

# APPREHENSIONS TO SALVATION:

BRINGING CLARITY TO ANY UNCERTAINTY



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# **DEDICATION:**

Dedicated to the person on the fence about Jesus, who has tons of questions about why salvation and how Jesus enhances their everyday lives.

"From deficiency to destiny. It's your turn!"

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"What if you are being positioned for a life far more imaginable and impactful than you could ever think of?"

# INTRODUCTION

### MEETING YOU WHERE YOU ARE

### You may find yourself in one of three scenarios:

- Raised in a household that did not go to church or incorporate faith.
- Raised in a household where your parents went to church but you were never forced to.
- · Raised in a household that went to church and you were forced to go.

In either scenario, it has had ramifications of how you choose to live your life now. Yet, here you are, finding yourself wondering about the truth of God. You're either considering wanting to know Him for yourself, not just the figment of Him you may have been raised on. You may be needing to heal from all the forcing that you had to endure, or you're wondering if God is the answer to you living with hope, guidance, and assurance.

The remnants of your upbringing may have you second guessing some things about faith. You kind of sort of want to know how Jesus accurately applies to you and your life. You may even long to have your perspective to change from the negativity affiliated with His name, to be lifted from the hopelessness buried in your heart, or grounding in the comparison of why Jesus and not other gods. Some of you reading this are now hearing a call for more: One that causes you to think, possibly even verbalize that there has to be more to life than this – your current state of experiences and way of being.

You are contemplating more to life; you secretly want to find assurance, peace, hope for tomorrow, clarity on how Jesus improves your life and want an understanding on what "freedom" means, looks like, sounds like, feels like in your day to day. You may even wonder if Jesus will accept you with all of your baggage, problems, history, reputation, and "bad things" you've done. This is where the interest comes in and also

where it infiltrates you with apprehension.

You understand salvation should also ignite within you change – which could be something you may not feel ready for or worthy of. Yet, this change is not you becoming perfect, I want to make that clear, because no one should live under such pressure, but there should be growth, transformation, and an expansion within yourself in how you start to see yourself, honor yourself, interact with others, as well as how you approach and navigate through life.

Maybe this scares you. That is okay! Still, I challenge you to not let this fear govern your life, stifle your lifestyle, and dismantle your growth as a person from being experienced. I know, it seems like you are living your best life, but what if there was better? More? Fresh air for you to breathe?

I want for you to examine where in your life is a missing system, a lack of order, an imbalance of emotions, an unsettling feeling, a torn belief, a sense of despair, and even an element of belief that you know everything – needing no help.

### AWARENESS LEADS TO ANSWERS.

In the midst of your apprehensions, I also want for you to take a moment and consider the following questions:

- Along with your feel-good moments, where in your life, man or womanhood are you unstable, unsteady, and settling?
- Although you may have it 'going on' to others externally, where is hesitation causing you to not fully commit to the betterment of yourself, internally?
- In lieu of you being 'Mr. Well Known' or 'Miss Independent', to whom or what do you pledge your allegiance? (Examples: your own desires, culture, societal norms, acceptance, validation, a man, a woman, your career, status, achievements, fame, street credit, or what appears to be success)
- To an outsider looking in you are "goals", perhaps very successful, but think beyond the surface. In
  what areas of your life have you or are you experiencing a vicious cycle of being stuck, stagnant, and
  what feels like you're on a hamster wheel?

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CAN LEAD TO ALIGNMENT.

And so, as I meet you right where you are, if we pull the covers back and take a closer look, you are conflicted from within, your loyalties are divided, you're tempted by convenience, and torn between salvation and cultural pressures...or your reputation.

Perhaps fresh air, more, and better could be on the other side. You just came across what has the possibility to recondition you, hold your hand, and establish clarity and stability.

I see you; your apprehensions shall be addressed. It is time for a clear, exclusive, explanation so that at the end of you reading this, a choice of honoring yourself will be made.

