

Give the Gospel



What is this book?

As a follower of Christ, you are called to be the light of the world. Your life should radiate the love of Christ and the hope that comes from knowing Him. In a world filled with darkness, confusion, and hopelessness, you have the opportunity to shine the light of Christ in the lives of those around you. You have the ability to show them the way to eternal life and peace.

God has placed people in *your* life for a reason and He has placed you in *their* lives for a reason. You have been given a unique opportunity to impact their lives for eternity. Your words, your actions, your love can all point them to Jesus. Don't take this responsibility lightly. Share the Gospel intentionally with those around you. Don't be afraid to talk about your faith and what God has done in your life. Your testimony may be just what someone needs to hear to come to know Jesus.

Remember, you don't have to be a theologian or a pastor to share the Gospel. You simply have to be willing and obedient to God's call on your life. Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with those around you. Ask God to give you the words to say and the courage to say them. Be bold in your faith, and let the light of Christ shine through you. The fruit and eternal rewards as a result of your faith could mean that your loved ones live in eternity with you.

Use this book prayerfully as a way to intentionally shine His light and impact the eternal destiny of the people in your spheres of influence.

My Commitment

With Jesus Christ as the Lord of my life, I commit to pray for, lead to Christ, and nurture at least two people in one year.

Signature & Date

I commit to use this book to:

IDENTIFY

Focus my efforts on leading at least two people to Christ.

INTERCEDE

Go to God on behalf of people. As I pray and fast, I will become full of God's burden and vision for the lost.

APPROACH

Go to people on behalf of God, showing them God's unconditional love. I will build a relationship and relate with individuals through personal outreach, acts of love, and through my witness.

DECISION

Lead people to receive Christ as Lord and Savior.

NURTURE

Help the new Christian grow in their relationship with God.

Identify: Your Influence

Write down the names of people – family, friends, colleagues, associates, etc. with whom you interact with on a regular basis.

Identify: Your Community

Write down the names of people you know or want to know in your community (neighborhood, campus, school, workplace, etc.).

**Now circle those whom you will intentionally focus on.
Start with two to three individuals.**

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Intercede

As you pray, you will become full of God's vision and heart for the lost. Pray for:

1. Your influence

*Against the powers of darkness that claim a hold on this person's life so that they will have the freedom to choose to accept or reject Jesus Christ apart from Satan's interference or bondage.
(2 Corinthians 10:3-5)*

That the Holy Spirit will draw this person toward Christ, convict the person of their sin and reveal to them the truth of God's plan for salvation. (John 16:8-9)

*That God will orchestrate circumstances, people and events into this person's life in order to reveal to the person their need for Christ.
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3. Yourself

That God will use you as an instrument to bring this person to Christ.

That the Holy Spirit will guide your every word and deed so that you will say and do the right thing at the right time.

That the light and joy of Christ will shine through your life as a testimony of the Christian faith.

Approach

People may exhibit different levels of spiritual openness:

Hostile – Resistant to any mention of Christianity

Neutral – Indifferent, neither hostile nor interested

Detached Interest – Open to hearing about Jesus, but may not see it as personally relevant

Genuine Interest – Open to the possibility of becoming a follower of Christ

Decision – Ready to accept Christ

Prayer Requests

Ask how you can pray for them

Pray with expectation, as if it were your own need

Let them know that you are praying and that God loves and cares for them

Ideas for Acts of Kindness

Bless someone with a gift

Help with a household chore or with their children, elderly parent, etc.

Write a note of encouragement

Ideas for getting to know the person better

Have lunch or coffee together

Include them in one of your activities

Find out what their interests are and organize time geared toward those

Invite them and/or their family to your home for dinner

Ideas to share the Gospel

Share your personal testimony

Share a testimony and Scripture that addresses the person's felt need

Lend a book about Christ

Invite to church and a Becoming Group

Approach

Name _____

What do you know about the person?
What do they care about?

What are their felt needs?

How can you pray for them?

How can you serve them?

How can you witness to them?

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*Commit to the
Lord whatever
you do, and
your plans will
succeed.*

Proverbs 16:3

We often schedule what we value. Schedule times where you can strategically reach out and bless those you are witnessing to. Romans 2:4 says that it is “God’s kindness” that leads us to repentance. Often times, it is God’s kindness, extended through us – God’s vessels – that lead people to Christ.

Evangelism often takes time, patience, and perseverance. Most of the time it takes multiple seeds sown before someone is ready to receive the Gospel. You may face rejection or indifference, but don’t be discouraged. Keep planting seeds of truth, love, and kindness. Show them the love of Christ through your actions and words. Let them see that you genuinely care for them and that your faith is real.

Be intentional about your witness, but also be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Pray for wisdom and discernment, and ask God to give you opportunities to share the Gospel.

Schedule how you want to reach out and then pray over your plans.

Tips for Giving the Gospel

Pray - Seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit before engaging in evangelism. Pray for wisdom, boldness, and opportunities to share the Gospel with others.

Build Relationships - Building genuine relationships with people is important. It opens up the opportunity for you to share your faith, but it also shows them the love of Christ.

