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Jesus & The Bride

Faithful Until He Comes

Follow Jesus in everyday life.

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This field guide is written for discipleship, formation, and encouragement. It is intended to help readers belong more deeply to Christ, receive His grace, live faithfully as part of His Church, wait with hope, respond to His correction, and carry His invitation into everyday life.

Scripture references are provided for study, reflection, and application. Unless otherwise noted, references follow the English Standard Version (ESV). Readers are encouraged to study the Word of God prayerfully and in community, seeking wise pastoral, medical, counseling, legal, financial, or professional care where needed.

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Following Jesus never requires remaining in abuse, ignoring danger, refusing appropriate care, protecting harmful leadership, staying silent when someone is being harmed, or confusing forgiveness with immediate restoration of trust. Seek safe and appropriate pastoral, professional, legal, medical, or emergency support where needed.

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FORMATION FOUNDATION

How This Field Guide Works

Jesus & The Bride is the book. This Field Guide helps you work its message into daily life.

The book traces the biblical story of the Bride from belonging and covenant through readiness, Christ's return, the letters to the churches, the marriage supper, and the final invitation. The Field Guide gives you a place to read Scripture, reflect honestly, use a practical tool, pray, talk with a trusted person, and choose one faithful response.

Use It This Way	What To Do
Read and Apply	Read the matching book chapter first. Then use the Guided Practice to reflect, respond, and take one faithful step.
Use It on Its Own	Each Guided Practice includes Scripture, guided choices, an Action Blueprint, a practical tool, and a clear response.
Walk Through It with Others	Use the trusted conversation page with a friend, mentor, pastor, family member, small group, or church community. Listen, pray, and follow up.

The MSSNL Rhythm

Word	Wonder	Walk
Receive the truth of Scripture. Ask what it reveals about Jesus, His people, and a life under Christ.	Slow down and reflect honestly. Notice where truth meets identity, fear, desire, church, suffering, and hope.	Turn reflection into faithful response. Use the Action Blueprint, practical tool, next step, and trusted-person follow-through.

Move Through the Guide This Way

- ☐ Read Scripture slowly.
- ☐ Write only what helps you name the present season.
- ☐ Talk with a trusted person where support would help.
- ☐ Check what is true.
- ☐ Pray honestly.
- ☐ Take one faithful step.

You do not need perfect answers. You need an honest beginning.

FORMATION PATHWAY

The Jesus & The Bride Pathway

Movement	Guided Practices	What It Forms
Belong to Christ	01 - 04	A biblical identity for the Church rooted in Christ's love, grace, covenant, and shared belonging.
Be Made Ready	05	Spirit-dependent holiness and formation without perfectionism, fear, or works-based readiness.
Wait Faithfully	06 - 08	Hope in Christ's return, watchfulness through delay, resurrection, gathering, and endurance.
Hear His Voice	09 - 12	Love, courage, truth, repentance, discernment, healthy correction, and dependence in the life of the Church.
Celebrate and Invite	13 + Thirty-Day Plan	Joy in the marriage supper, new creation, God's presence, mission, and the Spirit and Bride saying, "Come."

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GROUP USE

A Covenant for Faithful Community

Create a place where people can be known, prayed for, protected, and invited toward faithful obedience under Christ.

Commitment	What It Looks Like
Presence	Phones away. Attention given. We remain engaged.
Confidentiality	Stories stay here. Only your own story leaves the room, except where safety or reporting responsibilities require action.
No Fixing	We listen to understand. We ask questions. We pray. We do not rush to diagnose, control, or explain.
No Comparison	We do not minimize another person's story or compete with it.
Courage and Grace	We tell the truth with humility and receive one another with care.
Safety and Wisdom	We do not use spiritual language to keep someone in danger, protect harmful leadership, or prevent appropriate care.
Faithful Follow-Through	We ask about the next step and encourage one another toward Jesus.

Questions That Help

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What would a faithful response look like?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Baseline Assessment

Choose where to begin.

Think about the last thirty days. Give each Guided Practice one overall score from 1 to 4 based on what is present in your life today. This is an honest starting picture, not a verdict.

HOW TO SCORE

1 = Needs Attention Now. This area feels hidden, inconsistent, avoided, or under pressure. 2 = Needs Support. You can see the issue, but need clearer practice, conversation, or help. 3 = Growing. This area is becoming healthier and more consistent. 4 = Strong and Steady. This area is clear, supported, and visible in daily life.

Guided Practice	Score 1-4	What Stands Out Most
01 A Bride for Christ	1 2 3 4	
02 The Bride Belongs to Jesus	1 2 3 4	
03 He Gave Himself for Her	1 2 3 4	
04 Covenant in His Blood	1 2 3 4	
05 The Bride Makes Herself Ready	1 2 3 4	
06 The Bridegroom Will Return	1 2 3 4	
07 Keep Your Lamp Burning	1 2 3 4	
08 We Will Always Be With Him	1 2 3 4	
09 Return to First Love	1 2 3 4	
10 Faithful When It Costs	1 2 3 4	
11 Refuse Compromise	1 2 3 4	
12 Wake Up and Open the Door	1 2 3 4	
13 The Marriage Supper of the Lamb	1 2 3 4	

Overall baseline score: _____ / 52

13-25	26-38	39-52
Needs focused care. Choose one area and bring a trusted person into the next step.	Building a healthier rhythm. Strengthen one practice and protect steady follow-through.	Strong and steady foundation. Guard what is working and remain open to honest feedback.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Choose Your First Focus

- [ ] I will begin with my lowest score.
- [ ] I will begin with the area creating the most pressure.
- [ ] I will begin with the place I have been avoiding.
- [ ] I will begin with the place Jesus keeps bringing to mind.

The Guided Practice I will begin with:

One faithful response I will take this week:

OPENING PRAYER

Jesus, keep me close to You as I work through this guide. Show me what is true, where I need grace, repentance, courage, wisdom, hope, or community, and teach me to take one honest and faithful step while I wait for You.

What I Hope God Will Form in Me

- [ ] A life rooted in Christ's love and belonging.
- [ ] Readiness formed by grace rather than fear.
- [ ] Durable hope in Christ's return.
- [ ] Faithfulness through ordinary seasons and cost.
- [ ] Truth and love held together.
- [ ] Courage to repent and refuse compromise.
- [ ] Deeper dependence on Jesus within His Church.
- [ ] A life that invites others to come to Christ.

GUIDED PRACTICE 01 / BELONG TO CHRIST

A Bride for Christ

Receive the biblical picture of the Church as the Bride of Christ and see where the whole story is moving.

Book Connection

Introduction: A Bride for Christ

Primary Scripture

Revelation chapter 19, verses 7 and 8

Why This Practice Matters

Begin with the Bride as a corporate picture of Christ and His people. Let belonging, grace, readiness, hope, and mission become one connected story rather than isolated ideas.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

- ☐ I read the matching book chapter first.
- ☐ I am using this Field Guide on its own.
- ☐ I am working through this with a trusted person, group, or leader.

How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
1	Read the Scripture and short teaching slowly.
2	Check the responses that feel most true.
3	Move into Word and Wonder. Let the present area of formation become visible.
4	Use the Action Blueprint and practical tool to name one faithful next step.
5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	See the Bride	Receive the Bride as a biblical picture of the Church together, not a private romantic identity for each individual believer.
02	Follow the Story	Notice how belonging, Christ's love, covenant, preparation, return, and celebration form one movement.
03	Hold Grace Under Readiness	Refuse any picture of preparation that turns grace into a starting point and human performance into the finish line.
04	Live Toward Christ	Let the promised future with Jesus shape faithfulness, community, hope, and mission in the present.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: Revelation chapter 19, verses 7 and 8. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

Scripture pictures the Church together as a Bride prepared for Christ.	The Bride belongs to Jesus before she is called to readiness.
Grace and faithful response belong together without becoming the same thing.	The Bride waits for Christ while inviting others to come to Him.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A place where I have made faith mostly private.
- ☐ A part of the Bride story I have rarely connected to daily life.
- ☐ A question about Christ's return I need to hold with humility.
- ☐ A way I measure readiness by performance or fear.
- ☐ A place where belonging to Christ needs to become more concrete.
- ☐ A person or community I want to see through the hope of Jesus.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

Walk turns reflection into faithful response. Begin by making the present condition visible.

Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

Think about your ordinary pattern during the past thirty days. Choose the number that is most true, not the number you wish were true. A lower score is not failure. It helps you identify where honest attention and one faithful next step are needed.

Statement	Score
I understand the Bride primarily as the Church together, belonging to Christ.	1 2 3 4
I can describe readiness as a response to grace rather than a way to earn Christ's love.	1 2 3 4
I can hold hope in Christ's return without needing a detailed end-times timeline.	1 2 3 4
I can name one present response that fits a people waiting for Jesus.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Begin with belonging and one clear truth about Christ before trying to solve the future.	The story is becoming clearer. Strengthen one place where grace, community, or hope needs a more faithful response.	The Bride story is becoming a steady framework. Guard humility, shared belonging, and present faithfulness.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

The Bride Story Map

Trace the movement of the book without turning it into a chart of speculation. Name what each truth reveals and how it shapes life now.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Movement	What Scripture Reveals	Where It Meets My Life	Faithful Response
Belonging			
Christ's love			
Covenant			
Readiness			
Hope / return			

WALK NOTE

Write only what helps you name the next faithful response. The goal is not to complete every box. It is to move from reflection into one clear act of faithfulness.

WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

Walk turns what you have seen into a clear response. You do not need to solve every part of this practice today. Choose one step that helps you move toward faithfulness under Christ.

1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ A private view of faith I need to widen.
- ☐ A truth about belonging I need to receive.
- ☐ A place where community needs to become more real.
- ☐ A fear-based view of readiness I need to release.
- ☐ A future question I need to hold with humility.
- ☐ A present act of faithfulness I need to take.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read Revelation chapters 19 through 22 slowly this week.
- ☐ Name one place where belonging to Christ should reshape a decision.
- ☐ Pray for one local church other than your own.
- ☐ Replace one fear-driven thought about the future with a clear promise from Scripture.
- ☐ Write one sentence describing the Bride from Scripture, not from cultural assumptions.
- ☐ Thank Jesus for loving His Church before asking what needs to change.
- ☐ Ask a trusted believer what faithfulness looks like in your present season.
- ☐ Choose one way to participate more faithfully in Christ's people this week.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

I will begin today.

I will begin within two days.

I will begin this week.

I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
- ☐ Humility
- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Clarity
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Jesus, teach me to see Your Church as You do. Root me in Your love, keep grace beneath every call to readiness, and form in me a faithful life that waits for You with hope.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

Walk is strengthened by faithful community. Use this page when you need someone to listen, pray, ask honest questions, protect safety, or help you follow through.

What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
- ☐ Someone to ask honest questions.
- ☐ A follow-up conversation this week.
- ☐ Someone to pray with me.
- ☐ Help deciding what to do next.
- ☐ Help taking a first step.

Share in Three Simple Parts

Part	What to Share
1. What is happening?	Name the question, pressure, habit, relationship, suffering, or concern.
2. What am I believing or doing?	Name the belief, fear, response, pattern, or place where faithfulness is difficult.
3. What is Jesus inviting me to receive or practice?	Name the truth, surrender, confession, care step, conversation, boundary, or faithful next step.

WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
- ☐ We will reconnect this week.
- ☐ We will reconnect next week.
- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 02 / BELONG TO CHRIST

The Bride Belongs to Jesus

Belonging to Christ reshapes identity, allegiance, community, and the way we hold every part of life.

Book Connection

Chapter One: The Bride Belongs to Jesus

Primary Scripture

Second Corinthians chapter 11, verse 2

Why This Practice Matters

Receive the Church's identity as belonging to one Lord. Notice where identity, loyalty, or leadership has begun to claim what belongs to Jesus.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

- ☐ I read the matching book chapter first.
- ☐ I am using this Field Guide on its own.
- ☐ I am working through this with a trusted person, group, or leader.

How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
1	Read the Scripture and short teaching slowly.
2	Check the responses that feel most true.
3	Move into Word and Wonder. Let the present area of formation become visible.
4	Use the Action Blueprint and practical tool to name one faithful next step.
5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	One Bride, One Lord	Receive the Church as one people belonging to Jesus rather than separate private brides.
02	Whole-Life Allegiance	Bring identity, time, body, money, relationships, and decisions beneath the lordship of Christ.
03	Belong Among His People	Receive Christian community as part of discipleship without confusing church participation with tolerating harm.
04	Christ Owns the Church	Remember that no pastor, leader, movement, or tradition owns the Bride. Jesus does.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: Second Corinthians chapter 11, verse 2. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

The Bride belongs to Jesus together as His people.	Belonging reaches the whole life, not only religious activity.
Christian community matters, and healthy boundaries can still be necessary.	The Church belongs to Christ rather than to its leaders.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A label or achievement that has become too important to my identity.
- ☐ A part of life I tend to treat as outside Christ's authority.
- ☐ A place where I am disconnected from healthy Christian community.
- ☐ A church hurt that still shapes the way I approach belonging.
- ☐ A leader or tradition I may be giving too much authority.
- ☐ A way I can strengthen unity without pretending truth does not matter.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

Walk turns reflection into faithful response. Begin by making the present condition visible.

Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

Think about your ordinary pattern during the past thirty days. Choose the number that is most true, not the number you wish were true. A lower score is not failure. It helps you identify where honest attention and one faithful next step are needed.

Statement	Score
I receive my deepest belonging from Christ rather than performance, approval, or group identity.	1 2 3 4
I can name where Christ's lordship needs to become more concrete in ordinary life.	1 2 3 4
I participate in Christian community without confusing loyalty to Jesus with silence about harm.	1 2 3 4
I remember that leaders serve the Church; they do not own it.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Begin with one place where identity or allegiance is being claimed by something other than Christ.	Belonging is becoming clearer. Strengthen one relationship, boundary, or area of surrender.	Belonging is becoming steady and shared. Guard humility, healthy community, and whole-life allegiance.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

Belonging and Allegiance Inventory

Name the places that compete for identity or loyalty. Bring each one beneath the truth that the Church belongs to Christ.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Area	What Tries to Claim Me	Truth About Belonging	One Response
Identity / approval			
Time / attention			
Relationships			
Money / work			
Church / leadership			

WALK NOTE

Write only what helps you name the next faithful response. The goal is not to complete every box. It is to move from reflection into one clear act of faithfulness.

WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

Walk turns what you have seen into a clear response. You do not need to solve every part of this practice today. Choose one step that helps you move toward faithfulness under Christ.

1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ An identity I need to release.
- ☐ A part of life I need to bring beneath Jesus.
- ☐ A community connection I need to strengthen.
- ☐ A boundary I need for safety or health.
- ☐ A leader or group I need to hold with proper perspective.
- ☐ A place where unity requires both truth and love.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read Second Corinthians chapter 11, verses 1 through 4.
- ☐ Write one sentence beginning, "Because I belong to Christ..."
- ☐ Name one part of life you have been treating as your own to control.
- ☐ Take one step toward healthy Christian community.
- ☐ Pray for your church leaders without placing them above accountability.
- ☐ Ask a trusted believer where they see your allegiance under pressure.
- ☐ Set one boundary where belonging has been confused with tolerating harm.
- ☐ Serve one person in your church without needing recognition.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

_____

_____

- ☐ I will begin today.
- ☐ I will begin within two days.
- ☐ I will begin this week.
- ☐ I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

_____

_____

WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
- ☐ Humility
- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Clarity
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Jesus, I belong to You, and Your Church belongs to You. Free me from identities and loyalties that compete with Your lordship, and teach me to live faithfully among Your people.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

Walk is strengthened by faithful community. Use this page when you need someone to listen, pray, ask honest questions, protect safety, or help you follow through.

What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
- ☐ Someone to ask honest questions.
- ☐ A follow-up conversation this week.
- ☐ Someone to pray with me.
- ☐ Help deciding what to do next.
- ☐ Help taking a first step.

Share in Three Simple Parts

Part	What to Share
1. What is happening?	Name the question, pressure, habit, relationship, suffering, or concern.
2. What am I believing or doing?	Name the belief, fear, response, pattern, or place where faithfulness is difficult.
3. What is Jesus inviting me to receive or practice?	Name the truth, surrender, confession, care step, conversation, boundary, or faithful next step.

WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
- ☐ We will reconnect this week.
- ☐ We will reconnect next week.
- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 03 / BELONG TO CHRIST

He Gave Himself for Her

Before the Bride prepares, Jesus gives Himself for her. The cross establishes the order of grace.

Book Connection

Chapter Two: He Gave Himself for Her

Primary Scripture

Ephesians chapter 5, verse 25

Why This Practice Matters

Return to the self-giving love of Christ before measuring your growth. Let forgiveness, worth, obedience, suffering, and hope begin at the cross.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

- ☐ I read the matching book chapter first.
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How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
1	Read the Scripture and short teaching slowly.
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FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	Love Comes First	Receive Christ's love as the beginning of the Bride's life rather than a reward for improvement.
02	Receive the Cross	Let sacrifice, forgiveness, redemption, reconciliation, and victory deepen rather than narrow the meaning of Christ's death.
03	Leave Shame at the Cross	Take responsibility for sin without allowing failure to become the final identity of those who belong to Jesus.
04	Live from Received Love	Let obedience, mercy, holiness, and endurance grow from what Christ has done rather than from fear of rejection.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: Ephesians chapter 5, verse 25. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her.	The cross addresses real sin while revealing the depth of divine mercy.
Grace does not erase responsibility, and failure is not the final identity of those in Christ.	Jesus is risen, alive, interceding, and faithful to His people.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A place where I am trying to earn what Jesus gives by grace.
- ☐ Guilt I need to bring honestly to the cross.
- ☐ Shame that has become part of my identity.
- ☐ A person I need to forgive without ignoring wisdom or safety.
- ☐ A suffering I have interpreted as proof God has stopped loving me.
- ☐ An act of obedience that can grow from received love.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

Walk turns reflection into faithful response. Begin by making the present condition visible.

Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

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Statement	Score
I begin Christian formation with Christ's self-giving love rather than my performance.	1 2 3 4
I can confess sin without minimizing it or turning failure into my identity.	1 2 3 4
I can receive forgiveness while still respecting consequences, boundaries, and protection.	1 2 3 4
I can trust Christ's love even when a painful circumstance remains unresolved.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Return to the cross before adding more pressure or self-improvement.	Grace is becoming clearer. Strengthen confession, forgiveness, or one obedience that grows from received love.	The cross is functioning as a steady center. Guard humility, mercy, holiness, and hope.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

Cross and Grace Map

Bring one real area beneath the self-giving love of Jesus. Name what the cross reveals and what grace-shaped faithfulness looks like next.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Area	What I Am Carrying	What Christ Has Done	Grace-Shaped Response
Guilt / sin			
Shame / identity			
Forgiveness			
Suffering / fear			
Obedience			

WALK NOTE

Write only what helps you name the next faithful response. The goal is not to complete every box. It is to move from reflection into one clear act of faithfulness.

WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

Walk turns what you have seen into a clear response. You do not need to solve every part of this practice today. Choose one step that helps you move toward faithfulness under Christ.

1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ Sin I need to confess without excuse.
- ☐ Forgiveness I need to receive again.
- ☐ A painful situation where I need to remember Christ's love.
- ☐ Shame I need to stop treating as identity.
- ☐ A boundary or consequence I need to respect.
- ☐ An obedience that should grow from gratitude rather than fear.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read Ephesians chapter 5, verses 25 through 27.
- ☐ Confess one clear sin without defending or minimizing it.
- ☐ Receive forgiveness while keeping one wise boundary that protects people.
- ☐ Thank Jesus for one aspect of the cross you often overlook.
- ☐ Read Romans chapter 5 and mark what God does before we deserve it.
- ☐ Write one sentence separating guilt from shame in your present situation.
- ☐ Pray for someone you need grace to forgive without forcing reconciliation.
- ☐ Take one act of obedience as a response to love already received.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

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- ☐ I will begin today.
- ☐ I will begin this week.
- ☐ I will begin within two days.
- ☐ I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

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WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
- ☐ Humility
- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Clarity
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for loving Your Church and giving Yourself for her. Bring my guilt, shame, fear, and striving beneath the cross, and let obedience grow from the grace I have received.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

Walk is strengthened by faithful community. Use this page when you need someone to listen, pray, ask honest questions, protect safety, or help you follow through.

What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
- ☐ Someone to ask honest questions.
- ☐ A follow-up conversation this week.
- ☐ Someone to pray with me.
- ☐ Help deciding what to do next.
- ☐ Help taking a first step.

Share in Three Simple Parts

Part	What to Share
1. What is happening?	Name the question, pressure, habit, relationship, suffering, or concern.
2. What am I believing or doing?	Name the belief, fear, response, pattern, or place where faithfulness is difficult.
3. What is Jesus inviting me to receive or practice?	Name the truth, surrender, confession, care step, conversation, boundary, or faithful next step.

WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
- ☐ We will reconnect this week.
- ☐ We will reconnect next week.
- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 04 / BELONG TO CHRIST

Covenant in His Blood

The new covenant is established by Jesus, remembered at His table, and lived from grace rather than human determination.

Book Connection

Chapter Three: Covenant in His Blood

Primary Scripture

Luke chapter 22, verse 20

Why This Practice Matters

Receive the covenant as God's gracious work in Christ. Let communion, repentance, forgiveness, unity, and Spirit-dependent faithfulness become concrete.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

- ☐ I read the matching book chapter first.
- ☐ I am using this Field Guide on its own.
- ☐ I am working through this with a trusted person, group, or leader.

How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
1	Read the Scripture and short teaching slowly.
2	Check the responses that feel most true.
3	Move into Word and Wonder. Let the present area of formation become visible.
4	Use the Action Blueprint and practical tool to name one faithful next step.
5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	Receive the New Covenant	Hear Jesus define the cup by His blood and place the covenant inside the wider biblical story.
02	Remember Christ	Let the Lord's Supper point to Christ's death and promised return rather than to a hidden code.
03	Examine with Grace	Practice self-examination as honest repentance, not a test of whether you have become worthy enough for mercy.
04	Live as One Body	Let the shared table challenge pride, division, unreconciled harm, and the illusion of self-sufficient faith.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: Luke chapter 22, verse 20. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

Jesus establishes the new covenant in His blood.	The Lord's Supper remembers His death and proclaims it until He comes.
Self-examination leads toward repentance and grace, not a worthiness contest.	The Spirit enables covenant faithfulness beyond human strength alone.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A place where I treat covenant mainly as my promise instead of Christ's grace.
- ☐ A sin or pattern I need to examine honestly.
- ☐ A relationship where reconciliation may be possible.
- ☐ A relationship where safety or boundaries are still necessary.
- ☐ A way pride or status affects how I see other believers.
- ☐ A place where I need the Spirit's help to remain faithful.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

Walk turns reflection into faithful response. Begin by making the present condition visible.

Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

Think about your ordinary pattern during the past thirty days. Choose the number that is most true, not the number you wish were true. A lower score is not failure. It helps you identify where honest attention and one faithful next step are needed.

Statement	Score
I understand the new covenant as established by Christ rather than secured by my determination.	1 2 3 4
I can approach self-examination with honesty and grace rather than fear of being unworthy.	1 2 3 4
I can pursue reconciliation where possible without ignoring safety, justice, or repentance.	1 2 3 4
I can receive communion as remembrance, proclamation, belonging, and hope centered on Jesus.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Begin with what Christ established before focusing on what you need to repair.	Covenant is becoming more concrete. Strengthen repentance, shared belonging, or one Spirit-dependent practice.	Grace and faithful response are staying together. Guard humility at the table and dependence on Christ.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

Communion and Covenant Map

Use the table of Jesus to remember grace, examine honestly, and name one relationship or response that needs faithful attention.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Area	What I Need to Remember	What Needs Honesty	Faithful Response
Grace received			
Sin / confession			
Relationship			
Shared body			
Future hope			

WALK NOTE

Write only what helps you name the next faithful response. The goal is not to complete every box. It is to move from reflection into one clear act of faithfulness.

WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

Walk turns what you have seen into a clear response. You do not need to solve every part of this practice today. Choose one step that helps you move toward faithfulness under Christ.

1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ A promise I am trying to maintain in my own strength.
- ☐ A relationship where repair may be possible.
- ☐ A pride or status issue affecting community.
- ☐ A sin I need to bring into the light.
- ☐ A place where safety means reconciliation cannot be immediate.
- ☐ A truth about Christ's death or return I need to remember.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read Luke chapter 22, verses 14 through 20.
- ☐ Prepare for communion by naming one truth about Christ before naming your failure.
- ☐ Take one wise step toward repair where reconciliation is possible.
- ☐ Thank God for one person in the body of Christ unlike you.
- ☐ Read Jeremiah chapter 31, verses 31 through 34.
- ☐ Confess one sin and receive the mercy of Jesus.
- ☐ Ask for counsel where a relationship is unsafe or deeply broken.
- ☐ Pray for the Spirit's help to live faithfully from covenant grace.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

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- ☐ I will begin today.
- ☐ I will begin this week.
- ☐ I will begin within two days.
- ☐ I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

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WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
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- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Clarity
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for the new covenant in Your blood. Keep me near Your grace, honest in repentance, humble at Your table, and dependent on Your Spirit as I live among Your people.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

Walk is strengthened by faithful community. Use this page when you need someone to listen, pray, ask honest questions, protect safety, or help you follow through.

What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
- ☐ Someone to ask honest questions.
- ☐ A follow-up conversation this week.
- ☐ Someone to pray with me.
- ☐ Help deciding what to do next.
- ☐ Help taking a first step.

Share in Three Simple Parts

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WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
- ☐ We will reconnect this week.
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Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 05 / BE MADE READY

The Bride Makes Herself Ready

Readiness is a real response to grace as Christ sanctifies His Church and the Spirit forms His character in ordinary life.

Book Connection

Chapter Four: The Bride Makes Herself Ready

Primary Scripture

Revelation chapter 19, verses 7 and 8

Why This Practice Matters

Hold grace and response together. Name where the Spirit is forming holiness without turning readiness into perfectionism, fear, or a second way of earning salvation.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

- ☐ I read the matching book chapter first.
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- ☐ I am working through this with a trusted person, group, or leader.

How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
1	Read the Scripture and short teaching slowly.
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3	Move into Word and Wonder. Let the present area of formation become visible.
4	Use the Action Blueprint and practical tool to name one faithful next step.
5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	Grace Beneath Readiness	Notice that the Bride makes herself ready while the fine linen is also granted to her.
02	Christ Sanctifies His Church	Receive holiness as the continuing work of Christ in people He already loves.
03	Walk by the Spirit	Let the Spirit form love, truth, self-control, repentance, and Christlike character beyond mere appearance.
04	Practice Whole-Life Holiness	Bring body, desire, relationships, work, money, speech, power, justice, and hidden life beneath Jesus.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: Revelation chapter 19, verses 7 and 8. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

Readiness grows from grace already received.	Sanctification is real formation, not the disappearance of our need for mercy.
The Spirit works deeply while believers also respond through repentance and obedience.	Holiness reaches the whole life and the shared life of the Church.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A place where holiness has become perfectionism for me.
- ☐ A pattern I keep trying to change by willpower alone.
- ☐ A desire or habit that needs to come beneath Jesus.
- ☐ A part of life I tend to exclude from spiritual formation.
- ☐ A place where weakness needs support rather than shame.
- ☐ A way the Spirit may be forming Christlike character in me.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

Walk turns reflection into faithful response. Begin by making the present condition visible.

Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

Think about your ordinary pattern during the past thirty days. Choose the number that is most true, not the number you wish were true. A lower score is not failure. It helps you identify where honest attention and one faithful next step are needed.

