

# **CrossWalk**

## ***Vital Steps in Your Walk with God***

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### ***YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTIONAL STEPS TO WALK WITH GOD:***

- **Complete the eight weekly lessons of *CrossWalk*:** Each week read the lesson, read the scriptures and answer the questions in writing in a notebook *before* you meet in a micro-group (3-5 people) or one-on-one.
- **Bible Reading:** Read the following books (one chapter a day, 5 days a week) over the eight weeks you meet with your discipleship micro-group.
  1. The Gospel of John (21 Chapters)
  2. 1 John (5 chapters)
  3. 2 John (1 chapter)
  4. 3 John (1 chapter)
  5. Ephesians (6 chapters)

Underline any scriptures that stand out to you. *Write* in a notebook anything God speaks to you, or any thoughts concerning the passage.
- **Prayer:** Start with five minutes daily in prayer, thanking God and seeking His guidance. Increase your time of prayer a little each week.
- **Memorize** one Bible verse each week:
  1. Romans 6:23
  2. Philippians 2:9
  3. 2 Corinthians 5:20
  4. Psalm 119:10
  5. Matthew 21:22
  6. Galatians 5:22-23
  7. Ephesians 6:17
  8. Matthew 16:18
- **When your micro-group meets** to discuss each lesson, answer the following questions:
  1. What did God show you this week (what did you learn), either in prayer, in your Bible reading, or through the lesson?
  2. Do you have a victory to celebrate, a struggle you need prayer for, or a sin you need to confess?
  3. Who are you praying for to come to Christ? Identify three people to pray for daily, asking for opportunities to share the gospel or your personal story with them. When you meet, pray together in agreement for their salvation.
  4. The Application is to be done outside the group meeting during the week, except for the first week.

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## **Step 1: Walking with God - Understanding Salvation**

### **FIRST THOUGHTS:**

The journey of walking with God begins with the crucial decision of turning our lives over to Him. Salvation takes place when we admit our sins (that we sin by nature), believe that Jesus died in our place and rose from the dead, and confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Jesus' sacrifice took away the separation between us and God that was caused by our sin. When we come to Jesus we receive eternal life and become children of God. Being a Christian means more than just believing a certain creed and doing good deeds; it involves a deep relationship with God and following Christ's teachings.

### **A LOOK AT THE WORD:**

Read the following scriptures and answer the questions:

1. Mark 1:14-15 – What did Jesus tell people to do?
2. 1 John 5:11-13 – Who has eternal life and who does not have eternal life?
3. Romans 3:23 and 6:23 – God is perfect and full of glory. Is anyone sinless and perfect like God?
4. Romans 10:9-10 – What two things do you need to do to be saved? Why are both important?
5. Ephesians 2:8-9 – Salvation is a gift from God, not earned by works but based on God's grace—favor from God that is undeserving. Why is it not based on works?
6. 1 John 3:9 – Who does not make a practice of sinning? Why?

### **REFLECTION:**

Salvation involves faith in Jesus, confession of sin and repentance from sin. Repentance means a change in thinking and actions. As believers, we are called to learn from Jesus and avoid sin. Good works are a *result* of salvation and show God's presence in our lives. Assurance of salvation comes from God's indwelling presence and transformative power.

### **APPLICATION:**

Yes, I know that I am saved and have eternal life. \_\_\_\_\_

No, I am not sure that I am saved and have eternal life. \_\_\_\_\_

If you are unsure of your salvation in Jesus, why not take this opportunity to repent of your sins and receive Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Remember, there is a difference between feeling sorry for sins and true repentance. Take this moment to truly give your heart and life to Jesus as your Lord.

To receive God's salvation, you could say a prayer like this from your heart:

"Jesus, thank you that you suffered and died in my place. You took the punishment that was due to me as a sinner. But because you were innocent and had never sinned, you rose from the dead and sit with God now. Thank you for taking away the separation between me and God and that I now have a new life here in this life and eternal life with you! Thank you that I am a new person! Help me to follow you all the days of my life. Amen."

