

I SAID YES

YOUR NEXT STEPS
AFTER MAKING THE
BEST DECISION EVER.



WHAT IS SALVATION?

SALVATION, AT ITS MOST SIMPLE EXPLANATION, IS GOD SAVING US FROM OUR SIN. SIN IS ANY ACTION WE DO THAT IS OUTSIDE GOD'S WILL AND DESIGN FOR OUR LIVES. IT COULD BE AS BIG AS COMMITTING A CRIME, OR AS SMALL AS A MOMENT OF SELFISHNESS. AS HUMANS, WE'VE ALL SINNED, AND THE PUNISHMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH – NOT PHYSICAL DEATH, BUT A DEATH IN ONE'S SOUL, BECAUSE WE'RE SEPARATED FROM GOD, OUR SOURCE OF LIFE.

THAT'S WHY GOD SENT HIS SON JESUS TO EARTH – TO MAKE A WAY FOR HUMANITY TO BE RESTORED BACK INTO A RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. AS JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS, HE TOOK THE PUNISHMENT FOR OUR SIN. WHEN WE REPENT (TURN AWAY FROM SIN) AND ACCEPT JESUS AS OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, WE NOW GET TO LIVE A FULL AND FREE LIFE WITH HIM.

SALVATION IS A ONE-TIME EVENT. IF YOU'VE ALREADY ACCEPTED JESUS AS YOUR SAVIOUR BUT HAD A BAD WEEK OR A BAD MONTH, YOU DON'T NEED TO KEEP ASKING GOD FOR SALVATION – YOU'VE ALREADY GOT IT! ONCE YOU'VE MADE THE DECISION TO REPENT OF YOUR SIN, TURN TO JESUS, AND FOLLOW HIM, YOU CAN'T LOSE YOUR SALVATION THROUGH SIN OR MAKING A MISTAKE. WE ALL MAKE MISTAKES – THAT'S WHY WE'RE THE CHURCH FOR IMPERFECT PEOPLE – SO THERE'S NO NEED TO RAISE YOUR HAND AND SAY YES TO JESUS AGAIN, ONCE YOU'VE MADE THIS DECISION. HOWEVER, IF YOU MADE A DECISION TO FOLLOW JESUS A LONG TIME AGO BUT YOU TURNED AWAY AND DON'T HAVE AN ACTIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, YOU CAN ALSO MAKE A RECOMMITMENT. IF THAT'S YOU, WE WANT TO HONOR THE DECISION YOU MADE!

SALVATION IS AN INCREDIBLE, UNDESERVED GIFT. NOTHING BEATS BEING ABLE TO LIVE A NEW LIFE TOGETHER WITH GOD. THIS IS WHY WE CELEBRATE YOUR DECISION TODAY! YOU'VE BEEN REBORN – WELCOME TO YOUR NEW DAY 1!

YOUR NEXT STEPS

PRAYER

A relationship with God is exactly that - a relationship. It's not a one-way street. God wants to hear about what you're feeling, your thoughts, your highs and lows, and everything in between (Psalm 34:17). Depending on your background and past experiences, you may be confused on what prayer is.

Prayer is simply a conversation with God. Like any good conversation, you'll spend time talking - expressing your thoughts and asking him for help. Pray for what you need: strength, financial provision, healing for a sick family member, or whatever is on your mind.

You'll also spend time listening. God is always speaking, but we need to listen - as you listen, you'll see how he wants you to live, what he's calling you to do, and how you can get back on the right track.

The Bible tells us that we have the Holy Spirit as our helper (John 14:15-17). As you pray, the Holy Spirit will guide you and reveal things to you, and you will become more sensitive and open to his leading in your life. Even at this moment, you can ask the Holy Spirit to help and fill you.

YOUR NEXT STEPS

WORD

The Bible is the greatest and most influential book ever written - it's God's Word, and it should guide everything in our lives as followers of Jesus. It's a combination of ancient writings, the poetic and the prophetic, biographies of Jesus' life, and letters from the leaders of the early church.

