

CHRISTIAN LIFE & WITNESS



KEY VERSE

“But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.”

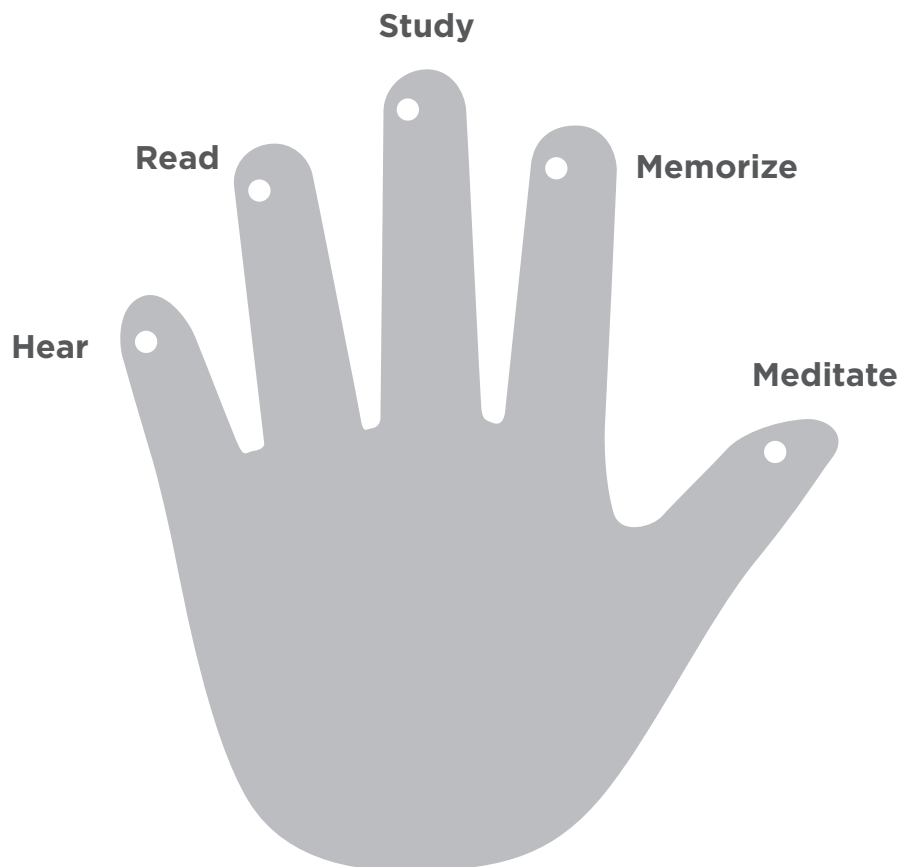
—1 Peter 3:15 (ESV)



Grasping God's Word

Read the following passages to learn how to **hear, read, study, memorize,** and **meditate** on Scripture—and share God's Word with others:

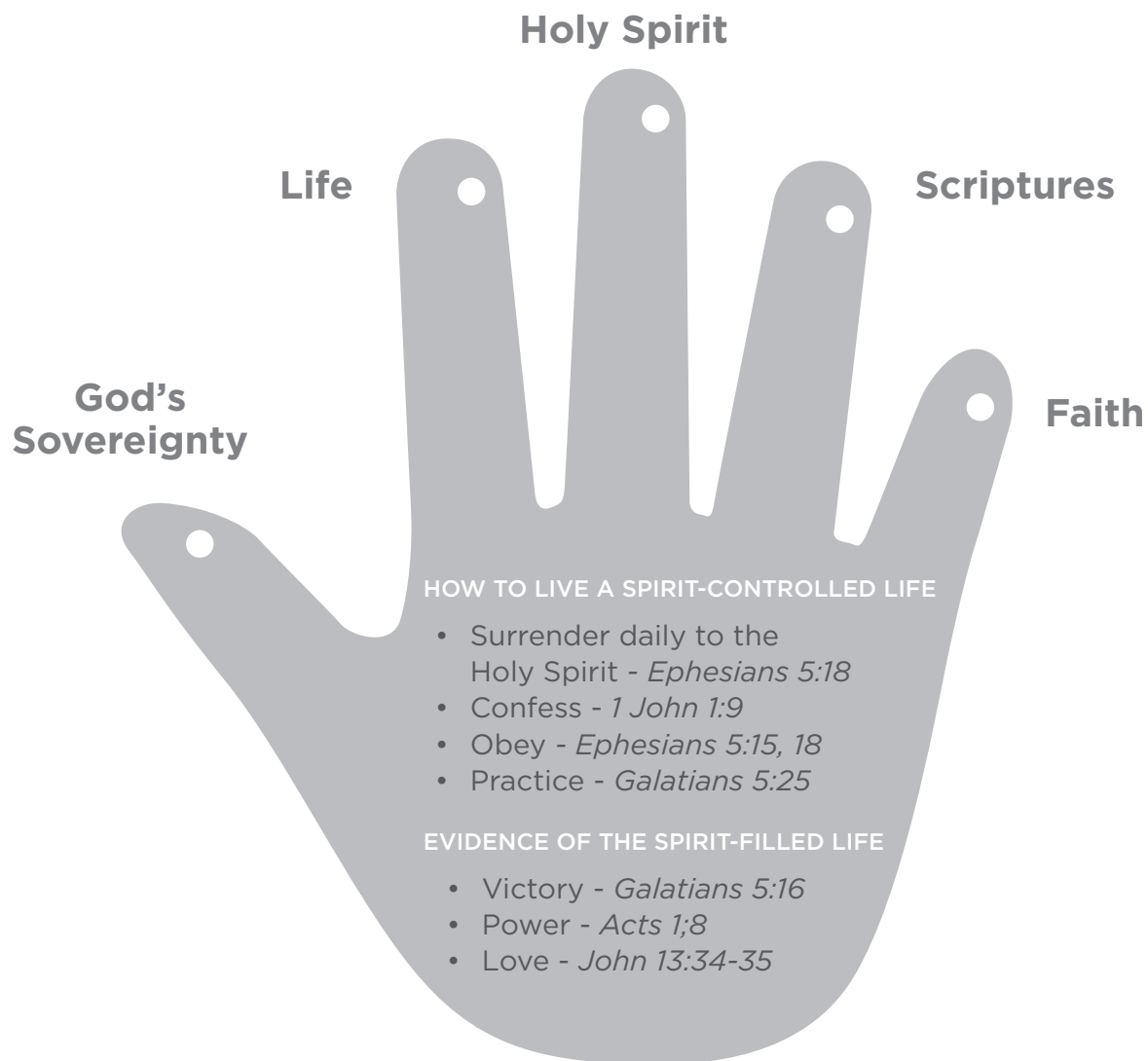
- HEAR, Romans 10:17
- READ, Deuteronomy 17:19
- STUDY, Proverbs 2:1-6
- MEMORIZE, Psalm 119:9, 11
- MEDITATE, Joshua 1:8



Grasping God's Hand

These verses demonstrate that it is God at work in us—and not our own power—that gives us the boldness to share Him with others.

- GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY, Jeremiah 1:6-9
- LIFE, Philippians 2:13
- HOLY SPIRIT, Ephesians 5:18
- SCRIPTURES, Ephesians 6:17
- FAITH, Hebrews 11:6





Adversity Builds Character

STEPPING STONE *or* STUMBLING BLOCK?

RESPONDING TO ADVERSITY

CONSIDER IT PURE JOY . . . (James 1:2-4)

GOD WORKS FOR THE GOOD . . . (Romans 8:28-29)

WE ALSO REJOICE . . . (Romans 5:3-5)

. . . GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



GOD'S PATHWAY

1. **God's Promise:** _____

Proverbs 3:5-6

2. **Our Problem :** _____

Romans 7:18

3. **God's Provision:** _____

Step One - Confess (agree with God) *1 John 1:9*

Step Two - Forsake your sin (turn back to God's way) *Proverbs 28:13*

Step Three - Accept God's forgiveness *Psalms 32:5*

4. **Our Practice:** _____

To remain on God's pathway we need:

- A. A set mind - *Colossians 3:2*
- B. A chosen path - *Psalms 119:30*
- C. A daily walk
- D. Right priorities - *Romans 12:2*



THE CHRISTIAN WITNESS



1. Your own _____ is a great part of your witness - *2 Corinthians 3:2-3*
2. Earn the _____ to be _____ - *Colossians 4:3-6*
3. Present the _____ of Jesus not a formula - *Galatians 2:16*
4. Stress the _____ of God - *John 3:16* (Legalism vs. Love)
5. Keep it _____ - *1 Corinthians 2:1-2*





1. STEPS TO PEACE WITH GOD

GOD'S PURPOSE: **PEACE & LIFE**

God loves you and wants you to experience peace and life—abundant and eternal.