"Imagine

ultimate satisfaction and

fulfillment that is not temporary."

"What once served you well can hinder you now."

"When comfort calls, journeying to destiny can get challenging, yet it's worth it."

"The call for more brings you out of your element and away from the comforts and familiarity of your current life as well as within yourself."

# **APPREHENSION 1**

### SO WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

Allow yourself to dwell here for a minute or two. Consider it as reading a mini chapter titled, "It is a Big

Deal" that addresses the apprehensions you may have regarding salvation.

Jesus is sliding in the chambers of your heart to touch the parts of you that may wonder one or more of the following: "So, what is the big deal about life in and with Christ, I'm good. I know there is a higher power," or "I go to church, isn't that enough?" "Jesus knows my heart." Or "Everyone sins and falls short, no one is perfect."

Lean in closely. Those are subtle statements and thoughts that minimizes personal development and spiritual maturity which is growth that is a big deal. They are subtle excuses for picking and choosing the parts of you that you will surrender and the parts of you that you want to hold on to; you know, to keep doing your own thing ... .to love or know of Jesus but (you fill in the blank).

Let's no longer be satisfied with your inner mending, spiritual maturity, and lifestyle with the element of mastery to fall to the wayside.

There will be worldly residue and temptation, however, the deeds of darkness that you still enjoy or serve as residue within your heart cannot be where you hide. They shall be touched, breathed upon, transformed, worked out, and kissed so that you can awaken to its detriment and behold the beauty and the big deal of life beyond that.

### WHICH IS ALSO KNOWN AS:

- Experiencing emotional advancement.
- Encountering strength that helps you carry on and not give up or throw in the towel.
- Embracing all that new life and infinite possibilities entail.

- The opportunity to be both rested and productive.
- Clarity for your place and purpose in the world.

### **BIG DEALS!**

The wealth deposits that you obtain is to be honored, not squandered. Birthrights created for you to experience, embrace, and encounter are to be received and treasured, not forsaken or neglected. And meeting yourself as a man or woman who is mending and maturing is to be anticipated, not shunned.

Yet it's easy to squander when we don't think of it as a big deal. It's easy to forsake your biblical birthrights when you are weary and wounded just needing an escape or desiring a temporary high for a feel-good moment in a worldly system instead of a woven one.

But I'm sent to remind you that your divine design journey of growth and maturation, here in His presence, is one worth contending for. Picking and choosing what's a big deal or not according to your terms and conditions is robbing you of the fullness and the overflow found in Jesus.

### This is your gentle push to...

Give yourself permission to receive, embrace, and learn how His big deals impact you within your CORE.

That is what the love of Jesus does - lifts, trains, and teaches. And He is using this digital resource to cultivate within you a:

- Christ.
- Ordained.
- · Righteous (Right-standing).
- Evolution.

Forms of godliness is a death to the big deal. And being developed, discipled, and delivered is the resuscitation you need to:

"Condition the Opposing Rebellious Elements within"™

Help Overturn Principalities (internal and external opposition) for Eternity™

These are things that war against you each and every day! It's time to no longer deny the power of Christ to help you. I invite you to choose to honor yourself by upholding the Big Deal.

"You deeply desire clarity, guidance, and courage to do hard things."

"It's no longer this is who I am, it is this is who I can learn to be."

## **APPREHENSION 2**

### BUT WHAT HAPPENS TO ME?

Jesus is meeting the apprehension at the root. I get it, you like you...finally. You feel like you've fought so hard to get to this level of yourself regardless if your lifestyle is God-honoring. And you may often find yourself looking in the mirror and then at Jesus, asking, "Like what do you mean, He must increase and I must decrease?" (See John 3) What's gonna happen to me? You wonder.

You may have heard that in Christ, you must die – this is the decrease. What it is actually communicating is your current way of life is not congruent to the better version of life that awaits you. What broke your heart or crushed your spirit – which now causes you to live with inner issues that reveal itself in your actions, attitude, choices, and ways – is not your end.

