S VOICE RELATIONALLY

This chapter underscores that God is continually speaking and desires a communicative relationship with His children, both individually and collectively. The primary obstacle for the church is not persuading God to speak but cultivating the ability to listen attentively. Hearing God's voice is presented as a powerful means to demonstrate His reality and love, particularly to unbelievers, by revealing insights that only the Holy Spirit could provide. The chapter emphasizes that the purpose of hearing God is not to elevate one's spiritual status but to foster a deeper, intimate relationship with Him. It critiques the modern church's intellectual approach to faith, which can disconnect believers from relational intimacy, advocating instead for a childlike receptivity to God's voice, akin to how infants naturally recognize their parents.

The chapter outlines four key principles for hearing God, drawn from Samuel's experience in 1 Samuel 3: God speaks from His presence, requiring believers to dwell there; He communicates naturally and subtly, not always dramatically; He speaks to faith, necessitating a belief that He is speaking; and hearing Him grows through consistent practice, building a reliable history with God. It addresses common challenges like doubt and fear of mishearing, suggesting that persistence and practice overcome these hurdles. The local church is highlighted as an essential community for safely practicing and refining this skill, offering correction and encouragement. The chapter likens God's guidance to a GPS, dynamically adjusting to our choices, and urges believers to start small, journal daily experiences, and seek God persistently to develop this relational ability.

- God is always speaking; the challenge is learning to listen.
- Hearing God's voice can reveal His love and reality to others.
- The goal of hearing God is relational intimacy, not spiritual superiority.
- Intellectualizing faith can disconnect us from hearing God relationally.
- A childlike approach enhances our ability to hear God's voice.
- God's voice emerges from His presence, so we must dwell there.
- God speaks naturally and subtly, often in familiar ways.
- Hearing God requires faith to believe and act on His voice.
- Consistent practice in small matters builds confidence in hearing God.
- Doubt and fear of mishearing are overcome through persistent effort.
- The local church offers a safe space to practice hearing God.
- Journaling daily helps track and refine our ability to hear God.
- Hearing God is a skill that develops with time and dedication.
- God's guidance adapts like a GPS, recalibrating to our choices.
- Every believer can hear God; it's not exclusive to spiritual elites.

## Bible Verses

- 1 Corinthians 14:25 - "And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you."
- Romans 10:17 - "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."
- Hebrews 12:6 - "For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives."
- 1 John 4:4 - "You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world."
- Galatians 4:6 - "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!'"
- 1 Samuel 3:10 - "Now the Lord came and stood and called as at other times, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel answered, 'Speak, for Your

servant hears."

- 1 Kings 19:12 - "And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice."

- Matthew 7:8 - "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

- John 10:27 - "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me."

- Psalm 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

- Isaiah 30:21 - "Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left."

- Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

- Jeremiah 33:3 - "Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know."

- John 16:13 - "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come."

- Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

### Practical Applications

- Write down daily what you sense God saying and review it later to sharpen your discernment over time.

- Spend intentional time each day resting in God's presence to create a space for hearing His voice.

- Ask God simple questions about your day and listen for His subtle, natural response with faith.

- Act on what you believe God is saying, trusting it's Him, even if you're unsure at first.

- Focus on hearing God in minor decisions to build confidence before

tackling bigger issues.

- Join a church that supports practicing hearing God, offering a safe place to grow and learn.
- Accept that mishearing is part of learning, and use it to refine your listening skills.
- Reflect daily on verses about God's voice to align your heart with His communication.
- Regularly ask God to clarify His voice amidst your thoughts or external distractions.
- Talk about your experiences hearing God with trusted friends for encouragement and insight.

### Discussion Questions

- Why is learning to listen more critical than persuading God to speak?
- How does hearing God relationally differ from an intellectual approach to faith?
- What barriers most often prevent you from hearing God's voice clearly?
- How does Samuel's story reflect the journey of learning to hear God?
- Why might God choose to speak in a subtle, natural voice?
- How does doubt affect your ability to hear God, and how can you address it?
- In what ways can a local church help you grow in hearing God's voice?
- Why is practicing hearing God in small things foundational to bigger moments?
- How can journaling enhance your ability to discern God's voice over time?
- What role does faith play in recognizing and responding to God's voice?
- How does the GPS analogy illustrate God's guidance in your life?
- Why is giving glory to God important when you hear and obey His voice?
- How do you balance eagerness to hear God with the fear of getting it wrong?