The Bible says:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16, NKJV)

OUR PROBLEM: **SEPARATION**

Being at peace with God is not automatic, because by nature you are separated from God.

The Bible says:

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23, NKJV)

GOD'S REMEDY: **THE CROSS**

God's love bridges the gap of separation between God and you. When Jesus Christ died on the cross and rose from the grave, He paid the penalty for your sins.

The Bible says:

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God.” (1 Peter 3:18, NKJV)

OUR RESPONSE: **RECEIVE CHRIST**

You cross the bridge into God's family when you receive Christ by personal invitation.

The Bible says:

“But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.” (John 1:12, ESV)

WITNESSING METHODS CONTINUED

To receive Christ you need to do four things:

1. ADMIT your spiritual need. "I am a sinner."
2. REPENT and be willing to turn from your sin.
3. BELIEVE that Jesus Christ died for you on the cross.
4. RECEIVE, through prayer, Jesus Christ into your heart and life.

CHRIST says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in." (Revelation 3:20, NKJV)

The BIBLE says, "Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:13, NKJV)

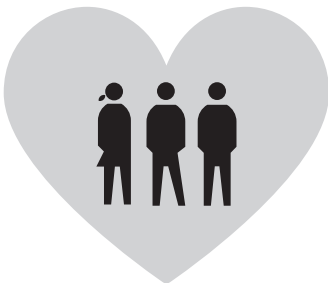
What to Pray:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need Your forgiveness. I believe that You died for my sins. I want to turn from my sins. I now invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as Lord and Savior. In Jesus' name, Amen.

2. BRIDGE TO LIFE

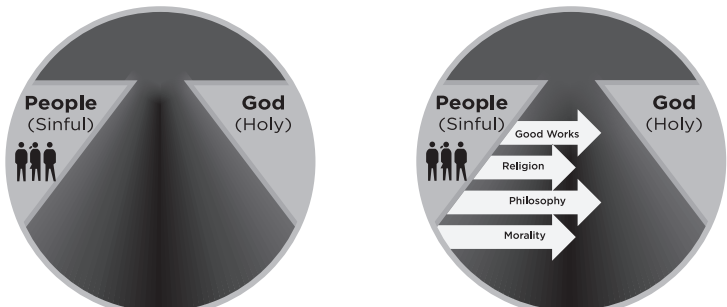
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God's Plan: Peace and Life
(John 3:16)



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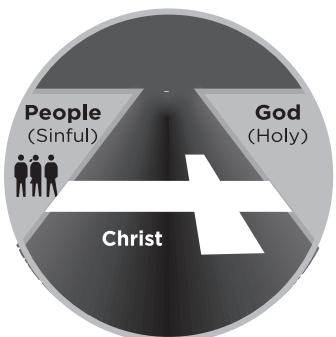
Our Problem: Sin Separates Us
(Romans 3:23; 6:23)



Separation from God All our attempts cannot reach God

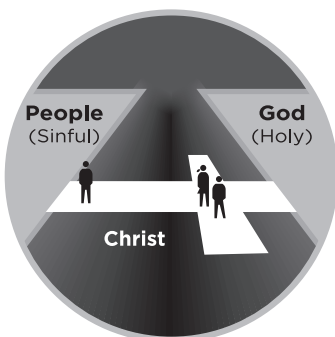
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God's Remedy: The Cross
(Romans 5:8; Ephesians 2:8-9)



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Our Response: Receive Christ
(Revelation 3:20; John 1:12)



3. STORY METHOD

Three-Story Method

The three-story method is a simple, personal way to show others how your life is a product of the power of the Gospel. The first story is that of the person you're talking with. Listen to the individual's story to discover more about his or her life. Then, when appropriate, tell your story, beginning with a description of your life before Jesus Christ and following with an explanation of how you came to know Him. Finally, tell His story and how it changed your story.

