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JESUS IS WAITING FOR YOU



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Why do you need Jesus?



- Most people have heard that Jesus died on the cross for our sins, and many believe that they do not have sin. Have you ever stolen a piece of candy, lied (no matter how big or small), or gossiped? All of this counts as sin in the eyes of God.
- This means that all have sinned, which also means we need a Savior because sin separates us from God.
- That Savior was Jesus. He came and died for our sins.

Romans 3:23 (NIV): “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Isaiah 53:6 (NIV):

“We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

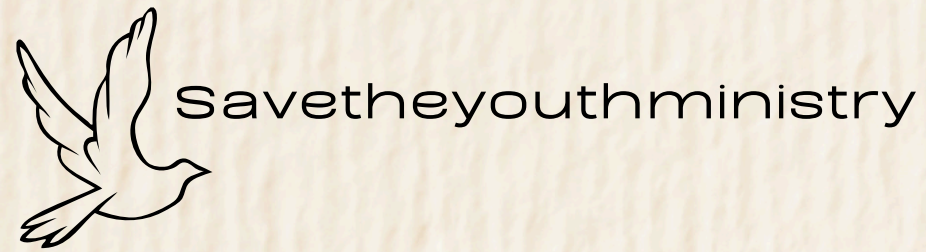
Isaiah 59:2 (NIV):

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.”

John 3:16 (NIV):

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”





JESUS LOVES YOU!!!



"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

JOHN 14:27 (NIV)

Starting a relationship with God

Jesus Won't Force His Way In — He Waits for You

One of the most important things to understand about Jesus is this: He is gentle. He will never force His way into your life. He patiently waits for you to invite Him in.

When you begin a relationship with someone, you naturally want to get to know them, what they love, what they care about, and what hurts them. It's the same with Jesus. He's not looking for religion. He wants a real, personal relationship with you. That relationship grows as you

- Read His Word (the Bible)
- Talk to Him (Prayer)
- Listen for His voice and just sit in his presence

Jesus already knows everything about you, and He loves you. Now He wants you to know Him too.

God Doesn't Want to Be Used — He Wants to Be Known

Sometimes we treat God like a vending machine: "God, help me with this... give me that..."

But think about it. If you only talked to your dad when you wanted something, would that feel like a real relationship?

God wants more than your requests. He wants your heart. He wants to walk with you, talk with you, and guide your life every day. When you seek Him with your heart, not just your needs, your relationship with Him will grow deeper and stronger.

Revelation 3:20 (NIV):

"See, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with them, and they with me."

1 John 4:8 (NIV):

"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

Psalms 145:18 (NIV):

"The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth."



Isaiah 40:28

Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the whole earth.
He never becomes faint or weary;
there is no limit to his understanding.



ACCEPT THE LORD AS YOUR SAVIOR AND REPENT OF YOUR SINS



THIS PRAYER IS BASED ON

Romans 10:8–9:

“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,
” that is, the message concerning faith that we
proclaim: If you declare with your mouth,
“Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him
from the dead, you will be saved.

SAY THIS PRAYER WITH ME:

Lord, I ask for forgiveness of anything I might have done in my lifetime, and I repent of my sins
that You may
throw them into the depths of the sea, as Your Word says. That even though my sins are scarlet,
You make
them as white as snow. I believe in my heart and proclaim with my mouth that Jesus Christ is
Lord and that
You raised Him from the dead. I pray today to be renewed and made into a new creation. Enter
into me and
use me according to Your will and not my own. Amen.

[Be sure to pray this prayer with your heart and truly believe it.]



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Begin Your Walk with God



Walking with God begins with...

Speaking with Him through prayer and reading His Word. Prayer is simply talking with God, and the Bible is the guide that shows us His heart.

If you don't have a Bible yet, now is the perfect time to get one. How can anyone walk with God without reading or knowing His Word? If you have truly accepted the Lord in your heart, you already have what you need to begin. (Amos 3:3 Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so?)

Choosing a Bible



NIV (New International Version) - clear and easy to read.

CB (Contemporary Bible / Common Bible) - simple language for beginners.

KJV (King James Version) - the classic, poetic version. Highly respected, but can be harder for beginners to understand.

Start with the Psalms or the Gospels to understand God's love and guidance:

Psalm 119:105 (NIV):

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path."



Walking with God means striving to live according to His Word. It's about learning, obeying, and letting Him guide your steps.

How to Welcome God into your Space



“Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.” — James 4:8

Coming to Jesus starts with a simple welcome. **Open your heart**
Worship helps us open our hearts. At His feet, honesty matters more than perfection.
Speak freely:

“Lord, I want to worship You and follow You. Please help me.”
Your prayers don’t need to be fancy or “perfect.” God already knows your feelings even better than you do. Just be real with Him. Too often, we forget that God’s perfect love is already here.

Kneeling, surrendering, and being still is enough to say, “I’m Yours.” Change takes time, but a willing heart opens the door.

A simple way to start talking with God

- P — Pause: Be still, breathe, invite God in (Psalm 46:10).
- R — Repent: Ask forgiveness for wrongs and turn toward Him (2 Chronicles 7:14).
- A — Ask: Bring your needs, worries, and questions honestly (Matthew 7:7).
- Y — Yield: Surrender your plans, listen, and follow His guidance (Galatians 5:16).