Listen - Be a good listener, and take the time to understand the person's perspective. Listening shows that you respect them and care about their thoughts and feelings.

Share Your Story - Share how Jesus has impacted your life personally. Your story can be a powerful tool in sharing the Gospel.

Use the Bible - The Bible is God's word, and it is powerful. Use it as a guide to share the Gospel with others.

Be Clear and Simple - Keep your message simple and easy to understand. Avoid using religious jargon or theological terms that people may not understand.

Focus on Jesus - Keep the focus on Jesus, His love, and His sacrifice. Avoid getting sidetracked by debates or controversial topics.

Pray with People - Offer to pray with people, and ask if they have any specific prayer requests. Praying together can be a powerful way to connect with others and show them God's love.

Your Personal Testimony

Your personal testimony can be a powerful tool that helps someone relate to you. Through your story, someone else might find similarities that help them see their need for Jesus. Use these guiding questions to help you prepare your personal testimony.

BEFORE I MET CHRIST

What were you like before you met Jesus – needs, attitudes, feelings, struggles, lifestyle and relationships?

What caused you to think about becoming a follower of Jesus?

HOW I MET CHRIST

What made you hesitate in becoming a Christian (if any)?

What made you commit your life to Christ?

How did you receive Christ?

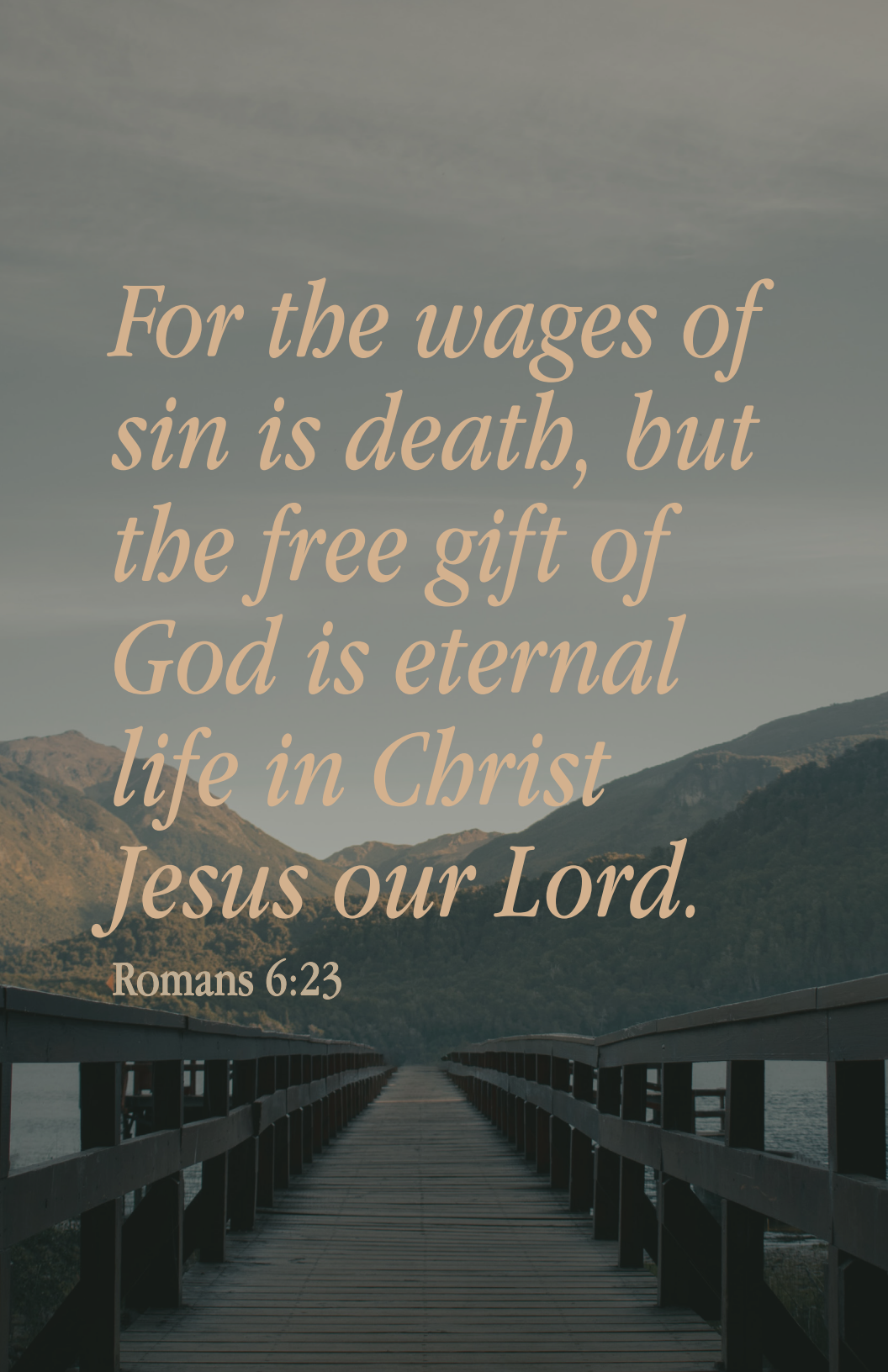
AFTER I MET CHRIST

How did your life change after you received Christ?