1. Repent and believe the good news.
2. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son does not.
3. No.
4. Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead. Both are important because when you believe in your heart you are justified (legally you are declared not guilty) and when you confess with your mouth you are saved.
5. So that no one can boast.
6. One born of God does not keep sinning because he is born of God and God's seed abides in him.

## **Step 2: Walking with Jesus - Understanding the Good News**

### **FIRST THOUGHTS:**

Jesus the eternal Son of God, existed before creation as part of the Holy Trinity with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. As the promised Savior, Jesus was sent to redeem the world from sin and death, bridging the gap between humanity and God. Our sin had created this separation, but Jesus' death paid the penalty of sin that was due by us. His life, death, and resurrection allows Christ followers to access God's kingdom, which offers salvation, righteousness, peace, and many other blessings. Jesus empowers believers with spiritual authority to live victoriously and to help others do the same. He reigns in heaven now and one day will return to earth.

### **A LOOK AT THE WORD:**

Read the following scriptures and answer the questions:

1. Colossians 1:15-22
  - a) According to verses 15, 16, 17, and 18 who is Jesus and what was created by him?
  - b) What dwells in Jesus (verse 19) and what was done through Jesus (verse 20)?
  - c) Before knowing Jesus, who were we and what did we do (verse 21)?
  - d) What did Jesus do for us (verse 22)?
2. Philippians 2:3-11
  - a) If you walk in humility, what will you do for others (verses 3-4)?
  - b) How did Jesus show his humility (verses 6-8)?
  - c) As a result of Jesus' humility, what did God do for him (verses 9-11).

### **REFLECTION:**

Following Jesus involves adopting His mindset of humility and valuing others above ourselves. Jesus' humility led to His exaltation, and He promises the same for those who humble themselves. We are called to think and act like Jesus and trust God with our needs and reputation. Reflect on areas where you can practice humility and prioritize the needs of others.

### **APPLICATION:**

- How does knowing you are seen as holy and blameless by God affect you?
  - Identify areas where you can humble yourself and consider others as more significant.
  - **If you could have one prayer request answered, guaranteed, what would it be? Write it in your notebook. When it is answered, come back and write the date and share your testimony with your micro-group.**
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1. Col. 1:15-22: a) Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation (verse 15). By him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him (verse 16). He is before all things, and in him all things hold together (verse 17). He is the head of the church, the beginning, the first born from the dead (verse 18). b) All the fullness of God (verse 19). Reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through the blood of His cross (verse 20). c) We were alienated from God and hostile in mind; we did evil deeds. d) Jesus reconciled us by His death to present us holy, without blemish, and free from accusation.
  2. Phil. 2:3-11: a) Count others as more significant; look to their interests. b) He did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped (to be held onto). He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, and was born as a man. As a man he became obedient to the point of death, and suffered death on a cross. c) God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name. At the name of Jesus every knee will bow in heave, on earth and under the earth, and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

## **Step 3: Walking as an Ambassador - Sharing the Good News**

### **FIRST THOUGHTS:**

The good news of salvation and access to God's kingdom is the greatest message on earth. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be His ambassadors, sharing this life-changing message with others. An ambassador represents a higher authority (such as a king or president) and speaks with the same authority as the one they represent. We are tasked with speaking on behalf of God, sharing His love and forgiveness with our family and friends, and beyond. You don't need to have all the answers; simply begin by sharing your personal story of transformation through God's mercy.

### **A LOOK AT THE WORD:**

Read the following scriptures and answer the questions:

1. 2 Corinthians 5:18-21
  - a) What is the ministry we have from God (verse 18)?
  - b) How did God reconcile the world to himself (verse 19)? What does that mean?
  - c) How does God tell people to be reconciled to himself (verse 20)? What is the title of the person who represents God in this way (verse 20)?
2. Mark 5:18-20 – When Jesus called his disciples he told them to “follow me.” When the man who had been demon-possessed wanted to follow Jesus, what did he tell him to do? What was the result of his obedience?
3. Mark 16:15 – Before the resurrected Jesus ascended into heaven, what command did he give to his followers? Why?