When you allow yourself to outgrow those things and set them aside (decrease) – to choose you no longer want to be that man or that woman – transformation begins to happen to you. Reconditioning occurs within you. You begin to see and no longer ignore the childish ways and unhealthy habits you have that you've brushed off as "normal". You begin to realize and admit that those things no longer serve you with respect, honor, or dignity. You agree that it doesn't position you in 'more to life than this' call you keep hearing. He must increase in your heart before any of this can be properly dealt with and you experience the result of answering the call.

So, the laying aside of these things is the transference of power that you gain and give - yours for a greater strength: your weariness for His ease, your worry for the ability to have peace, your 24/7 grind for His rest while finding yourself also still productive, your looks for a top tier makeover, your pain for purpose where He works it for your good.

Those things have to fade away, but you can't do it on your own. Salvation is you crying out to the Lord who can deliver you from all of your troubles and is you agreeing that He can save you when all of your effort at its best, cannot.

Yet, the dilemma remains. Society, maybe some of your friends, or the whispers in your own head may lead you to wrestle with decreasing (crying out) under the assumption that it will only cause you to lose. Lesson your manhood, be stripped of your self-proclaimed independence and hustler mentality. You may even think that "Him increasing" will make you **"too holy"** (whatever your idea or depiction of that is) and take all the fun away. More on that in the Apprehension's Understanding section.

When it comes to life in and with Christ, truly in the shedding (decreasing), you gain. It's not me talking, it's Jesus in Matthew 10:39, which reads,

### "Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it."

In development and destiny, you must choose to step into a higher place of inner being. Instead of winging it and figuring things out, you obtain a roadmap of instructions and a pathway to follow. Consider Jesus as the key and the plug that allows this to unlock.

You gain this roadmap and pathway as your personal memo of destiny and purpose – no longer living without guidance or direction. No longer to live in the fluff, superficial, and shallow but to live with substance, depth, and ten times the value.

I'm sure that you are 'on' in the world as you do you, but Jesus has greater in store.

Though life may be good, in salvation and the transformation it brings, your life gets sweeter, purposeful, fulfilling and impactful in more ways than one. You get lifted.

You may not believe this due to lots of misrepresentation of men or women who say they are saved, yet you see no change within them. They do what you do, sound like you sound, carry on like you carry on, and I apologize for that. This may cause you to wonder what difference will salvation make for you. I get it, why get saved and everything stays the same? But the change comes when you allow the power of salvation to increase within you at the **CORE**. The more Jesus is increased in your heart, mind, soul, and strength-you become saved AND changed. Your life will be more fruitful with legacy lasting fruit impacting your kids and

their kids. I just want to let you know you have a responsibility to partner with God. No more 'me, myself, and I' thinking with life on your own terms. Elevation happens in partnership with God.

### LET'S PRACTICE, IN REAL LIFE:

Below is what salvation in partnership with God sounds like, feels like, and looks like.

### • Partnership SOUNDS like Prayer:

Father, I like what I know to like and I want what I only know to want. But, I also invite You in for

provision for hope and peace
where there had been neither. "
- Priscilla Shirer

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"Sometimes our deepest desire does not truly reflect our deepest need."

- Priscilla Shirer

lead me closer to Your heart. I don't know what You're up to, but I'm willing to trust You.

Help me become wiser and better. Lead me, Lord, into a fulfilling and purposeful life and manhood/

Your will to be done. You can give me new things to like and desire. Father God,

womanhood in and with You. Show me the way, O God; I choose to let You lead me. Order my steps for I want to keep in step with You...I'm going to believe that Your steps are my safest place.

