

I AM...THE DOOR

I AM: PART THREE

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*“So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”
(John 10:7–10, ESV)*

HOW TO MAKE CHOICES THAT LEAD TO LASTING CHANGE.

1. REALIZE THAT I MUST CHOOSE OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

*“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.”
(John 16:33 NLT)*

2. REALIZE THAT GOD KNOWS ME BETTER THAN I KNOW MYSELF.

““What is the price of five sparrows—two copper coins? Yet God does not forget a single one of them. And the very hairs on your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.” (Luke 12:6–7, NLT)

*“You made all the delicate, inner parts of my body and knit me together in my mother’s womb. Thank you for making me so wonderfully complex! Your workmanship is marvelous—how well I know it. You watched me as I was being formed in utter seclusion, as I was woven together in the dark of the womb. You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed. How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can’t even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!”
(Psalm 139:13–18, NLT)*

ACTION STEP: CLASS 201

3. RECOUNT WHAT I NEED TO WORK ON.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (Matthew 5:5–6, ESV)

“People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13, NLT)

“Prove by the way you live that you have repented of your sins and turned to God.”

(Matthew 3:8, NLT)

ACTION STEP: CELEBRATE RECOVERY/SOLUTIONS

4. RECOGNIZE THE VALUE OF RELATIONSHIPS.

“God blesses those who are merciful, for they will be shown mercy. . . . God blesses those who work for peace, for they will be called the children of God.” (Matthew 5:7–9, NLT)

“A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.” (Ecclesiastes 4:12, NLT)

“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24–25, NLT)

ACTION STEP: JOIN OR HOST A SMALL GROUP

LAST THOUGHT

AM I WILLING TO MAKE THE CHOICE THAT WILL CHANGE ME?