### **REFLECTION:**

There are many ways to share the gospel. Here are three:

1. Every believer has a story of how God has impacted their life. Writing it down helps organize your thoughts. Prepare to share a 90 second personal story of something God has done for you.
2. Share the Gospel using the Romans Road (Romans 3:23, 6:23, and 10:9-10) to explain salvation.
3. Use the ABC's of salvation: Admit (you are a sinner), Believe (in Jesus), Confess (with your mouth that Jesus is Lord of your life).

### **APPLICATION:**

- Write down your personal salvation story. It should be three paragraphs that fit on one page (what your life was like before you knew Jesus; how you came to know Jesus; what your life is like now). Share your story with someone this week confidently and authentically.
  - Identify three people to pray for daily, asking for opportunities to share your story, the Romans Road or the ABC's of salvation with them.
1. 2 Cor. 5:18-21: a) The ministry of reconciliation. b) God reconciled the world to himself through Christ. Reconciliation means there was a break in a relationship and something was done to restore it. Sin broke our relationship with God and Jesus' death on the cross restored the relationship. He reconciled those who trust and obey Jesus to right relationship with God. c) God makes his appeal through us—those who follow Jesus. The title he gives us is Christ's ambassadors.
  2. Mark 5:18-20: Jesus told the man to go home to his own people and tell them how much the Lord had done for him, and how he had mercy on him. The result was that all the people he told were amazed.
  3. Mark 16:15 (see full context in Mark 16:15-20): Jesus told his disciples to go into all the world and preach the gospel (good news) to all creation. In order for people to be reconciled to God they need to repent and believe in Jesus. The only way for them to believe is for someone to tell them. (See Romans 10:14)

## **Step 4: Walking in the Word - Knowing God through the Bible**

### **FIRST THOUGHTS:**

The Bible is God's word to us, providing insights into His nature and guidance for our lives. It describes God as holy, righteous, loving, and merciful. The Bible, written over a period of about 1,500 years by diverse authors, remains cohesive and unified. It contains approximately 7,000 promises for believers, serving as a source of knowledge, encouragement, and even a spiritual weapon. By learning and standing strong on scripture, we can cultivate faith, resist fear, doubt and temptation, receive God's promises, and align our lives with His will.

### **A LOOK AT THE WORD:**

Read the following scriptures and answer the questions:

1. Hebrews 4:12 – How is God's word described and what does it do?
2. Psalm 119:105 – When you are walking along a dark path, what will a lamp do for you? How can God's word do that for you?
3. Psalm 119:130 – What effect does the word of God have on us?
4. Psalm 119 133 What will happen in our life when we follow God's word?
5. Psalm 119:160 – What words are used to describe God's word? What does that mean to you?
6. Isaiah 40:8 – What happens to earthly things like grass and flowers? What is God's word like? How does that make you feel?
7. Isaiah 55:10-11 – What does the word of God do?
8. Matthew 4:4 – Our lives should be sustained not just by food but by what else?
9. Luke 11:28 – What two things must someone do to be blessed?

### **REFLECTION:**

Reflect on how the Bible impacts your life. Which verse above impacted you the most and how can you apply its truths this week? The Bible guides, enlightens, and sustains us, offering wisdom and direction. As you engage with scripture, let it illuminate your path and transform your heart.

### **APPLICATION:**

- Read Psalm 146. According to this Psalm, what does God do for those who trust in Him? Write your answer in your notebook.
- With whom can you share about Jesus this week using your personal story, scripture, or the ABC's of salvation?

1. Hebrews 4:12 – Living and active. As a sword pierces and divides joints and marrow so the word pierces and divides soul and spirit, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart, and distinguishing between good and evil.
2. Psalm 119:105 – A lamp will light up and show the path and where you can put your feet. God's word shows us how we are to walk with God, love him, obey him.
3. Psalm 119:130 – Light equals understanding in this passage. It gives understanding to the simple.
4. Psalm 119:133 – No sin will rule over us.
5. Psalm 119:160 – God's word is true and endures forever. (It means I can trust God and His word because it is truth and never changes. Add anything it means to you.)
6. Isaiah 40:8 – They wither and fall. The Word stands forever.
7. Isaiah 55:10-11 – The Word of God will not return empty, it will accomplish the purpose God desires, and succeed in the thing for which He sent it.
8. Matthew 4:4 – Our lives should be sustained by every word that comes from the mouth of God.
9. Luke 11:28 – Hear the word and obey it.