Statement	Score
I can describe readiness as a response to grace rather than a hidden works requirement.	1 2 3 4
I can name one area where the Spirit is forming my character through ordinary obedience.	1 2 3 4
I can distinguish weakness, limits, and suffering from sin without excusing sin.	1 2 3 4
I understand holiness as whole-life and corporate, not only private morality.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Begin with grace, then choose one clear area of formation rather than trying to become "ready" all at once.	Formation is becoming visible. Strengthen one Spirit-dependent practice, boundary, or confession.	Readiness is becoming a steady life of grace and response. Guard humility and keep receiving help where needed.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

Readiness Formation Map

Name where grace is already present and where formation still needs attention. Choose one practice that can be repeated without turning it into a scorecard of worth.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Area	Grace Already Given	Formation Needed	One Practice
Mind / attention			
Body / desire			
Relationships			
Work / money			
Hidden life			

WALK NOTE

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WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

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1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ Perfectionism I need to release.
- ☐ A habit that needs practical change.
- ☐ A place where I need the Spirit rather than willpower alone.
- ☐ A weakness where I need wise support.
- ☐ A relationship where holiness means truth and love together.
- ☐ A whole-life area I need to bring beneath Jesus.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read Revelation chapter 19, verses 6 through 9 and notice grace and response together.
- ☐ Read Ephesians chapter 5, verses 25 through 27.
- ☐ Name one repeated habit that is forming you away from Christ.
- ☐ Choose one small practice that makes obedience easier this week.
- ☐ Tell a trusted believer where formation feels slow.
- ☐ Seek appropriate pastoral, counseling, or medical help where a struggle needs more than private effort.
- ☐ Practice one act of confession without rehearsing shame.
- ☐ Thank the Spirit for one sign of Christlike fruit already growing.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

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- ☐ I will begin today.
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- ☐ I will begin this week.
- ☐ I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

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WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
- ☐ Humility
- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Clarity
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Jesus, You loved Your Church and You are forming her. Keep grace beneath every call to holiness, and by Your Spirit make my ordinary life increasingly faithful to You.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

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What Kind of Support Do You Need?

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WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
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- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 06 / WAIT FAITHFULLY

The Bridegroom Will Return

The Christian future is centered on Jesus Himself: He will come again and His people will be with Him.

Book Connection

Chapter Five: The Bridegroom Will Return

Primary Scripture

John chapter 14, verse 3

Why This Practice Matters

Receive Christ's return as a promise that steadies troubled hearts. Let hope shape grief, planning, mission, and ordinary faithfulness without date-setting or speculation.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

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How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
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5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	Trust the Promise	Hear Jesus promise to come again and take His people to Himself.
02	Keep Jesus at the Center	Let the Father's house point toward belonging and life with Christ rather than architecture or speculation.
03	Refuse Date-Setting	Study what Scripture reveals while accepting the limits Jesus places around times and seasons.
04	Live Hope Now	Let Christ's future create patient mission, durable hope, wise planning, and faithfulness in the day you have.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: John chapter 14, verse 3. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

Jesus promises to come again and bring His people to Himself.	The deepest hope is life with Christ, not solving every detail of the future.
Scripture places clear limits around date-setting and speculation.	God's patience gives the Church time for witness, repentance, and ordinary faithfulness.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A future fear that is becoming louder than Jesus' promise.
- ☐ A plan I am gripping as though I control tomorrow.
- ☐ A person whose spiritual life matters to me.
- ☐ A prophecy question I need to hold more humbly.
- ☐ A grief that needs the horizon of resurrection and new creation.
- ☐ A present responsibility I can receive as meaningful while I wait.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

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HOW TO SCORE

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Statement	Score
I can center Christian hope on Jesus rather than on a detailed prophetic system.	1 2 3 4
I can plan responsibly without treating the future as something I control.	1 2 3 4
I can face grief or uncertainty without interpreting pain as proof that Christ has forgotten me.	1 2 3 4
I can name one way hope in Christ's return strengthens mission or present faithfulness.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Return to Jesus' promise before consuming more speculation or prediction.	Hope is becoming steadier. Strengthen one place where planning, grief, or mission needs to live beneath the promise.	The return of Christ is functioning as durable hope. Guard humility about timing and keep living faithfully now.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

Hope Horizon Map

Place real uncertainties beneath what Jesus has promised. Let future hope shape a faithful response without pretending to control the future.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Area	What Feels Uncertain	What Jesus Promises	Faithful Response
Plans / control			
Grief / loss			
Work / responsibility			
Mission / people			
Future / fear			

WALK NOTE

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WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

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1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ A future I am trying to control.
- ☐ A date-setting or headline habit I need to release.
- ☐ A person I want to pray for with greater urgency.
- ☐ A grief that needs hope without being minimized.
- ☐ A responsibility I need to receive more faithfully.
- ☐ A good gift I need to enjoy without making it ultimate.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read John chapter 14, verses 1 through 6.
- ☐ Write one sentence beginning, "Because Jesus will return..."
- ☐ Limit one source that feeds end-times anxiety or speculation.
- ☐ Pray by name for one person who does not yet know Christ.
- ☐ Read Acts chapter 1, verses 6 through 11 and notice the limits and the mission.
- ☐ Release one future plan to God in prayer after making the wisest plan you can.
- ☐ Encourage one grieving person without rushing their grief.
- ☐ Receive one ordinary responsibility as meaningful work while you wait.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

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The person who can help me:

WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

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- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Jesus, You have promised to come again. Keep my hope centered on You, my plans beneath Your lordship, and my life faithful in the present while I wait for the future You will bring.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

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What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
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WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
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- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 07 / WAIT FAITHFULLY

Keep Your Lamp Burning

Watchfulness is durable attention and faithfulness through delay, not panic, prediction, or constant emotional intensity.

Book Connection

Chapter Six: Keep Your Lamp Burning

Primary Scripture

Matthew chapter 25, verse 13

Why This Practice Matters

Receive Jesus' call to watch without assigning the oil a meaning He never gives. Let readiness become present-tense obedience, perseverance, and attention to Christ.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

- ☐ I read the matching book chapter first.
- ☐ I am using this Field Guide on its own.
- ☐ I am working through this with a trusted person, group, or leader.

How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
1	Read the Scripture and short teaching slowly.
2	Check the responses that feel most true.
3	Move into Word and Wonder. Let the present area of formation become visible.
4	Use the Action Blueprint and practical tool to name one faithful next step.
5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	Stay with the Parable	Notice that all ten women sleep. The wise are prepared for delay, not sustained by constant intensity.
02	Do Not Overdefine the Oil	Receive the warning without turning one story detail into a doctrine Jesus does not identify.
03	Practice Present-Tense Obedience	Respond to what Jesus is making clear today instead of postponing repentance or responsibility.
04	Persevere Through Delay	Build a faith that can remain steady through ordinary seasons, unanswered prayer, and hidden service.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: Matthew chapter 25, verse 13. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

Jesus connects unknown timing with watchfulness and readiness.	All ten women sleep; readiness is not constant emotional alertness.
The parable does not define the oil, so we should not make one interpretation doctrinally necessary.	Watchfulness becomes attention, repentance, ordinary responsibility, and endurance.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A spiritual habit that depends too much on intensity.
- ☐ A distraction that repeatedly takes my attention from Jesus.
- ☐ A place where fear has replaced peaceful watchfulness.
- ☐ An obedience I keep postponing.
- ☐ A long delay that is testing trust.
- ☐ A faithful responsibility that feels ordinary but matters.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

Walk turns reflection into faithful response. Begin by making the present condition visible.

Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

Think about your ordinary pattern during the past thirty days. Choose the number that is most true, not the number you wish were true. A lower score is not failure. It helps you identify where honest attention and one faithful next step are needed.

Statement	Score
I understand watchfulness as faithful readiness rather than constant emotional intensity.	1 2 3 4
I can resist turning the oil into a doctrine the parable does not explicitly define.	1 2 3 4
I can name one clear obedience that belongs to today rather than someday.	1 2 3 4
I can continue following Jesus through delay without treating ordinary life as spiritually unimportant.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Choose one present act of obedience and one practice of attention to Jesus.	Watchfulness is becoming practical. Strengthen one rhythm that can survive ordinary seasons and delay.	Readiness is becoming durable and peaceful. Guard attention, repentance, and long obedience.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

Watchfulness Inventory

Look at the ordinary patterns that either keep you attentive to Jesus or slowly pull you away. Choose one response that can survive a long wait.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Area	What Pulls My Attention	What Faithfulness Looks Like	One Practice
Prayer / Scripture			
Repentance			
Ordinary work			
Relationships			
Delay / endurance			

WALK NOTE

Write only what helps you name the next faithful response. The goal is not to complete every box. It is to move from reflection into one clear act of faithfulness.

WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

Walk turns what you have seen into a clear response. You do not need to solve every part of this practice today. Choose one step that helps you move toward faithfulness under Christ.

1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ A distraction I need to reduce.
- ☐ A fear-based view of Christ's return I need to release.
- ☐ A spiritual practice I need to make simpler and steadier.
- ☐ A delayed obedience I need to begin.
- ☐ A long season where I need endurance.
- ☐ An ordinary responsibility I need to receive as faithfulness.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read Matthew chapters 24 and 25 slowly without trying to map every detail.
- ☐ Respond to one clear conviction within two days.
- ☐ Keep one ordinary promise this week even when no one notices.
- ☐ Read Hebrews chapter 10, verses 35 through 39.
- ☐ Write what Jesus explicitly says the point of the ten virgins is.
- ☐ Remove one recurring distraction from a daily prayer or Scripture window.
- ☐ Ask a trusted believer to follow up on one delayed obedience.
- ☐ End each day by asking, "Where was I attentive to Jesus today?"