Reading the Bible may feel intimidating - it's hard to know where to start. Here are some quick tips on getting started:

1

Get a physical Bible (look for NIV, NLT, or ESV translations), or download the free YouVersion Bible app from your app store.

We also recommend getting a journal or notebook to write down notes, thoughts, and your prayers.

Pro-tip: set the atmosphere - play some worship music, get a candle, or simply find a quiet place - whatever works best for you. Getting in the right atmosphere and mindset helps you focus on God.

2

Use the S.O.A.P. method to read the Bible. Write down each of these in your journal during your devotions:

SCRIPTURE

Read a passage of the Bible. This could be a whole chapter or a few verses. Take time to read and allow God to speak to you.

OBSERVATION

What is one thing that stands out from the passage you read? What do you feel God is saying to you through this passage?

APPLICATION

How can you apply what you've learned? Take the time to personalise this for yourself - it may be encouragement, correction, or even a word of guidance for the future.

PRAYER

Ask God to help you apply what you read to your life.

3

Start! The best tip for reading the Bible is simply to start doing it.

As you read more of God's Word, you'll find yourself growing hungry for more. Try to build a daily habit of reading the Bible and growing little by little, every single day.

BUT WHERE TO START IN THE BIBLE? GREAT QUESTION.



YOU CAN START ANYWHERE, BUT HERE'S WHAT WE RECOMMEND:

THE GOSPELS (MATTHEW, MARK, LUKE, JOHN)

These books are recordings of Jesus' life and teachings. As you read, you'll learn about the character of Jesus and how much he loved humanity.

PSALMS

A collection of poems, songs, and prayers. These are often short and provide wisdom, encouragement, and revelation about God and his love for us.

PROVERBS

The book of wisdom! Proverbs is a collection of writings on wisdom and keys to walking out our faith.

YOUR NEXT STEPS

CONNECT GROUP

Connect Groups are small gatherings of 5 to 15 people who meet every other week to talk, pray, discuss real issues, and grow in their relationship with God. This is the best way to find family in our church!



To get more info and get connected, go to favor.church/bne/connect

"You will truly grow and be given direction and wisdom in a Connect Group - you may be surprised at who it may come from." - Christian

"Through Connect, I've grown in my prayer life. My concern is no longer all for myself but for God's people." - Leilee

"This group made me realize that I need people in my life. You won't be alone as you go towards your destination. You'll have brothers and sisters who'll go along with you." - Cursor

YOUR NEXT STEPS

SERVE

We believe church is not just about consuming, but also contributing. Our church isn't built on the talents of a few, but the sacrifice of many. Whether you love teaching kids, holding a video camera, or welcoming people, there are lots of different ways for you to get involved. When you serve on a team at Favor, not only will you be a blessing to others, but you'll also make friends, find great leaders to help you grow, and have your skills and capacity stretched and developed.



To serve in a team, go to favor.church/bne/volunteer

"Planting a seed of God's love in the lives of the kids is really an honor and privilege. We're raising leaders for the future generations." - Danna

"One of the greatest joys of serving on the VIP team is knowing that the effort we make to connect with new people becomes one of the reasons that they choose to stay at Favor and plant themselves in our church." - Anaath

"Serving on the production team is challenging, but fulfilling at the same time. I got to explore more things about myself and learn new skills!" - AJ

THIS IS THE BEST DAY OF YOUR LIFE!

WE PRAY THAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD WOULD GROW AS YOU GET TO KNOW HIM MORE, THROUGH PRAYER AND READING HIS WORD.

WE PRAY THAT YOU FIND FAMILY HERE AT **FAVOR CHURCH!**

IF YOU HAVE MORE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DECISION YOU MADE, WE WOULD LOVE TO HELP YOU. YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH US VIA SOCIAL MEDIA OR BY EMAILING US AT **INFO.BNE@FAVOR.CHURCH.**



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