## **Step 5: Walking in Prayer - Talking and Listening to God**

### **FIRST THOUGHTS:**

Prayer is a vital way to know God, complementing our understanding from scripture. It is a conversation where we share our joys, pains, and needs with God, just as we would with a close friend. A healthy prayer life involves not only speaking to God but also listening to Him. God communicates in various ways: through the Bible, through others, through our own thoughts, through dreams, and even sometimes we hear Him with our ears. God speaks to us because he desires a close relationship with us, shaping us to be like Jesus.

### **A LOOK AT THE WORD:**

Read the following scriptures and answer the questions:

1. Exodus 33:11a – How did God speak to Moses?
2. Psalm 66:17-20 – What does God do for the person who does not cherish sin in their heart?
3. Psalm 102:17 – What does God do for the destitute?
4. Proverbs 15:8 – Whose prayer does God accept?
5. Matthew 21:22 – What happens when we ask in faith?
6. Philippians 4:6 – What are we to do instead of being anxious?
7. Colossians 4:2 – How can you continue steadfastly in prayer?
8. James 5:13-16 – When are we to pray for ourselves or others? Why?
9. Acts 10:30-31 – Who heard Cornelius' prayer and remembered his alms to the poor?

### **REFLECTION:**

Discuss ways you have heard or sensed God speak to you. Take prayer requests and end your group time in prayer for one another. Be sure to share about any answered prayer the next time you meet.

### **APPLICATION:**

- Engage in a listening exercise to deepen your prayer life. In your notebook write the date and the sentence "Jesus, this is why I love you so much." Then, take a moment to share with Jesus, in writing, why you love him. Next, close your eyes and quiet your heart and mind before God. Picture yourself as an eight-year-old child and listen to what He says in response. With a childlike faith, fix your mind on Jesus and write a short paragraph of spontaneous flowing thoughts of what you hear God saying to you. (Leave a line of space in between your written thoughts and what God speaks to you in response.)
- With whom can you share about Jesus this week using your personal story, scripture, or the ABC's of salvation?

1. Exodus 33:11a – God spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.
2. Psalm 66:17-20 – God listens.
3. Psalm 102:17 – He responds to their prayers.
4. Proverbs 15:8 – The prayer of the upright.
5. Matthew 21:22 – You receive whatever you ask for in prayer.
6. Philippians 4:6 – We are to pray and make our requests known to God.
7. Colossians 4:2 – By being watchful in prayer, with thanksgiving.
8. James 5:13-16 – We are to pray all the time – when we are suffering, sick, have sinned or are happy. We pray so that we (or others) can be forgiven or healed.
9. Acts 10:30-31 – God.

## **Step 6: Walking with the Holy Spirit - Knowing the Power of God**

### **FIRST THOUGHTS:**

The Holy Spirit is fully God, equal to the Father and the Son, possessing all the same attributes. The Holy Spirit lives within all those who call on and follow Jesus as their Lord and Savior. That's right! The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives in Christ followers. Jesus even said it would be better for us when He leaves because then the Father would send us the Holy Spirit to live in us. The Holy Spirit empowers, guides, and transforms us, continually filling us with His presence and power.

**A LOOK AT THE WORD:** Read the following scriptures and answer the questions:

1. Life and Freedom
  - Psalm 104:29-30 – What happens when God sends forth His Spirit?
  - Romans 8:1-2 – From what does the Holy Spirit set us free?
2. Power and Gifts:
  - Acts 1:8 – For what service does the Holy Spirit give power?
  - 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 – List the kinds of gifts we can receive through the Holy Spirit.
3. Guidance and Purity:
  - Galatians 5:16, 22-23 – What happens when you walk by the Spirit? What is produced?
  - 1 Corinthians 6:11 – We were purified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ by whom?
4. Revelation and Unity:
  - 2 Peter 1:20-21 – How did men write Scripture (the Bible)?
  - Ephesians 4:1-3 – When we walk in humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love, what is the result?
5. Presence and Understanding:
  - 1 John 4:13 – How do we know that we live with God and he is with us now?
  - John 14:26; 16:13 – How will the Holy Spirit give us understanding?