### Partnership FEELS like self-control:

What you initially want to say and do, you swallow your pride, although you may dread it, you consider 'more to life than this' therefore rewriting that text message, hold your tongue from saying what you may mean but can't take back, consider another way to express yourself apart from anger, bitterness, or envy. Self-control is the mending within your heart, emotions, and mindset instead of excusing your immaturity and hurt away. It feels like you are getting filtered in order to flourish. That of being reconditioned.

### Partnership LOOKS like daily surrender:

The present decision of you choosing to learn of Him rather than rely on you. It's you being teachable, becoming an ongoing student of the Lord and what pleases Him, and realizing how much you need His presence and help second by second, moment, by moment, day by day.

It's not that nothing will remain of you; it's that the wiser, healing, mending, mature, and beautifully woven aspects of you begin to reveal itself even the more.

#WorthIt

Hope lives when you choose to give God reign. You permit yourself to meet an upgraded and elevated version of yourself and how you navigate life, that otherwise, you may not believe could exist.

# **APPREHENSION 3**

### WHY IS SALVATION NECESSARY... FOR ME?

You may be wondering: But why is this necessary for me? As you continue to think, "I like the best of both worlds." Or, "I don't know if I can be any different than I already am."

Believe it or not, the Father hears your concern and understands the battle. Yet, He loves you enough to not leave you in confusion, battling the temptation of straddling the fence, or not experiencing the 'more to life than this' for yourself. Allow your heart to be receptive to His response for the duration of this chapter. He wants to talk straight to YOU and YOUR heart!!

My Child, I get it, the world and what it offers is appealing and familiar. But I have to lace you in My love. I want you to know that it is the world that is weighing on you; its ways, customs, approach, and expectations – it's too heavy. And to add to that, the resistance you have of developing, mending and maturing, in salvation – where you live as wholly Mine is also becoming heavy.

The pile up is getting real and you are becoming comfortable dibbing and dabbing. I hear your heart, so allow Me to meet you there.

To a certain degree, it's easy to cry out to Me to be saved, especially when you've done all you know to do and have exhausted all of your resources. Yet you may find it harder to surrender the reasoning and reality of what or who actually is causing that cry in the first place. It's hard to rest or rely on My capable hands when you think yours suffice. Better yet, when you believe that the way the world handles and helps is an easier way.

If just for a second, consider if it could be that you battle with weariness because you haven't fully bought into the covenant agreement of salvation that indicates and deems for Me to be both your Lord which says,

### "Father, You know best, lead me."

As well as your Savior, that says, "Father, step in and help me"? The tarry of your heart is that the real-life depiction in the covenant of salvation deems that you learn to love Me back and learn how to live as a new creation is unsettling to you. However, I delight in you discovering the beauty and benefits here when you fully align.

The both of us can't be your Lord and your leader when only I know what truly sustains and satisfies you when the high(s) of the world that you enjoy so much, come(s) down.

I want you to repeat after Me: It is Jesus' love that satisfies and His love that secures me in a long-lasting way that the world just can't do.

That sounded beautiful! Remaining in My love, engaging in it, and surrendering to it unlocks and unleashes chains of oppression, weights, and heaviness of all kinds.

My child, you can also experience your chains and strongholds breaking. It doesn't just have to be for others. You can encounter your weariness and worldliness lifting. Yes, you can, as you remain in My love and yield to My Lordship over your life. I'll lead you to help you to no longer straddle the fence and to see that the best world is with Me.

As your Savior, I want to save and uplift you! But I have to tell you that you'll stay trapped when you choose to straddle thinking you're getting the best of both worlds.

I don't know if it's coming together for you just yet, but I really want you to choose life! It's not healthy, wise, or good for you to straddle. Too much is at stake. Though you will feel the sting from letting go and learning new things, you also enter in My currency and receive My gifts.

- A design that causes you to thrive in Me AND with Me.
- Leveling up as a man or woman who endures both the ridding of the old in order to exchange for the
  greater.
- A system containing both inner wealth AND good sustainable success.
- The benefits of having both life AND godliness dignity and honor.

I love you that much! Will you meet yourself here in this space?