- What daily habits can create a context for hearing God's voice regularly?
- How does hearing God's voice strengthen your relationship with Him?

### Recommended Books

- *\*Hearing God\** by Patricia King  
Offers practical guidance on developing the skill of hearing God's voice relationally.
- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee  
Explores the believer's communion with God, including listening to His voice.
- *\*The Power of a Praying Life\** by Joyce Meyer  
Encourages prayer habits that foster a conversational relationship with God.
- *\*The Spirit-Filled Life\** by Derek Prince  
Discusses the Holy Spirit's role in guiding believers to hear God's voice.
- *\*The Voice of God\** by Shawn Bolz  
Provides insights into discerning God's voice for a deeper relational walk.

## CHAPTER 12 - WALKING WITH GOD IN EVERY SEASON

Chapter 12, "Walking with God in Every Season," explores the dynamic relationship believers have with God as they navigate life's various phases, emphasizing that while the eternal bond with God through Christ is secure, the experiential walk evolves with time. Rooted in Ecclesiastes 3:1, the chapter underscores life's transitional nature, requiring spiritual adaptation across natural stages—like childhood to old age—and distinct spiritual seasons. Drawing from Watchman Nee's "Sit, Walk, Stand," it frames this relationship: believers are seated in Christ (Ephesians 2:6), must walk with God on earth (Ephesians 2:10), and stand against spiritual opposition (Ephesians 6:13). Spiritual growth hinges on recognizing and cooperating with God's timing, avoiding stagnation as cautioned in Hebrews 5:12-13, where maturity is urged over infancy. 1 John 2:12-14 further illustrates growth stages—children knowing forgiveness, young men overcoming evil, and fathers deeply knowing God—highlighting progression in faith.

The chapter identifies four key spiritual seasons: rest, birthing, acceleration, and maintenance. Seasons of rest focus on identity and intimacy with God, not inactivity, as seen in God's call to Moses (Exodus 24:12) and Jesus' invitation to rest (Mark 6:31). Birthing seasons involve receiving and incubating God's word for new beginnings, exemplified by Mary's humble acceptance (Luke 1:38), trusting God's promise to fulfill itself (Isaiah 55:11). Acceleration seasons mark rapid growth, where believers actively engage God's word to advance His purposes, as David did with his kingly anointing or Jesus at Cana (John 2:4-5). Maintenance seasons sustain spiritual victories, enjoying fellowship with God and ministering from a place of strength, akin to holding ground after a battle. Discerning these seasons, per 1 Chronicles 12:32, aligns believers with God's will, fostering continuous development measured by inner growth, not external metrics. Each season invites a deeper, upgraded relationship with God, ensuring believers progress rather than retreat in their faith journey.

- Life's transitions demand adapting our spiritual walk with God.
- Our eternal relationship with God is secure, but our experience shifts.
- Spiritual maturity requires aligning with God's seasonal timing.
- Rest seasons reinforce identity and intimacy, distinct from laziness.
- Birthing seasons involve humbly incubating God's word for new starts.
- Acceleration seasons drive rapid growth through active faith.
- Maintenance seasons sustain gains and deepen fellowship with God.
- Discerning seasons prevents stagnation and aligns us with God's plan.
- God's timing focuses on seasons of inner development, not calendars.
- Growth is measured by spiritual progress, not outward success.
- Rest strips away roles to affirm our identity as God's children.
- Birthing demands faith over self-effort to receive God's word.
- Acceleration requires acting on God's promises in the present.
- Maintenance holds victories and ministers from a place of triumph.
- Every season offers a chance to deepen our relationship with God.

## Bible Verses

- Ecclesiastes 3:1 - "To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven."
- Ephesians 1:11 - "In Him also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will."
- Ephesians 2:6 - "And raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."
- Ephesians 2:10 - "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."
- Ephesians 6:13 - "Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."
- Hebrews 5:12-13 - "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food."