**REFLECTION:** As believers who are filled with the Holy Spirit we are cleansed from all unrighteousness (2 Peter 1:9; 1 John 1:9), have access to God's kingdom and power (Romans 14:17; Colossians 1:13), and walk in God's spiritual authority as his ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20). Pray for each other to walk in God's authority and power through the Holy Spirit.

**APPLICATION:** In your notebook, write today's date and anything you may need from the Holy Spirit: direction, guidance, understanding of scripture, a miracle, healing, unity, purity, or anything else. Find and write down scriptures on these topics that you can declare to cultivate your faith. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any barriers you may have to receive an answer from God (i.e. anyone you need to forgive or ask to forgive you; any doubt or discouragement, etc.). Share about this in your group and pray together. When your prayer is answered, come back to this prayer and write the date it was answered.

1. Life and Freedom: Psalm 104:29-30 – Things are created and renewed. Romans 8:1-2 – We are set free from the law of sin and death. The law of sin and death is that when we sin we die – we are separated from God.
2. Power and Gifts: Acts 1:8 – To be His witness everywhere on earth. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 – Word of wisdom, word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, distinguishing between spirits, different kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues.
3. Guidance and Purity: Galatians 5:16, 22-23 – You will not gratify the desires of the flesh. Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are produced. 1 Corinthians 6:11 – By the Spirit of our God.
4. Revelation and Unity: 2 Peter 1:20-21 – By God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:1-3 – We maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
5. Presence and Understanding: 1 John 4:13 – Because He has given us His Spirit. John 14:26; 16:13 – By teaching you all things and bringing to your remembrance all that he (Jesus) said.

## **Step 7: Walking in Freedom - Fighting from a Place of Victory**

### **FIRST THOUGHTS:**

True freedom is living fully in God's kingdom, free from sin's penalty and power. While adversaries like the devil seek to destroy this freedom, believers fight from a place of victory, secured by Jesus' death and resurrection. The devil's power is nullified when we stand firm in Christ, using God's Word as a shield and sword against his lies. We can also overcome deceptions, human temptations and even addictions through the power of the Holy Spirit and the word of God.

**A LOOK AT THE WORD:** Read the following scriptures and answer the questions:

1. **Lies and Strongholds:** 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 – How does the world fight? How do followers of Jesus fight?
2. **Deception:** Colossians 2:6-8 – How are we to live in Christ? Why is worldly philosophy hollow and deceptive? What are practical ways we can learn the truth and obey it?
3. **Temptation:** Luke 4:9-14 – Satan tempted Jesus the first time, challenging his deity, to meet an immediate need. The second time Satan tempted Jesus he offered him power and riches. What was the third temptation (See also John 8:50, 54)? How did Jesus respond? When Jesus said, “It is written” (or “it is said”), what was he quoting?

### **REFLECTION:**

1. **Weapons of Warfare:** Use the name of Jesus and the Word of God as spiritual weapons. Ephesians 6:17 highlights the “sword of the Spirit” as God's word (in Greek it is the word *Rhema*), which is a direct word from God, either written in the Bible or spoken by the Spirit.
2. **Specific Sin Issues:** Identify a “life verse” to combat specific sin struggles. Memorize and declare this verse daily, alongside two others, to reinforce faith and victory.
3. **Daily Practice:** Write and memorize your chosen verses, declaring them aloud each day. This practice strengthens your stance in freedom and holiness, affirming your victory in Christ.

### **APPLICATION:**

- **Pray every day this week for at least 10 minutes** using the ACTS acronym as a guide.
  - *Adoration* – Worship God for who He is. After you worship, take time to be quiet and listen.
  - *Confession* – Confess any sins and forgive anyone who may have sinned against you.
  - *Thanksgiving* – Thank God for His protection and provision in your life and in the world.
  - *Supplication* – Pray for your needs and the needs of others.
- **Fast (do not eat) for one meal this week** and take that time to pray instead.

Fasting is a spiritual discipline believers combine with prayer that helps us focus on God. This is helpful especially during times of crisis or when we are urgently needing an answer from God. Jesus promises that when we fast we receive a reward (Matt. 6:18).