Now, practice sharing your story!

Remember to keep it:

- *Short (within 3 minutes)*
- *Simple*
- *Clear*
- *Friendly*
- *Focused*

A long wooden pier extends from the foreground into a calm lake, leading the eye towards a range of mountains in the distance. The sky is overcast and grey. The text is overlaid on the upper half of the image.

*For the wages of
sin is death, but
the free gift of
God is eternal
life in Christ
Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 6:23

What is the Gospel?

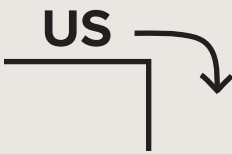
The harsh reality of sin (anything that we may say, do or think that displeases God) is that its consequence is death. However, the second part of Romans 6:23 highlights and reveals the amazing love and grace of God, who offers us eternal life as a gift, something we could never earn or deserve on our own. Through Jesus Christ, who paid the penalty for our sin through His death and resurrection, we can be reconciled to God and receive the gift of eternal life. The Gospel is not about earning or striving for salvation, but it is a free gift that is offered to us through faith in Jesus Christ.

The Bridge Illustration



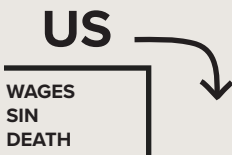
We all really matter to God. He made us and wants a relationship with us.

However we rebelled against God, and our sins separate us from Him.



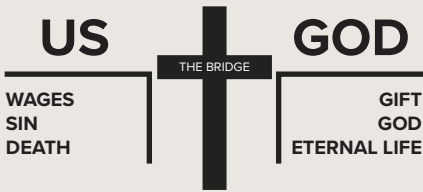
Most of us are aware of this distance between us and God. In our own way, we do try to get back to God.

We try to do good, live a good life, try various religions and even go to church. But we can never get back to God that way. It just won't work.

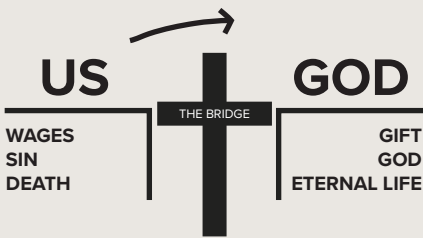


Furthermore – and this might be hard to hear – the sins we have committed must be punished. And that punishment death – both physical and spiritual death.

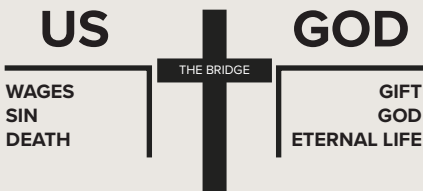
That is the bad news, but God searched for us. And God did something for us we could never do for ourselves.



The Good News is that God built a bridge for us to reach Him. He did this by sending Jesus Christ to take the penalty of death for us. Jesus died on the cross for us.



But that is not all. It is not enough to know this fact. If we want our relationship with God restored, we must cross the bridge to the other side. We must want God's forgiveness and leadership in our lives.



To move to the other side, we must admit that we have sinned against Him and that we need His forgiveness. We must also ask Him to take control of our lives and be our leader. When we do that, we have crossed the bridge and our relationship with God is restored.

How to Ask if Someone's Ready to Receive Christ

You could ask the following questions:

“Where are you in this picture?” (bridge illustration) or
“Where are you in your spiritual journey?”

“Would you like to cross over now?” or “Do you want to put your trust in Christ now?”

“Is there any reason why you may not want to cross over now?” or “Is there any reason why you may not want to trust Christ now?”

When Someone's Ready to Receive Christ

You can help someone receive Christ by praying the sinner's prayer with them. Suggest that you can talk to God right now, and explain that talking to God is like talking to a friend, and that you can help them. Tell them to repeat after you – that because it is their first time praying, you can help them. It may be your words, but their heart. After that, you can pray for them and their spiritual walk.

LEAD THEM IN THE SINNER'S PRAYER:

Thank You: *Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross for me.*

Sorry: *I am sorry that I have sinned against you. I now turn away from all my sins.*

Please: *Please forgive me of all my sins and be the savior and Leader of my life.*

Receive: *Jesus, I receive you as my Lord and Savior, just as you have received me as your child.*

Pray for them and affirm their commitment to God.

Decision – Saved!

NAME	DATE

Nurture

Now you can help the new believer grow by developing their:

Relationship with God

Is the person developing an altar by having a regular time alone with God?

Relationship with other Christians

Does the person have other followers of Jesus in their life?

Relationship with the local church

Is the person attending a church regularly?

Have they been baptized?

Have they attended a membership class at a local church?

We believe that as you deliberately evangelize, we will see unsaved loved ones and others in your spheres of influence surrender their lives to Jesus. And we want to hear all about it!

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