- 1 John 2:12-14 - "I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake... I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning... I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one."
- 1 Chronicles 12:32 - "Of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do."
- Luke 10:40 - "But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, 'Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?'"
- Luke 10:39 - "And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word."
- Mark 6:31 - "And He said to them, 'Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.'"
- Exodus 24:12 - "Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to Me on the mountain and be there.'"
- Luke 1:38 - "Then Mary said, 'Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word.'"
- Isaiah 55:11 - "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please."
- Ephesians 5:16 - "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

### Practical Applications

- Pray regularly for God to reveal your current spiritual season and how to navigate it effectively.
- Schedule weekly time to rest in God's presence, focusing on your identity as His child.
- In birthing seasons, quietly reflect on God's promises daily, letting them take root within you.
- During acceleration, respond promptly to God's word, stepping out to fulfill His promises now.
- In maintenance, journal past wins and share them with others to encourage their faith.
- Ask God weekly for wisdom to transition smoothly between spiritual seasons.
- Keep a record of lessons learned in each season to see God's



faithfulness over time.

- Adjust prayer and study habits to meet the unique needs of your current season.
- Discuss your season with a small group for encouragement and accountability in your walk.
- Actively seek fresh revelations from God to enhance your relationship in every season.

### Discussion Questions

- How do life's natural transitions influence your spiritual walk with God?
- Why is it essential to align with God's spiritual seasons rather than resist them?
- What methods help you discern your current spiritual season accurately?
- What obstacles emerge when you misjudge or oppose God's intended season?
- How does resting in God differ from falling into spiritual complacency?
- Why is humility critical in birthing seasons, and how can you nurture it?
- How can you engage God's word proactively during an acceleration season?
- What makes maintaining spiritual ground vital, and how do you sustain it?
- How do you balance resting in God with pursuing His active purposes?
- What past seasonal experiences have shaped your current faith journey?
- How can your church community aid in navigating spiritual seasons?
- Why is continually upgrading your relationship with God significant?
- How does recognizing seasons strengthen your trust in God's timing?
- What steps can you take to effectively incubate God's word in birthing seasons?
- How do you handle seasons that feel extended or ambiguous in

purpose?

### Recommended Books

- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee  
Explores the believer's walk with God through various seasons, based on "Sit, Walk, Stand."
- *\*The Power of a Praying Life\** by Joyce Meyer  
Offers guidance on adapting prayer to life's seasons for a deeper walk with God.
- *\*The Spirit-Filled Life\** by Charles Spurgeon  
Discusses the Holy Spirit's guidance through spiritual seasons.
- *\*Unmerited Favor\** by Joseph Prince  
Emphasizes resting in God's grace across all seasons of life.
- *\*The Pursuit of God\** by A.W. Tozer  
Encourages a continual deepening of relationship with God in every phase.

## CHAPTER 13 - FINAL THOUGHTS

Chapter 13, "Final Thoughts," concludes the book by urging readers to shift from passive reflection to active transformation through a deeper fellowship with Christ Jesus. It emphasizes that the worth of teaching lies not in its novelty or entertainment value but in its capacity to inspire genuine change in the reader's life. The chapter calls readers to embody the teachings of Scripture, referencing James 1:22, which instructs believers to be doers of the Word, not merely hearers, to avoid self-deception. It highlights the importance of clarity and commitment, encouraging readers to articulate a concise vision of their desired relationship with God, as inspired by Habakkuk 2:2. This act of writing and defining one's spiritual goals is presented as a transformative practice that invites God's presence and guidance into the process.

The chapter outlines three daily principles to cultivate fellowship with Christ: honesty with oneself and God, living with God's vision as a guiding perspective, and resting in the truth of one's inheritance in Christ. Honesty is positioned as the essential starting point for change, requiring an authentic assessment of one's spiritual state and a willingness to adjust perspectives, rather than merely feeling remorse. Living with God's vision involves seeing life through the lens of His promises, aligning one's thoughts with His, as exemplified by Moses in Hebrews 11:27. Resting in Christ's inheritance is described as a daily practice that liberates believers from striving, emphasizing that transformation flows from recognizing what one already possesses in Christ. Abiding in Him is identified as the central discipline of the new covenant.

The chapter urges immediate action, stressing that the best time to begin building this fellowship is now, not tomorrow. It encourages readers to seize daily moments to connect with God, inviting Jesus into every circumstance and listening for His love. Practical tools, such as journaling and the accompanying study guide, are recommended to support this journey. This chapter concludes with a call to share thoughts and a personal note of encouragement, affirming prayers and support for the reader's spiritual walk with Christ.