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

- ☐ I will begin today.
- ☐ I will begin this week.
- ☐ I will begin within two days.
- ☐ I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
- ☐ Humility
- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Clarity
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Jesus, keep me attentive without making me anxious. Give me a faith that can endure delay, respond to Your voice today, and remain faithful in the ordinary life You have given me.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

Walk is strengthened by faithful community. Use this page when you need someone to listen, pray, ask honest questions, protect safety, or help you follow through.

What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
- ☐ Someone to ask honest questions.
- ☐ A follow-up conversation this week.
- ☐ Someone to pray with me.
- ☐ Help deciding what to do next.
- ☐ Help taking a first step.

Share in Three Simple Parts

Part	What to Share
1. What is happening?	Name the question, pressure, habit, relationship, suffering, or concern.
2. What am I believing or doing?	Name the belief, fear, response, pattern, or place where faithfulness is difficult.
3. What is Jesus inviting me to receive or practice?	Name the truth, surrender, confession, care step, conversation, boundary, or faithful next step.

WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
- ☐ We will reconnect this week.
- ☐ We will reconnect next week.
- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 08 / WAIT FAITHFULLY

We Will Always Be With Him

Resurrection, transformation, gathering, and reunion place the Church's future in the presence of the risen Jesus.

Book Connection

Chapter Seven: We Will Always Be With Him

Primary Scripture

First Thessalonians chapter 4, verse 17

Why This Practice Matters

Let Paul's pastoral hope shape grief, mortality, bodily dignity, suffering, and faithful work. Keep the clear promise larger than disputed sequence questions.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

- ☐ I read the matching book chapter first.
- ☐ I am using this Field Guide on its own.
- ☐ I am working through this with a trusted person, group, or leader.

How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
1	Read the Scripture and short teaching slowly.
2	Check the responses that feel most true.
3	Move into Word and Wonder. Let the present area of formation become visible.
4	Use the Action Blueprint and practical tool to name one faithful next step.
5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	Grieve with Hope	Make room for real grief while refusing to let death become the final word.
02	Receive Bodily Resurrection	Honor the body now because God's promise reaches mortal bodies with resurrection life.
03	Hold the Gathering Clearly	Receive the dead raised and the living gathered without requiring one complete rapture or tribulation sequence.
04	Labor Without Futility	Let resurrection give weight to quiet service, ordinary faithfulness, and work done in the Lord.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: First Thessalonians chapter 4, verse 17. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

Paul gives resurrection teaching to grieving believers as encouragement.	Christian hope includes bodily resurrection and transformation.
The Church will be gathered to Christ; disputed sequence questions should not eclipse the clear promise.	The center is simple: we will always be with the Lord.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A grief I need permission to feel with hope.
- ☐ A fear of death or aging that is shaping daily life.
- ☐ A body limitation I am tempted to treat as a measure of worth.
- ☐ An end-times disagreement that has become too central.
- ☐ A hidden work I fear may be wasted.
- ☐ A person who needs resurrection hope more than an explanation.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

Walk turns reflection into faithful response. Begin by making the present condition visible.

Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

Think about your ordinary pattern during the past thirty days. Choose the number that is most true, not the number you wish were true. A lower score is not failure. It helps you identify where honest attention and one faithful next step are needed.

Statement	Score
I can grieve honestly without believing grief is a failure of faith.	1 2 3 4
I receive bodily resurrection as part of Christian hope rather than only an escape of the soul.	1 2 3 4
I can hold differing end-times sequences without losing the clear promise of gathering to Christ.	1 2 3 4
I believe work done in the Lord matters even when I cannot see its full fruit.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Begin with the resurrection of Jesus and one promise meant to encourage grieving believers.	Resurrection hope is becoming more concrete. Strengthen one place where grief, body, or labor needs that horizon.	Hope is becoming durable. Guard compassion in grief and humility in disputed end-times questions.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

Resurrection Hope Map

Bring mortal realities beneath resurrection hope. Do not deny present pain; let Christ's future change what it is allowed to mean.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Area	Present Reality	Future Promise	Faithful Response
Grief / loss			
Body / health			
Fear of death			
Suffering			
Work / service			

WALK NOTE

Write only what helps you name the next faithful response. The goal is not to complete every box. It is to move from reflection into one clear act of faithfulness.

WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

Walk turns what you have seen into a clear response. You do not need to solve every part of this practice today. Choose one step that helps you move toward faithfulness under Christ.

1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ A grief I need to stop rushing.
- ☐ A fear of death I need to bring to Jesus.
- ☐ A future sequence question I need to hold more humbly.
- ☐ A body limitation I need to receive with dignity.
- ☐ A healing prayer I need to hold with open hands.
- ☐ A work of faithfulness I need to continue even without visible results.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read First Thessalonians chapter 4, verses 13 through 18.
- ☐ Write the sentence, "And so we will always be with the Lord," where you can return to it.
- ☐ Care for your body in one wise way without making health an idol.
- ☐ Continue one hidden act of faithfulness you are tempted to quit.
- ☐ Read First Corinthians chapter 15 and mark resurrection language.
- ☐ Sit with one grief without forcing yourself toward a quick resolution.
- ☐ Encourage one grieving person with presence before explanation.
- ☐ Thank Jesus that His resurrection is the beginning of the harvest still to come.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

- ☐ I will begin today.
- ☐ I will begin this week.
- ☐ I will begin within two days.
- ☐ I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
- ☐ Humility
- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Clarity
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Risen Jesus, hold my grief, my mortal body, and my unfinished work inside Your resurrection promise. Keep the clear hope at the center: Your people will be with You.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

Walk is strengthened by faithful community. Use this page when you need someone to listen, pray, ask honest questions, protect safety, or help you follow through.

What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
- ☐ Someone to ask honest questions.
- ☐ A follow-up conversation this week.
- ☐ Someone to pray with me.
- ☐ Help deciding what to do next.
- ☐ Help taking a first step.

Share in Three Simple Parts

Part	What to Share
1. What is happening?	Name the question, pressure, habit, relationship, suffering, or concern.
2. What am I believing or doing?	Name the belief, fear, response, pattern, or place where faithfulness is difficult.
3. What is Jesus inviting me to receive or practice?	Name the truth, surrender, confession, care step, conversation, boundary, or faithful next step.

WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
- ☐ We will reconnect this week.
- ☐ We will reconnect next week.
- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 09 / HEAR HIS VOICE

Return to First Love

Jesus can praise truth, endurance, and work while still calling His Church back to love at the center.

Book Connection

Chapter Eight: Return to First Love

Primary Scripture

Revelation chapter 2, verses 4 and 5

Why This Practice Matters

Let the letter to Ephesus examine activity, discernment, affection, and attention. Return without trying to manufacture an earlier emotional season.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

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How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
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5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	Receive Both Praise and Correction	Let Jesus name what is faithful without allowing good work to hide weakened love.
02	Hold Love Broadly	Receive first love as love for Christ and His people without forcing the phrase into one narrow definition.
03	Remember, Repent, Return	Use memory to notice drift, not to romanticize an earlier season or recreate old emotion.
04	Join Truth and Love	Hold conviction, discernment, gentleness, and care together because all belong to Jesus.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: Revelation chapter 2, verses 4 and 5. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

Ephesus is active, discerning, and enduring, yet Jesus confronts abandoned love.	First love should not be reduced to emotional intensity.
Jesus gives concrete responses: remember, repent, and do the works you did at first.	Truth and love are not rivals in Christian maturity.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A Christian activity that has become detached from love.
- ☐ A place where familiarity has made me less attentive to Jesus.
- ☐ A past season I keep idealizing.
- ☐ A tiredness or grief I may be mislabeling as spiritual failure.
- ☐ A relationship where truth needs more love.
- ☐ A relationship where love needs more truth.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

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Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

Think about your ordinary pattern during the past thirty days. Choose the number that is most true, not the number you wish were true. A lower score is not failure. It helps you identify where honest attention and one faithful next step are needed.

Statement	Score
I can distinguish mature love from the need to recreate an earlier emotional season.	1 2 3 4
I can name where Christian activity may be hiding distance from Jesus.	1 2 3 4
I can receive rest, care, or support when exhaustion rather than rebellion is the main issue.	1 2 3 4
I can hold truth and love together in disagreement and correction.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Ask Jesus what has happened beneath the activity before assuming the answer is simply to work harder.	Love is becoming more honest. Strengthen attention, rest, repentance, or one practice that returns you toward Christ and people.	Love and truth are staying together. Guard attentiveness and refuse to live only from reputation or routine.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

First Love Audit

Notice where love remains alive and where routine, pain, success, or sin has created distance. Choose a return practice that fits the real condition.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Area	What Still Has Life	Where Love Has Thinned	One Return Practice
Prayer / Scripture			
Worship			
People / community			
Service / ministry			
Truth / disagreement			

WALK NOTE

Write only what helps you name the next faithful response. The goal is not to complete every box. It is to move from reflection into one clear act of faithfulness.

WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

Walk turns what you have seen into a clear response. You do not need to solve every part of this practice today. Choose one step that helps you move toward faithfulness under Christ.