With compassion,

Your Heavenly Father

I just want to remind you that your best efforts of hiding are not effective in keeping Jesus from finding you. He wants to welcome you and draw you back to Himself.

"Instead of a lack of self-control, you gain the skill set for self-discipline. Come, be developed, taught, and delivered so that you mend, mature, and master your inner world for successful life navigation."

"You will need to resist the urge to return back to what's familiar."

"You can be guided to a clean, intentional distance from the life you're accustomed to living before entering into salvation." – Inspired by Priscilla Shirer

# **APPREHENSION'S UNDERSTANDING 4**

### YOU DESERVE TO BE DIFFERENT

Let's clear the air. You may have gotten picked on or you picked on someone for being different, felt judged for being different, felt isolated for being different and now that you're old enough to do something about it, being different is far from what you want to be.

You want to fit-in to some degree, you want to prove to others that you belong. As a result, all that you've built your life around...that you pride yourself on is really you seeking validation. It's all for something.

- To be liked
- To be picked.
- · To be seen or heard
- To be accepted
- To prove others wrong
- To prove to yourself that you are somebody

Or maybe, you were the bully who picked on others for being different from you. Therefore, in your adulthood, you despise those who are not just like you.

This talk around being different just isn't settling with you. Nevertheless, my hope is that it gets infused with understanding. First off, a gift of salvation is that you are chosen and hand-picked as already somebody.

In salvation you deserve to be distinguished from regular-degular. It doesn't make you better than; it equips you with an abundant approach to life. You have the permission to be light. You have acceptance in salvation that you don't have to work, prove, or compete for. When salvation is valued, it removes the need to do everything for validation or acceptance.

You can grow and transform without broadcasting it, you just show up as distinguished and set apart....no longer the same. Give yourself the permission to discover yourself as such.

This is where identity security settles you. In salvation you are given a seat at the most elite table of every board room. In this seat you are **ALREADY** chosen to be there. You are already created to be the light, voice, and are a game-changer in the room. No need to compete, strive, or compare. You are confident and called. You are there because you are necessary. You have this seat because you have been sent into the world to impact it with difference not sameness.

But you're gonna have to recover from your negative connotation around "different".

Allow yourself space and privilege to live in recovery and reconditioning.

Every facet of famine and weary that you know must come into a different kind of system: that of owning recovery deep within your being. You are chosen to dwell here.

### Face it. Accept it. Embrace it. Welcome it. Relish in it. Rest in it.

Recovery is your necessary clarion call so that the lens in which you view things can be reframed. After all, the lack thereof is often the cause of why you keep repeating cycles you really want to come to an end...the lack of choosing to live in your recovered state.

Recovering from the bruises is how you live free/different than the ongoing silence of shame and/or scars as a result.

But the world's way of recovery is not thorough, it's shallow, like a puddle. You splash in sexing it away, drinking it away, numbing it away, clubbing it away, excusing it away. You think you're doing something, yet you're denying yourself of substance.

**Substance:** The value of depth obtained when you live beyond the surface or shallow places of dealing with things. Jesus gives you this opportunity in salvation and you choose to grow in it.

I am asking you, where does your heart need to deeply and thoroughly exhale? Where has your perspective on femininity or masculinity been buried and bruised? Where has your identity been falsely accused? Recovery

there is a vital element so that it and you can beat strongly again, without the illusion of the 'puddle'.

God's power stream of love and attention to your condition has given you a pathway out - it's HIM choosing you to be different now; recovery is your process for growth.

And you want to know something? It leads you to set apartness and adds to your quality of life: standards to conquer the stress, a proper way to handle the hard.

It's not just for those in the pulpit and whom you hold to high Christian regards – it's for you too.

That's what the beauty of living differently is in a practical way – to live chosen by God despite HIM knowing all that comes with you. Not to excuse your frailties or your flesh, but to surrender it to your beautifully woven– developed and delivered state – recovering in and with the Father so you won't come undone or feel the need to revert due to life's challenges. Destiny is calling!