- Transformation is the ultimate goal of teaching, not novelty or entertainment.
- Be a doer of the Word, not just a hearer (James 1:22).
- Write a clear vision of your desired relationship with God (Habakkuk 2:2).
- Clarity and commitment drive spiritual advancement.
- Journaling invites God into the transformation process.
- Honesty with oneself and God is foundational for change.
- Repentance involves changing perspective, not just feeling regret.
- View life through God's promises and vision daily.
- Faith means seeing what God sees (Hebrews 11:27).
- Rest daily in your inheritance in Christ.
- Revelation of what you have in Christ fuels transformation.
- Abiding in Christ is the core discipline of the new covenant.
- Begin building fellowship with Jesus today, not tomorrow.
- Capture daily moments to turn your heart toward God.
- Invite Jesus into every situation and listen for His love.

## Bible Verses

- James 1:22 - "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."
- Habakkuk 2:2 - "Then the Lord answered me and said: 'Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.'"
- Hebrews 11:27 - "By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible."
- Nehemiah 2:18 - "And I told them of the hand of my God which had been good upon me, and also of the king's words that he had spoken to me. So they said, 'Let us rise up and build.' Then they set their hands to this good work."
- John 15:4 - "Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me."
- Romans 12:2 - "And do not be conformed to this world, but be

transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

- Psalm 46:10 - "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

- Ephesians 1:18 - "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints."

- Philippians 4:6-7 - "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

- Colossians 3:2 - "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

- 1 John 4:19 - "We love Him because He first loved us."

- 2 Corinthians 3:18 - "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

- Matthew 6:33 - "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."

- Proverbs 3:5-6 - "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths."

- Psalm 37:4 - "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart."

### Practical Applications

- Dedicate 15 minutes daily to journal your ideal relationship with God, seeking His guidance and clarity in your goals.

- Each morning, assess your spiritual state honestly, asking God to show you areas needing growth or adjustment.

- During challenges, pause to reflect on God's promises and how they reframe your current situation positively.

- Start each day affirming your identity and inheritance in Christ, releasing stress and embracing peace.

- Set three daily reminders to pause briefly, reconnect with God, and

realign your heart with His presence.

- Use downtime, like commuting, to silently pray, thank God, and turn your focus toward heaven.
- Before tasks, whisper a prayer inviting Jesus to guide you, trusting Him to bless your efforts.
- Post-prayer, sit quietly for a minute, listening for God's voice affirming His love for you.
- Choose one small daily habit, like reading a verse, to begin deepening your fellowship with Christ now.
- Weekly, discuss your spiritual progress with a friend, gaining encouragement and accountability.

### Discussion Questions

- Why is transformation more important than entertainment in spiritual teaching?
- How does being a doer of the Word differ from just hearing it?
- What benefits come from writing a clear vision for your faith?
- How does honesty with God and yourself spark real change?
- Why is seeing life through God's vision transformative?
- What does resting in your inheritance in Christ mean to you?
- How can you overcome delays in starting your fellowship journey?
- Why is abiding in Christ central to the new covenant?
- How does inviting Jesus into daily tasks change your approach?
- What role does clarity play in advancing your walk with God?
- How can capturing daily moments strengthen your faith?
- Why is perspective change key to repentance?
- How does journaling deepen your connection with God?
- What prevents you from living with God's vision daily?
- How can you ensure your fellowship with Christ grows continually?

### Recommended Books

- *\*The Normal Christian Life\** by Watchman Nee

Encourages active transformation through abiding in Christ, aligning with the chapter's call.

- *\*The Pursuit of God\** by A.W. Tozer

Inspires immediate action to deepen fellowship with God daily.

- *\*Battlefield of the Mind\** by Joyce Meyer

Teaches renewing the mind for transformation, supporting the chapter's principles.

- *\*Destined to Reign\** by Joseph Prince

Emphasizes resting in Christ's inheritance as the basis for change.

- *\*My Utmost for His Highest\** by Oswald Chambers

Offers daily encouragement to live out faith actively and intentionally.

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### Matthew

Matthew 8:17, Matthew 11:6, Matthew 11:28-30, Matthew 18:11,  
Matthew 18:18-20, Matthew 18:20, Matthew 28:18-20

### Mark

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### Luke

Luke 7:23, Luke 10:19

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