1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ Routine that has replaced attention.
- ☐ Success that has crowded out prayer or dependence.
- ☐ Exhaustion that needs rest or care rather than shame.
- ☐ A hurt that has made me withdraw from Jesus.
- ☐ Sin I need to bring honestly into the light.
- ☐ A truth-and-love imbalance in one relationship.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read Revelation chapter 2, verses 1 through 7 slowly.
- ☐ Return to that practice in a simple form for one week.
- ☐ Receive appropriate rest or care if exhaustion is the real issue.
- ☐ Show one act of love where correctness has become cold.
- ☐ Remember one earlier practice that genuinely helped you attend to Jesus.
- ☐ Name one place where ministry or activity has become a substitute for relationship.
- ☐ Speak one truth with gentleness where you have been avoiding honesty.
- ☐ Thank Jesus for the love that came first before asking Him to renew yours.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

My first step: _____

_____

- ☐ I will begin today.
- ☐ I will begin this week.
- ☐ I will begin within two days.
- ☐ I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

The person who can help me: _____

_____

WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
- ☐ Humility
- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Clarity
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Jesus, You see both what is faithful and what has grown distant. Help me remember without nostalgia, repent without shame, and return to love that is truthful, steady, and centered on You.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

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Walk is strengthened by faithful community. Use this page when you need someone to listen, pray, ask honest questions, protect safety, or help you follow through.

What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
- ☐ Someone to ask honest questions.
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- ☐ Someone to pray with me.
- ☐ Help deciding what to do next.
- ☐ Help taking a first step.

Share in Three Simple Parts

Part	What to Share
1. What is happening?	Name the question, pressure, habit, relationship, suffering, or concern.
2. What am I believing or doing?	Name the belief, fear, response, pattern, or place where faithfulness is difficult.
3. What is Jesus inviting me to receive or practice?	Name the truth, surrender, confession, care step, conversation, boundary, or faithful next step.

WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
- ☐ We will reconnect this week.
- ☐ We will reconnect next week.
- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 10 / HEAR HIS VOICE

Faithful When It Costs

Smyrna and Philadelphia show that Jesus sees faithfulness in suffering, poverty, little strength, and quiet endurance.

Book Connection

Chapter Nine: Faithful When It Costs

Primary Scripture

Revelation chapter 2, verse 10

Why This Practice Matters

Let Christ redefine strength. Prepare for costly obedience without romanticizing suffering, manufacturing conflict, or assuming faithfulness always produces the same earthly outcome.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

- ☐ I read the matching book chapter first.
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How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
1	Read the Scripture and short teaching slowly.
2	Check the responses that feel most true.
3	Move into Word and Wonder. Let the present area of formation become visible.
4	Use the Action Blueprint and practical tool to name one faithful next step.
5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	Jesus Knows the Cost	Receive the words of the One who died and came to life before looking at suffering or fear.
02	Distinguish Persecution from Consequences	Do not rename criticism or the results of unfaithful behavior as suffering for Christ.
03	Honor Little Strength	Let Jesus' praise of Philadelphia challenge measures built mainly on size, money, visibility, or influence.
04	Trust Christ in Different Outcomes	Pray for deliverance while remembering that faithfulness can include rescue or endurance through suffering.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: Revelation chapter 2, verse 10. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

Jesus knows suffering and speaks as the One who died and came to life.	Faithfulness may cost comfort, approval, opportunity, security, or life.
Christians should not seek suffering or confuse abrasiveness with courage.	Little strength can still be deeply faithful in the eyes of Jesus.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A cost I am trying to avoid through compromise.
- ☐ A criticism I may be too quick to call persecution.
- ☐ A place where I need courage without becoming combative.
- ☐ A limitation that makes me feel spiritually insignificant.
- ☐ An outcome I am demanding as proof of God's favor.
- ☐ A quiet faithfulness I need to keep practicing.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

Walk turns reflection into faithful response. Begin by making the present condition visible.

Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

Think about your ordinary pattern during the past thirty days. Choose the number that is most true, not the number you wish were true. A lower score is not failure. It helps you identify where honest attention and one faithful next step are needed.

Statement	Score
I can distinguish suffering for Christ from consequences caused by my own unfaithfulness.	1 2 3 4
I can seek safety, justice, care, or deliverance without believing suffering itself is spiritually superior.	1 2 3 4
I can receive little strength without treating visibility or scale as the measure of faithfulness.	1 2 3 4
I can trust Jesus when faithful believers experience different earthly outcomes.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Name the real pressure and one small obedience that keeps Jesus first.	Costly faithfulness is becoming clearer. Strengthen courage, humility, or one support relationship.	Faithfulness is becoming steady under pressure. Guard against pride, needless conflict, and outcome-based measures of God's favor.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

Cost of Faithfulness Map

Name the pressure honestly. Separate unnecessary conflict from costly obedience, and identify what holding fast looks like with the strength you have.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Area	Pressure / Cost	What Jesus Sees	Faithful Response
Approval			
Work / money			
Relationships			
Suffering / fear			
Little strength			

WALK NOTE

Write only what helps you name the next faithful response. The goal is not to complete every box. It is to move from reflection into one clear act of faithfulness.

WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

Walk turns what you have seen into a clear response. You do not need to solve every part of this practice today. Choose one step that helps you move toward faithfulness under Christ.

1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ Approval I am afraid to lose.
- ☐ A work or money decision where honesty may cost me.
- ☐ A conflict where courage needs more gentleness.
- ☐ A dangerous situation where seeking protection is wise.
- ☐ A limitation I need to stop comparing.
- ☐ An outcome I need to entrust to Jesus after praying boldly.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read Revelation chapter 2, verses 8 through 11.
- ☐ Read Revelation chapter 3, verses 7 through 13.
- ☐ Name one small compromise you are tempted to make for approval or comfort.
- ☐ Choose the faithful response before the pressure increases.
- ☐ Seek safety, justice, or wise help where danger is real.
- ☐ Encourage someone whose quiet faithfulness is easy to overlook.
- ☐ Pray boldly for deliverance and then entrust the outcome to Christ.
- ☐ Thank Jesus for one area of little strength He can still use faithfully.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

_____

_____

- ☐ I will begin today.
- ☐ I will begin within two days.
- ☐ I will begin this week.
- ☐ I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

_____

_____

WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
- ☐ Humility
- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Clarity
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Jesus, You know the pressure Your people carry. Give me courage without pride, endurance without romanticizing pain, and faithfulness with whatever strength You have given me.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

Walk is strengthened by faithful community. Use this page when you need someone to listen, pray, ask honest questions, protect safety, or help you follow through.

What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
- ☐ Someone to ask honest questions.
- ☐ A follow-up conversation this week.
- ☐ Someone to pray with me.
- ☐ Help deciding what to do next.
- ☐ Help taking a first step.

Share in Three Simple Parts

Part	What to Share
1. What is happening?	Name the question, pressure, habit, relationship, suffering, or concern.
2. What am I believing or doing?	Name the belief, fear, response, pattern, or place where faithfulness is difficult.
3. What is Jesus inviting me to receive or practice?	Name the truth, surrender, confession, care step, conversation, boundary, or faithful next step.

WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
- ☐ We will reconnect this week.
- ☐ We will reconnect next week.
- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 11 / HEAR HIS VOICE

Refuse Compromise

Pergamum and Thyatira warn churches that real faithfulness can coexist with tolerated compromise that Jesus still calls them to confront.

Book Connection

Chapter Ten: Refuse Compromise

Primary Scripture

Revelation chapter 2, verse 25

Why This Practice Matters

Invite Jesus to expose the small permissions that compete with truth and holiness. Practice discernment, correction, safety, repentance, and love without weaponizing Scripture.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

- ☐ I read the matching book chapter first.
- ☐ I am using this Field Guide on its own.
- ☐ I am working through this with a trusted person, group, or leader.

How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
1	Read the Scripture and short teaching slowly.
2	Check the responses that feel most true.
3	Move into Word and Wonder. Let the present area of formation become visible.
4	Use the Action Blueprint and practical tool to name one faithful next step.
5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	Let Jesus Define Faithfulness	The Church lives beneath Christ's Word rather than culture, preference, leaders, or personal desire.
02	Name What Is Being Tolerated	Notice teaching, behavior, secrecy, or power that is being excused because confronting it feels costly.
03	Correct with Gentleness and Safety	Hold truth, restoration, consequences, fair process, protection, and humility together.
04	Hold Fast Without Overreach	Do not turn Balaam, Jezebel, or other images into doctrines Revelation does not establish.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: Revelation chapter 2, verse 25. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

Pergamum and Thyatira have real faithfulness, yet Jesus confronts what they tolerate.	The sword belongs to Christ; truth does not authorize Christian cruelty.
Revelation does not establish a separate doctrine of a "Jezebel spirit."	Repentance, accountability, consequences, protection, and grace can all belong together.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A compromise I have renamed so it feels less serious.
- ☐ A teaching or influence I need to test beneath Scripture.
- ☐ A place where I use truth more harshly than Jesus does.
- ☐ A place where avoiding conflict has become silence about harm.
- ☐ A leadership situation where accountability or reporting may be needed.
- ☐ A preference I may be treating with the weight of clear Scripture.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

Walk turns reflection into faithful response. Begin by making the present condition visible.

Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

Think about your ordinary pattern during the past thirty days. Choose the number that is most true, not the number you wish were true. A lower score is not failure. It helps you identify where honest attention and one faithful next step are needed.

