

Summer Series
Your Next Step
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Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT) God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT) Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Barriers to Taking Next Steps:

- ✓ Past
- ✓ Perspective
- ✓ Doubt

BABY STEPS

1 Peter 2:2-3 Like **newborn babies**, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may **grow up** in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore let us **move** beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and **be taken forward** to maturity...

5 Next Steps:

1. Be water baptized.

Acts 2:41 Those who accepted his message were baptized.

Acts 8:12 But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

Acts 8:13 Simon himself believed and was baptized.

Action: Be baptized.

2. Feed on God's Word.

Matthew 4:4 Jesus answered, "It is written: **Man shall not live** on bread alone, but **on every word** that comes from the mouth of God."

Acts 20:32 And now I entrust you to God and the message of his grace that is able to build you up and give you an **inheritance** with all those he has set apart for himself.

Action: Spend time with God every day.

3. Help each other grow.

Romans 1:12 "...that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith."

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Action: Connect in a Life Group.

4. Develop spiritual habits.

John 13:17 Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Action: Go to the Growth Track.

5. Expect to grow.

Matthew 9:29 Then he touched their eyes and said, "According to your faith let it be done to you."

Action: Get on a team.

Walk Away: What is the Holy Spirit saying to me about my next step?