Sit at His feet today. Be honest. Be still. Be willing. In that quiet space, you will find Him and He will find you.

How to hear God:

The Bible is one of the most important ways to hear God. It's more than just a book – it's like a loving diary from our Heavenly Father.

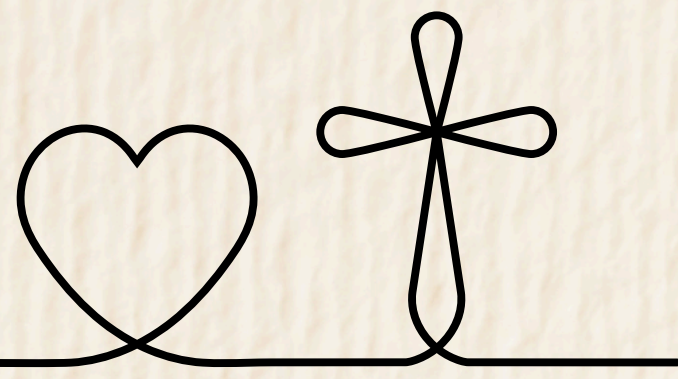
Every page is filled with wisdom, comfort, and guidance, written to help us face life's uncertainties and overcome its challenges. It reveals who God is and how deeply we are loved.

When you open the Bible, you're not just reading words – you're discovering the heart of a Father who wants to walk with you through every season of your life.



Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.



Seek a Congregation



Finding a church is crucial because our spiritual journey is not meant to be walked alone. While having a personal relationship with God is essential, being surrounded by godly people is equally important. A supportive congregation provides guidance, accountability, and encouragement, helping us grow in holiness and live according to God's ways rather than our own. Being part of a church continually reminds us why we seek God. It offers opportunities to learn from wise elders, participate in meaningful fellowship, and engage in programs designed to strengthen our faith. For example, our Youth Ministry meets every Monday and Tuesday after 6:30 PM to support young people in their spiritual journey.

A person cannot thrive as a Christian in isolation. Without fellowship, the influence of the world can easily overshadow spiritual growth, leading to weakness and discouragement. Scripture reminds us of the importance of community:

Romans 12:2 (NIV):

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV):

"Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

By joining a congregation, you surround yourself with men and women of God who inspire, guide, and support you in your journey. Together, you grow in knowledge, faith, and love, walking closer to God every step of the way.



WHO IS WATERING YOU?



When you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you are no longer the same. The moment you believe the message of salvation, something powerful happens within you. The Holy Spirit comes to live inside your heart. What an incredible honor it is to have something holy dwelling within us!

John 4:13-14 (NIV), Jesus says:

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

The things of this world may offer temporary satisfaction, but they can never fill the emptiness inside us. Only the Holy Spirit can truly satisfy the deepest longings of our souls. He refreshes, restores, and renews us from within, just like living water flowing through dry ground. When you have the Holy Spirit and choose to walk in obedience, everything about you begins to change. You start to see life differently. Your words shift, your heart softens, and even your relationships begin to reflect God’s transforming power.

That is why it is so important to surround yourself with people who water your spirit and encourage your growth in Christ. At the same time, you must be careful of those who poison, drain, or drown you spiritually. These are influences that keep you from becoming who God created you to be. Staying connected to a community of believers helps strengthen your walk and reminds you that you are not alone on this journey.

Let the Holy Spirit fill you daily, and let godly people help nurture your growth. When you are rooted in Him, your life becomes a wellspring of living water, overflowing with grace, peace, and strength for others to see.



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Protect Your Salvation

Now that you're walking with God, your life's focus has shifted from your old ways to pleasing Him. Recognize that temptations and attacks from the enemy are a constant reality, designed to lure you back. The key is to remain rooted in Christ, your unshakeable foundation.

{ **Matthew 24:13 But the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.** }

- "Do not be pulled back by the things of this world; instead, continue to seek the Lord. By carrying your cross and moving forward, the promises found in scripture will be yours."
- "As you carry your cross and move forward, do not let worldly things pull you back. Continue to seek the Lord, and his promises in scripture will be yours"

1 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come The old has gone, the new is here!

John 14:3

And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

1 John 2:17

The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.



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Matthew 25:1-13



At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

Dont be like the foolish virgins! guard your salvation and be prepared all the time living for Jesus with all your heart, mind and soul.



Recap

1) Accept Jesus as Savior

Invite Jesus into your life and trust Him. He died for your sins so you could have eternal life.

John 3:16 – “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

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

2) Walk with God DAILY

Pray, read the Bible, and listen to God. Strive to live righteously out of love, not to earn salvation.

3) Seek Fellowship

Surround yourself with godly people who encourage and guide you

Find a church and also maybe a study group

Save the Youth Ministry meets Mondays and Tuesdays after 6:30 PM is open to all !!

4) Protect Your Salvation

Guard your heart and mind, resist worldly influences, and continue growing in faith.

REMEMBER: WALKING WITH GOD IS A JOURNEY. YOU WILL GROW, FALL, AND RISE AGAIN. KEEP YOUR FAITH STRONG, LISTEN TO HIS VOICE, AND LET HIS GRACE GUIDE YOU EVERY STEP.

THANK YOU

WE HOPE THIS HELPED
YOU