Statement	Score
I can identify compromise without making culture or outsiders the main target of Christian judgment.	1 2 3 4
I can practice correction with gentleness while still taking harm and accountability seriously.	1 2 3 4
I do not use Balaam, Jezebel, or spiritual labels beyond what Scripture supports.	1 2 3 4
I can distinguish clear biblical conviction from preferences or disputed interpretations.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Name one tolerated issue and bring it beneath Scripture, wise counsel, and appropriate accountability.	Discernment is becoming clearer. Strengthen one boundary, correction, or repentance with humility.	Truth and love are staying together. Guard against both compromise and unnecessary rigidity.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

Compromise Discernment Map

Make hidden permissions visible. Test what you are tolerating beneath Scripture, the character of Jesus, wise counsel, and the need to protect people from harm.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Area	Pressure / Permission	Truth to Receive	Boundary / Response
Teaching / belief			
Desire / behavior			
Leadership / power			
Secrecy / image			
Culture / approval			

WALK NOTE

Write only what helps you name the next faithful response. The goal is not to complete every box. It is to move from reflection into one clear act of faithfulness.

WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

Walk turns what you have seen into a clear response. You do not need to solve every part of this practice today. Choose one step that helps you move toward faithfulness under Christ.

1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ A compromise I need to name plainly.
- ☐ A leader or system that needs accountability.
- ☐ A place where gentleness is missing from correction.
- ☐ A spiritual label or claim I need to stop overusing.
- ☐ A person who needs protection more than institutional reputation.
- ☐ A secondary issue I need to hold with more humility.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read Revelation chapter 2, verses 12 through 29.
- ☐ Name one compromise without softening or exaggerating it.
- ☐ Set or strengthen one boundary that protects people from harm.
- ☐ Correct one issue with gentleness rather than contempt.
- ☐ Write down only what the text clearly says about Balaam, the Nicolaitans, and Jezebel.
- ☐ Ask a trusted believer to help you test one conviction.
- ☐ Use appropriate reporting or professional channels where serious wrongdoing requires it.
- ☐ Repent of one place where desire, approval, or convenience has become more authoritative than Jesus.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

- ☐ I will begin today.
- ☐ I will begin within two days.
- ☐ I will begin this week.
- ☐ I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
- ☐ Humility
- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Clarity
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Jesus, search what I excuse, protect me from pride, and keep Your Word above my preferences and desires. Teach me to speak truth with love, protect people from harm, repent quickly, and hold fast to You.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

Walk is strengthened by faithful community. Use this page when you need someone to listen, pray, ask honest questions, protect safety, or help you follow through.

What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
- ☐ Someone to ask honest questions.
- ☐ A follow-up conversation this week.
- ☐ Someone to pray with me.
- ☐ Help deciding what to do next.
- ☐ Help taking a first step.

Share in Three Simple Parts

Part	What to Share
1. What is happening?	Name the question, pressure, habit, relationship, suffering, or concern.
2. What am I believing or doing?	Name the belief, fear, response, pattern, or place where faithfulness is difficult.
3. What is Jesus inviting me to receive or practice?	Name the truth, surrender, confession, care step, conversation, boundary, or faithful next step.

WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
- ☐ We will reconnect this week.
- ☐ We will reconnect next week.
- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 12 / HEAR HIS VOICE

Wake Up and Open the Door

Sardis and Laodicea expose the danger of reputation without present life and resources without dependence on Christ.

Book Connection

Chapter Eleven: Wake Up and Open the Door

Primary Scripture

Revelation chapter 3, verses 19 and 20

Why This Practice Matters

Let Jesus' true assessment interrupt image management and self-sufficiency. Receive correction as love and return to life, dependence, and renewed fellowship.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

- ☐ I read the matching book chapter first.
- ☐ I am using this Field Guide on its own.
- ☐ I am working through this with a trusted person, group, or leader.

How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
1	Read the Scripture and short teaching slowly.
2	Check the responses that feel most true.
3	Move into Word and Wonder. Let the present area of formation become visible.
4	Use the Action Blueprint and practical tool to name one faithful next step.
5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	Wake from Reputation	Notice where a past story of faithfulness has begun to replace present life with Jesus.
02	Recognize Self-Sufficiency	Ask where money, competence, systems, or success have made dependence feel unnecessary.
03	Receive Loving Correction	Hear rebuke as part of Christ's care without turning spiritual authority into manipulation or humiliation.
04	Open to Renewed Fellowship	Read the door image in its church setting as Jesus calling His people to hear and respond.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: Revelation chapter 3, verses 19 and 20. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

Jesus sees beyond reputation and self-assessment.	Sardis is called to wake, strengthen what remains, remember, keep, and repent.
Laodicea's deepest danger is the belief, "I need nothing."	Revelation chapter 3, verse 20 is spoken to a church and calls toward renewed fellowship.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A reputation I am relying on instead of tending present life.
- ☐ A success or resource that has reduced my sense of dependence.
- ☐ A correction I am resisting because it threatens my image.
- ☐ A leader or community where correction has been used to control.
- ☐ A spiritual practice that has become routine without attention.
- ☐ A place where Jesus is inviting renewed fellowship.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

Walk turns reflection into faithful response. Begin by making the present condition visible.

Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

Think about your ordinary pattern during the past thirty days. Choose the number that is most true, not the number you wish were true. A lower score is not failure. It helps you identify where honest attention and one faithful next step are needed.

Statement	Score
I can distinguish a good reputation from present spiritual health.	1 2 3 4
I can receive resources and competence as gifts without treating them as substitutes for dependence on Christ.	1 2 3 4
I can receive healthy correction without accepting manipulation, humiliation, or unquestioned loyalty.	1 2 3 4
I understand Revelation chapter 3, verse 20 in its church context as an invitation to hear and respond to Jesus.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Ask for Jesus' assessment rather than relying on reputation, resources, or self-protection.	Awakening is becoming concrete. Strengthen prayer, dependence, correction, or one honest response.	Life with Christ is staying more important than appearance. Guard teachability and dependence when things are going well.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

Reputation and Dependence Audit

Compare appearance with reality. Name where past success or present resources may be hiding need, and choose one response to Jesus.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Area	What Appears Strong	What May Need Attention	Response to Jesus
Reputation			
Prayer / attention			
Resources / money			
Competence / systems			
Correction / fellowship			

WALK NOTE

Write only what helps you name the next faithful response. The goal is not to complete every box. It is to move from reflection into one clear act of faithfulness.

WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

Walk turns what you have seen into a clear response. You do not need to solve every part of this practice today. Choose one step that helps you move toward faithfulness under Christ.

1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ A reputation I need to stop protecting.
- ☐ Money or resources I have begun to trust.
- ☐ Correction I need to receive honestly.
- ☐ A prayer life that has become thin.
- ☐ Competence that makes asking for help difficult.
- ☐ A harmful use of authority I need to name or address.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read Revelation chapter 3, verses 1 through 6 and 14 through 22.
- ☐ Begin one day with prayer before productivity or problem-solving.
- ☐ Invite one trusted person to tell you something you may not see.
- ☐ Return to one simple practice you already know helps you attend to Jesus.
- ☐ Ask Jesus, "Where does my reputation not match present reality?"
- ☐ Thank God for one resource while explicitly naming your continued dependence on Him.
- ☐ Reject manipulation or humiliation disguised as spiritual correction.
- ☐ Respond to one clear correction without waiting for a dramatic revival moment.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

- ☐ I will begin today.
- ☐ I will begin this week.
- ☐ I will begin within two days.
- ☐ I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
- ☐ Humility
- ☐ Repair
- ☐ Clarity
- ☐ Peace
- ☐ Trust
- ☐ Faithfulness
- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Jesus, You are the faithful and true witness. Wake me where I have begun living from reputation, expose self-sufficiency with grace, and draw me back into honest dependence and fellowship with You.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

Walk is strengthened by faithful community. Use this page when you need someone to listen, pray, ask honest questions, protect safety, or help you follow through.

What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
- ☐ Someone to ask honest questions.
- ☐ A follow-up conversation this week.
- ☐ Someone to pray with me.
- ☐ Help deciding what to do next.
- ☐ Help taking a first step.

Share in Three Simple Parts

Part	What to Share
1. What is happening?	Name the question, pressure, habit, relationship, suffering, or concern.
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WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
- ☐ We will reconnect this week.
- ☐ We will reconnect next week.
- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

GUIDED PRACTICE 13 / CELEBRATE AND INVITE

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

The Bride's story moves toward joy: the Lamb is victorious, His people are with Him, and God makes all things new.

Book Connection

Chapter Twelve: The Marriage Supper of the Lamb

Primary Scripture

Revelation chapter 19, verse 9

Why This Practice Matters

Let the marriage supper, new creation, judgment, resurrection, and the presence of God shape present hope and witness without turning Revelation into a technical diagram.

Choose How You Are Using This Practice

- ☐ I read the matching book chapter first.
- ☐ I am using this Field Guide on its own.
- ☐ I am working through this with a trusted person, group, or leader.

How to Use This Practice

Step	What To Do
1	Read the Scripture and short teaching slowly.
2	Check the responses that feel most true.
3	Move into Word and Wonder. Let the present area of formation become visible.
4	Use the Action Blueprint and practical tool to name one faithful next step.
5	Invite a trusted person into prayer, support, or follow-through where needed.

Suggested time: 45 to 75 minutes. You do not need to solve your whole story today. Stay with what is most important. Receive grace. Take the next faithful step.

FORMATION MOVEMENTS

What You Will Work Through

Movement	Focus	What It Helps You Notice
01	Receive the Feast as Joy	Let the marriage supper celebrate a salvation Christ accomplished rather than a reward for people who never needed mercy.
02	See the Whole Bride	Receive the gathered people of God across nations, cultures, generations, and traditions with humility.
03	Hope for Justice and Renewal	Trust God to judge evil rightly, raise the dead, wipe tears, end death, and renew creation.
04	Live Toward the Invitation	Carry the conclusion forward: the Spirit and the Bride say, "Come," while the Bride also prays for Jesus to come.