"Sameness and similar surroundings can be tempting but don't shortchange yourself."

"Your provision may not be your preference."

"The comforting life of what you consider familiar can be damaging and detrimental to the ambitions you're craving for your future."

### You, my friend, get first dibs in daily life as part of the winning and recovered team.

- Validation already given. You can learn how to RECOVER.
- · Rejected no more. You can embrace RECOVERY.
- Nothing to prove. You can choose to RECOVER.
- Release the chip on your shoulder. You can learn to RECOVER.
- Embrace a path that is illuminated for you to follow and lead others down...that of RECOVERY.

Belief in a manhood or womanhood where all its intricacies get sanctified (made well and recovered)
 through and through.

**Arise!** Choosing to obey the instructions Jesus weaves into your being, upholding them as lifestyle standards, boundary lines, and parameters that keep you in your recovered/recovering state, is where...and how it is truly well with your soul.

### **#DestinyGoals**

I'm reminding of some song lyrics by an artist, Andra Day from her song, Rise Up

"When you're broken down and tired of living life on a merry go round and you can't find the fighter, but I see it in you so we gonna walk it out and move mountains, we gonna walk it out and move mountains.

And I'll rise up, I'll rise like the day. I'll rise up, I'll rise unafraid. I'll rise up and I'll do it a thousand times again.

I'll rise up high like the waves. I'll rise up in spite of the ache, I'll rise up and I'll do it a thousand times again. For you, for you, for you, for you...."

Choose to love yourself enough to love God back!

# **APPREHENSION'S HOPE 5**

### LOVE ON YOU BECAUSE GOD SURE DOES

Can you think back to a time in your life where your self-love or self-image had a shortage? Maybe it was based on other people, a relationship, or opportunity. Perhaps it caused you to neglect yourself or force yourself to perform how other people expected you to or thought that you should. Or, it led you to put yourself on the backburner as you showed up for everyone else.

Raise your hand if you've been there! Now, be thankful for that awareness because there is a manner and means in which, especially in salvation, you should love and see yourself. And it is not you being lost in the shadows of others identity or last on the list.

This level of growth and means of discovery is to learn how to love yourself just as your Heavenly Father does:

- Unconditionally.
- · Deeply.
- · Graciously.
- · Forgivingly.
- Compassionately.
- · Respectfully.
- Gently.
- With integrity.
- Displaying a response and yield to being corrected and complimented.

Heart, mind, soul, and spirit is you in full form and every element is to encounter God's love, is to be

groomed, properly schooled, valued, treasured, touched, treated well, and honored.

"You shall
discover who you are and
who you can become."

"You can rest and be at ease here."

# "Beyond your ability to reason, there are solutions and remedies that await you that you don't even know that exist."

The best way to ensure that you're loving you deeply and fully is to commit to love God deeply and fully. Every element of you is designed to learn how to love God with all of your heart, soul, mind, and strength. After all, He is the home and heart in which you live, move, and have your being (See Acts 17:28). And from that place of love in His presence, you are able to learn how to love others **AS YOU LOVE YOURSELF.** 

Therefore, shattered, watered-down, self-centered, or one-sided love is not the end.

It is the beginning in which you can say goodbye to neglect, ridicule, and self-sabotage of living, loyalty, loving, or longing for ineffective unfruitful relationships...with yourself, others, and even the Father.

It is the beginning of saying hello to allow your heart to cultivate a greater love that welcomes our Savior. The beginning of creating and building for yourself a framework to remember you too. A framework of loving and seeing yourself in a way that positions you in living out loud the depth of love that the Lord has for you.

Prepare to walk in it and declare: Because of salvation, Christ's love lifted me and helped me to remember me too!

# **CONCLUSION**

### A CHOICE IS TO BE MADE

### The goal of God is not to punish you or penalize you.

What God wants is for everyone to respond and return to Him.