1. **Lies and Strongholds** – 2 Corinthians 10:2-5: The world fights using worldly weapons, strong words and threats. Followers of Jesus fight with weapons that have divine power to demolish strongholds like arguments and thoughts that are against the knowledge of God. They fight taking every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ.
2. **Deception** – Colossians 2:6-8: a) We are to live rooted and built up in Christ, strengthened in the faith, and overflowing with thankfulness. b) Worldly philosophy is hollow and deceptive because it depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of the world rather than on Christ. c) Practical ways to learn truth is through the Bible, praying, going to church, and spending time with others who know Jesus and the truth.
3. **Temptation** – Luke 4:9-14: Satan challenged Jesus' deity, tempting Jesus to glorify himself. Satan quoted scripture—Psalm 91:11-12. Jesus responded with scripture, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test” which is Deuteronomy 8:3, 6:13, and 6:16.



## **Step 8: Walking with the Church – Knowing God through Community**

**FIRST THOUGHTS:** The church is the community of all true believers, not a physical building. It is a body of people in relationship with God and each other. It's referred to as a family (Galatians 6:10; Hebrews 2:11; 1 Peter 2:17), the bride of Christ (Matthew 9:15; Revelation 19:7), a temple of living stones (1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 2 Corinthians 6:16; 1 Peter 2:5), a holy priesthood (1 Peter 2:5, 9), the household of God (Ephesians 2:19; 1 Timothy 3:15), and the body of Christ (Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:27). Becoming part of a church, you will grow in faith, be water baptized, participate in communion, study the Bible, pray, help others, and experience God's joy!

**A LOOK AT THE WORD:** Read the following scriptures and answer the questions:

1. **Building the Church:** Matthew 16:18 – Who builds the church?
2. **Community and Teaching:** Acts 11:19-26 – Who sent Barnabas to Antioch? Who did Barnabas and Saul teach for a whole year?
3. **Prayer and Support:** Acts 12:5 – Who was praying for Peter when he was in prison?
4. **Wisdom and Conduct:**
  - Ephesians 3:10 – Who makes known the wisdom of God? Why?
  - 1 Timothy 3:14-15 – What is the church of the living God? What is the purpose of a pillar and a foundation in a building? How is the church a pillar and foundation?
5. **Love and Relationships:**
  - Ephesians 5:25 – What did Christ do for the church to demonstrate his love?
  - Hebrews 10:24-25 – What is the church to do?

### **REFLECTION:**

1. How can you participate in your church? (Become a part of a small group; serve in a church service, serve on the worship team or as a greeter, serve in children's ministry, etc.)
2. Have you been water baptized?
3. Do you participate regularly in taking communion?

### **APPLICATION:**

- **Pray every day this week for at least 10 minutes** using the ACTS acronym as a guide.
  - *Adoration* – Worship God for who He is. After you worship, take time to be quiet and listen.
  - *Confession* – Confess any sins and forgive anyone who may have sinned against you.
  - *Thanksgiving* – Thank God for His protection and provision in your life and in the world.
  - *Supplication* – Pray for your needs and the needs of others.
- **Fast (do not eat) for one meal this week** and take that time to pray instead.
- **Continue to pray for the people you listed** to come to know Jesus. Pray for an opportunity to share your story about knowing Jesus with them.
- **Making Disciples:** Help others grow in faith by guiding them through *CrossWalk*, fostering spiritual maturity and community strength.

1. Building the Church: Matthew 16:18 – Jesus
2. Community and Teaching: Acts 11:19-26 – The church in Jerusalem; the church in Antioch
3. Prayer and Support: Acts 12:5 – The church
4. Wisdom and Conduct: Ephesians 3:10 – The church; to make it known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. 1 Timothy 3:14-15 – The church is the household of God, a pillar and foundation of the truth. The Church is called to have a solid foundation and stand strong, supporting, like a pillar, the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Love and Fellowship: Ephesians 5:25 – Jesus gave himself up for the church. Hebrews 10:24-25 – Stir up one another to love and good works, not neglect to meet together, and encourage one another.