Journeying with Jesus

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Walking with Jesus on this side of eternity is a journey made one **STEP** at a time

	The next step	is the	FASTEST	way there
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Acts 9: Jonah 1-4

Often, the previous step was <u>PREPARATION</u> for the next step

1 Samuel 17:37

Some Next Steps come in the middle of <u>PAIN</u> & <u>PROBLEMS</u>

Ruth 1-4

Next Steps often require <u>HUMILITY</u>

2 Kings 5:1, 10-11

• **OBEDIENCE** is the most important step

Matthew 7:21; John 14:21a; Proverbs 3:5-6; 16:9

Not all steps are created equal

3 Types of steps

- ♦ FIRST steps
- ♦ NEXT steps
- ♦ BIG steps

My **BEST** next step is always **PRAYER**, especially when I don't know what to do

Philippians 4:6; James 1:5; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Colossians 4:2

My NEXT STEP of Obedience is to _____









Personal Next Steps	Next Steps with Hope Church		
Memorize James 1:5	Come back again.		
Today for the first time, I'll choose to follow Jesus!	Start regularly attending Hope Churh.		
Re-Commit to following Jesus.	Join a group this fall.		
Continue exploring what it means to follow Jesus.	Attend the next Baptism Class.		
Get Baptized.	Join a team this fall.		
Pray about a decision I need to make.	Participate in the next START HERE experience.		
Clear up a broken/strained relationship.	Explore membership at Hope Church.		
Pray for a friend who doesn't know Jesus.	Get on/move up the Generosity Ladder.		
Get coffee with a friend and share my story.	Automate my giving.		
Get traction with my finances.	Invite a friend to join me next week.		
Stop a bad habit/sin pattern in my life.	Pray regularly for the staff and leaders of Hope.		
Other:	Other:		

Memory Verse

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

James 1:5 ESV

Additional Notes:							