What God wants is to elevate you and make you better – you with a softened heart, redirected ambitions, emotional stability, a mindset that helps you break generational patterns.

Lifestyle decisions must be made. Your view of success, self, others, God, and how you navigate life's challenges can be improved.

Your developed and delivered existence can either be held up or released by who and what you pledge your allegiance to.

Following worthless idols and ways, the street code, or your own selfish ambition, you wake up to the same song each and every day for the rest of your life.

I challenge you to pick a side: development, deliverance, and discipleship to be delivered so you are awakened to destiny - which leads to life more abundantly (answering the 'there has to be more to life than this' feeling and thought you have... Or to remain weary, worldly, and according to the Bible, in a lifestyle not in agreement with Christ, which is wicked and leads to spiritual death and eternity in hell.

Sometimes being blunt and shooting it straight is what we need.

"Your inner life can be nourished, pulsing with a peace that blossoms from the Father's promises." – Priscilla Shirer

"I believe that you feel the call that there is more to life than what you're currently experiencing."

May this chart will help you to see the difference:

Jesus & Salvation	You, Yourself, & You
Your Way Out	Performance driven
Your Antidote.	Rituals. Rebuttals,
Your Solution	Perception & Personas
Your Secret Keeper	What feels good but leaves you with regret
Your Helper	What is permissible but not promising
The Lifter of Your Head	Womanhood Wounded & Weary
Your Best Self	Manhood Influenced by Culture
The Beneficial things	Shallow
Long-term Fulfillment	Superficial
Womanhood Maximized	Stressed out
Masculinity Redefined	Uneasiness
Security & Sustainability	Temporary Highs
Support & Lasting Peace	Emotional Distress

There is a call for more and you feel it!

You can determine where your treasure is and value your choice of life or death. Jesus and the way of salvation is the way of life. (See John 14:6)

You are not left alone to figure this out, Destiny Center House of Worship, is your development (way through), deliverance (way out), and discipleship (way of understanding and lifestyle) center walking alongside you in your 'yes' to this personal invitation of salvation from God, Himself.

If not today, we are here when you're ready. The Father always welcomes you home.

# **WE BELIEVE IN YOU!**

It's normal to have questions and hesitation to life-altering decisions. But I pray that you now see and are willing to participate in the beauty and reward of life in and with Christ. Your decision is one of importance to the rest of your days on earth and eternal life. Truth is, no one knows the day or the hour that we will take our last breath. Not to frighten you, but to appeal to your heart, let's not put off what can be done now.

If you think you need more time to consider, Jesus is always there when you accept Him in. Just know, now is better than later; you may never feel 'ready' when you answer the call for more to life than what you have currently experienced.

If you have decided you desire salvation with Jesus Christ as your Lord & Savior, all of heaven celebrates you! It won't be a quick fix, this a journey of intentional commitment, in full agreement with God, for your present and your future. **Destiny** awaits!

### Make this declaration, believe it in your heart, and say it aloud:

I believe that Jesus is the Son of Man, who came to walk the Earth to identify with me, yet remained sinless. I believe Jesus was crucified for my own sake, granting me the forgiveness of my sins. I believe that Jesus was raised from the dead for me to live a redeemed life with His power, His help, and with the comfort of His Spirit to lead me in all truth, to lift me up from all that entangles me, and to love me for all the days of my life. On this day, of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, (insert the date you say this declaration and confession), I am a born again child of God. Today, I receive salvation, accepting Jesus to be both my Lord and my Savior.

**Say This Prayer:** Father God, thank You for seeing me and loving me more than I love myself. I commit my life unto Thee. Save me from myself, deliver me from the evil one, cleanse me from past or present residue, develop me in Your Truth, teach me Your Ways, and lead me in new life according to Your will. Thank You, in advance, for holding my hand every step of the way. In Jesus name, I pray. Amen.

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