

NEXT STEPS

HOW DO I GET FROM HERE TO THERE?

I want my life to count for something. I want to live selflessly. I want to connect with people. I want to be a better mom. I want to be a better leader for my family. I want to connect with my teenager. I want other people to help me positively influence my kids.

Ever get inspired about the person you'd like to be, but wonder how to make that happen? Do you want something more for your family, but don't know how to get there? We want to help! We're here to connect you with the right people and opportunities as you take your next steps in becoming who God created you to be.

Wondering where to start? First, you'll need to define how you'd like to grow personally and spiritually. Asking the right questions is a great place to begin.

? Where do you see God at work right now in your life?

Reflect on your life for a moment. Have you been motivated by a recent experience or teaching? Are you facing a problem and you know God wants to bring something good out of it? Is there an area of your spiritual life you'd like to see mature? Do you have a desire to volunteer and make a difference in the lives of others?

● **Now, take these answers and write down a list of where you see God at work.**

REFLECT ON YOUR LIFE FOR A MOMENT.

WHAT DO YOU REALLY ENJOY DOING?

It sounds simple, but don't underestimate this question! You can learn a lot about the kind of person God made you to be by looking at the things you enjoy doing. He wired you to enjoy those things for a purpose and He wants you to use them to benefit the world around you!

How can God use the things that you enjoy to increase the quality time you spend with your spouse and your kids? How can God use the things that you enjoy doing to impact His Kingdom?

● **Now, take a few moments to write down the things you enjoy doing.**

Take a look at what you've written down so far and focus on one thing that stands out. What makes the most sense as your next step of growth?

By asking these questions every few months, you'll find that identifying one thing at a time will become a key step to personal and spiritual growth. Becoming the person God made you to be happens that way one intentional step at a time!

● **What is your next step forward?**

WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP FORWARD?

WHERE YOU CAN TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP

A word of advice: Don't do everything at once. You have a lifetime to grow, so take one intentional step at a time! These are options, environments, & opportunities available to you as you take the next step forward on your journey.

Connect with friends, mentors, and like-minded people Faith First.

- Connect with people learning and growing in the same areas as you
- Make a new friend (or several friends!) who also attend Faith First
- Find a mentor or someone to coach your personal & spiritual growth

Partner with Faith First to find mentors and leaders for your kids by:

- Enrolling your elementary aged kids in Faith First Kids
- Taking my 6th – 12th grader to Transit on Wednesday nights

Make a difference by volunteering. By volunteering you can:

- Invest in the next generation through Faith First Kids or Transit (for teenagers)
- Invest in others by serving as a greeter, worshipping with the choir, playing with the band, maintaining the church

Invest in others by putting your leadership into action. Some ways you can do this are to:

- Get others involved in the missions' cause you're passionate about
- Tap into coaching and development opportunities that will enable you to become the leader God made you to be

Develop a vision for your life and a personal growth plan through a An "Experience," where you'll

- Schedule a meeting with Pastor Lawrence
- Learn how your life's experiences, core values, and spiritual gifts can clarify your purpose
- Develop a vision for your relationship with God, with others, and for your health, finances, and work life

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STEP AT A TIME!**

HOW TO TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP. •

You've answered some tough questions, identified your next step and have several options of how to proceed. Now it's time to take action. Here are some things that will help you make your first move.

- Have an honest conversation with God in prayer. Allow Him to direct you in your next step.
- Talk it over with a mentor, pastor, family member, friend or mature believer that knows you well. Allow them to speak into your life and guide you as you take your next step.
- Identify one of the Faith First ministry opportunities previously mentioned and begin serving in one of those areas. Don't feel you have to limit yourself to just one area of ministry to begin with; you might want to try a few different areas until you find your fit.

IT'S TIME TO TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP

MY NEXT STEP NOTES