YOUR STORY

HIS STORY

THEIR STORY

YOUR FAITH STORY



Before you can share your story, you have to know your story. This questionnaire will help you express what God has done in your life.

1. What was your life like before Christ?

2. How did you receive Christ?

How did you hear?

What did you hear?

How did you respond?

3. What is your life like after receiving Christ?

BRING A FRIEND



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Introduce your friend to Jesus Christ.

*“Andrew then went to find his brother . . .
and he brought [him] to meet Jesus.”*

JOHN 1:41-42, TLB

FOUR STEPS TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITH A FRIEND.

PRAY



Write down the name of someone you know who needs Jesus and then pray each day for him or her. Ask God to open their heart and give you opportunities to share His love with them.

SHARE



Spend time with your friend. Grab a cup of coffee or attend an event together. It can deepen your friendship and create an opportunity to talk about Christ. Begin to talk with your friend about attending the event with you.

BRING



Bring your friend to the event. If he or she responds to Christ or begins to show interest in the Gospel, they will need your ongoing encouragement. (And if they don't respond, continue to love and pray for them.)

FOLLOW UP



Invite them to church with you. God can use you and your church to bring them into a deepening relationship with Jesus.

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I'm praying for: _____

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FOLLOW-UP/CARE FOR NEW BELIEVERS



Paul's Strategy for Follow-up

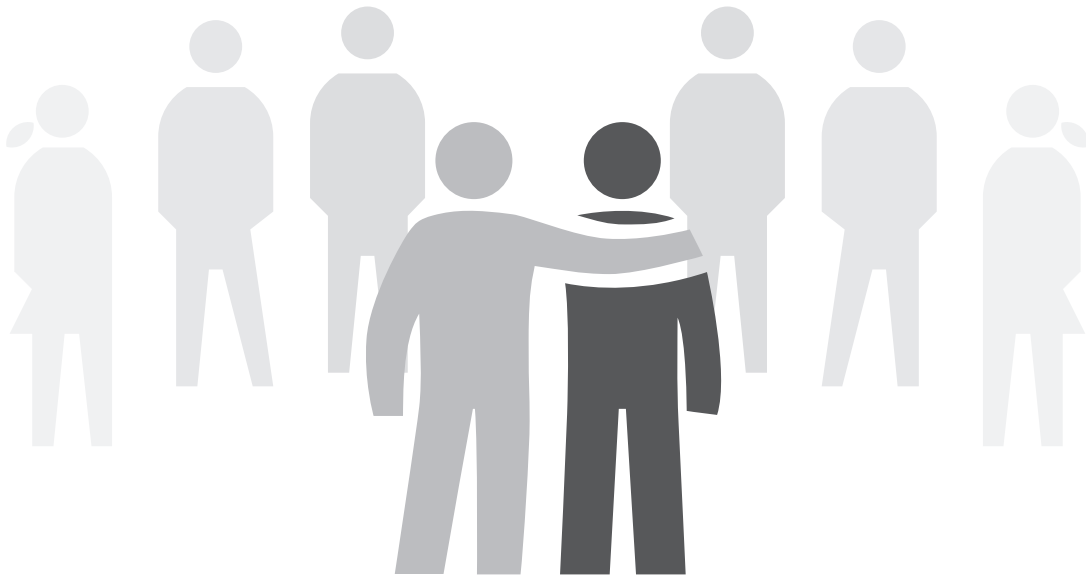
1. Paul _____ - his time, energy, and resources - *1 Thessalonians 2:6-8*
2. Paul _____ of instruction, encouragement, and comfort
- *2 Corinthians 2:9*
3. Paul _____ for them - *1 Thessalonians 3:10*
4. Paul _____ - *1 Thessalonians 3:2*
5. Paul _____ personally - *Acts 15:36*



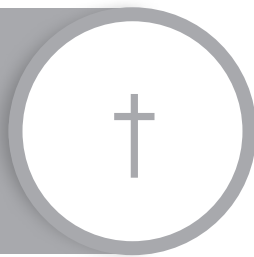
INSTRUCTIONS FOR COUNSELORS



- Explanation of what will happen at the Celebration
- Fill out volunteer application






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