BEFORE YOU CONTINUE

Which movement feels most important in my present season?

What question or desire do I want to carry into this practice?

WORD • WONDER

Receive and Reflect

Begin with Scripture, then reflect honestly on where its truth meets your life. The next pages move into Walk, where reflection becomes faithful response.

Word

Reading: Revelation chapter 19, verse 9. Open the passage in your Bible. Read it once without writing. Read it a second time and notice what it reveals about God, people, Christ's Church, and a life under Jesus.

The Bride is ready by grace and the marriage supper is blessed.	The future people of God are larger than any one congregation, nation, movement, or tradition.
Christian joy includes God's righteous judgment and the renewal of creation.	The greatest promise of the new creation is God dwelling with His people.

One phrase or truth I want to carry forward:

Wonder

Choose the responses that fit your current season. Check one or two. Then write only where a few words help you name what is true.

- ☐ A future hope that has become too vague or disembodied.
- ☐ A grief I want God to hold inside the promise that tears will end.
- ☐ A present act of service that bears witness to the world God will make new.
- ☐ An injustice I need to entrust to God without abandoning appropriate action now.
- ☐ A church boundary I may be drawing too tightly around the Bride.
- ☐ A person I want to invite toward Jesus while I wait for Him.

The one area I want to bring honestly before Jesus:

What do I believe about God, myself, or other people in this place?

What truth from Scripture do I need to receive?

WALK • THE ACTION BLUEPRINT

Make the Condition Visible

Walk turns reflection into faithful response. Begin by making the present condition visible.

Begin the Walk

Score the statements honestly. This is not a grade or a verdict. The Action Blueprint helps you see where support, conversation, or a clearer practice may be needed before choosing the next faithful step.

HOW TO SCORE

Think about your ordinary pattern during the past thirty days. Choose the number that is most true, not the number you wish were true. A lower score is not failure. It helps you identify where honest attention and one faithful next step are needed.

Statement	Score
I can receive the marriage supper as grace-filled celebration rather than an end-times puzzle.	1 2 3 4
I can value my church or tradition without claiming it contains the whole Bride.	1 2 3 4
I can trust God's final justice while still supporting protection, accountability, and earthly justice now.	1 2 3 4
I can let new creation hope increase present care for bodies, people, justice, and mission.	1 2 3 4

My total: _____ / 16

Low | 4-6	Medium | 7-11	High | 12-16
Needs attention now. Begin with the Lamb, the promise of God's presence, and one concrete hope Scripture clearly gives.	Future hope is becoming more grounded. Strengthen one present act of justice, compassion, community, or witness.	Celebration and mission are staying connected. Guard humility, hope, and the invitation of Jesus.

My next step:

I may bring this to:

WALK • PRACTICAL TOOL

Future Hope and Present Witness Map

Place the promises of Revelation beside the world you live in now. Let future hope create faithful presence rather than escape or speculation.

How to use this tool: Start with one real example in each row. Use names, short phrases, recent situations, and simple observations. Do not try to complete every row. Focus on the places that help you see the present season more clearly.

Promise / Area	What Is Broken Now	What God Promises	Present Witness
Table / belonging			
Justice			
Grief / tears			
Creation / body			
Mission / invitation			

WALK NOTE

Write only what helps you name the next faithful response. The goal is not to complete every box. It is to move from reflection into one clear act of faithfulness.

WALK • CHOOSE ONE FAITHFUL RESPONSE

Take the Next Honest Step

Walk turns what you have seen into a clear response. You do not need to solve every part of this practice today. Choose one step that helps you move toward faithfulness under Christ.

1. Name What You Are Responding To

- ☐ A grief I need to place inside future hope.
- ☐ A narrow picture of the Church I need to widen.
- ☐ A person I want to serve or invite toward Jesus.
- ☐ An injustice where I need both trust and wise action.
- ☐ A created gift I need to receive with gratitude.
- ☐ A future question I need to stop forcing into a detailed sequence.

2. Choose One Faithful Response

- ☐ Read Revelation chapters 19, 21, and 22 over three days.
- ☐ Pray for one person or community experiencing injustice.
- ☐ Thank God for one created gift as a small reminder of the goodness He will renew.
- ☐ Pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," without withdrawing from the mission in front of you.
- ☐ Write the clearest promises you see without adding a timeline the text does not give.
- ☐ Take one practical act that protects or serves someone vulnerable.
- ☐ Reach out to one person who may be thirsty for hope, belonging, or mercy.
- ☐ Invite one trusted believer to review this Field Guide with you after thirty days.

3. Make It Simple Enough to Follow Through

My first step:

_____

_____

- ☐ I will begin today.
- ☐ I will begin within two days.
- ☐ I will begin this week.
- ☐ I will begin on this date: _____

The person who can help me:

_____

_____

WALK • PRAYER AND COMMUNITY

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

4. Name What You Hope God Will Grow

- ☐ Honesty
- ☐ Courage
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- ☐ Clarity
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- ☐ Trust
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- ☐ A stronger rhythm
- ☐ Hope

MY PRAYER

Lamb of God, keep my hope centered on You. Teach me to wait with joy, care for what is broken, trust Your justice, love the whole Church, and carry Your invitation until You come.

WALK • WITH A TRUSTED PERSON

Bring this into a faithful conversation.

Walk is strengthened by faithful community. Use this page when you need someone to listen, pray, ask honest questions, protect safety, or help you follow through.

What Kind of Support Do You Need?

- ☐ Someone to listen.
- ☐ Someone to ask honest questions.
- ☐ A follow-up conversation this week.
- ☐ Someone to pray with me.
- ☐ Help deciding what to do next.
- ☐ Help taking a first step.

Share in Three Simple Parts

Part	What to Share
1. What is happening?	Name the question, pressure, habit, relationship, suffering, or concern.
2. What am I believing or doing?	Name the belief, fear, response, pattern, or place where faithfulness is difficult.
3. What is Jesus inviting me to receive or practice?	Name the truth, surrender, confession, care step, conversation, boundary, or faithful next step.

WALK • FOLLOW-THROUGH

Questions a Trusted Person Can Ask

- ☐ What feels most true right now?
- ☐ What are you carrying alone?
- ☐ What do you believe about God in this place?
- ☐ What truth from Jesus do you need to receive?
- ☐ What response would help you walk faithfully this week?
- ☐ How can I pray for you?

The one thing I will do next:

The person who will follow up with me:

- ☐ We will reconnect within two days.
- ☐ We will reconnect this week.
- ☐ We will reconnect next week.
- ☐ We will reconnect on this date: _____

Prayer / Notes

THIRTY-DAY PLAN

The Jesus & The Bride Follow-Through Plan

Faithful until He comes. Choose what belongs in this season instead of trying to strengthen everything at once.

Week	Focus	My Practice
Week 1	Belong to Christ	Read Ephesians chapter 5, Luke chapter 22, or Second Corinthians chapter 11. Begin each day by receiving Christ's love and your belonging among His people before measuring yourself by performance.
Week 2	Live Ready	Read Revelation chapter 19, Matthew chapter 25, or Galatians chapter 5. Choose one repeatable practice of repentance, attention, or Spirit-dependent obedience.
Week 3	Hear and Hold Fast	Read Revelation chapters 2 and 3. Choose one letter that most clearly meets your present season and take one response: return, endure, repent, refuse compromise, wake up, or hold fast.
Week 4	Come and Invite	Read Revelation chapters 19, 21, and 22. Pray "Come, Lord Jesus," name one person to serve or invite toward Christ, and let future hope strengthen present faithfulness.

SIMPLE DAILY RHYTHM

One Scripture. One honest prayer. One truth about Christ. One surrender. One faithful act. One person to notice. One hope to remember. The goal is not intensity. It is a life that keeps returning to Jesus.

My one faithful action for the next thirty days:

The person who will follow up with me:

My thirty-day review date:

THIRTY-DAY REVIEW

Faithful-Until-He-Comes Review

Return to the places you named at the beginning. Look for grace, growth, unfinished places, and the next faithful step without turning the review into a verdict.

Where has belonging to Christ become more concrete in my ordinary life?

Where have I seen grace produce a more faithful response?

What has changed in my attention, repentance, endurance, or hope?

Where am I still under pressure from fear, compromise, self-sufficiency, or exhaustion?

How has my view of Christ's Church become healthier, wider, or more honest?

Who have I served, encouraged, or invited toward Jesus while I wait for Him?

RETURN TO THE BASELINE

Return to the Baseline Assessment on page 6. Rescore the thirteen practices. Do not chase a perfect score. Notice what has become clearer, steadier, more honest, more supported, or more faithful.

REVIEW RHYTHMS

My Next Season

Carry forward what helps you belong to Christ, remain ready by grace, wait with hope, hear His voice, and live faithfully until He comes.

The practice I will keep working on:

The person I will invite into the next season:

The rhythm I will protect:

The place where I want faithfulness to become more visible:

The person or place where I want to carry the invitation of Jesus:

Review Rhythm

- ☐ I will review this in two weeks.
- ☐ I will review this with a trusted person.
- ☐ I will review this in thirty days.
- ☐ I will return to the Baseline Assessment next season.

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, keep Your Church faithful until You come. Keep us rooted in Your Word, formed by Your grace, awake to Your voice, courageous under pressure, quick to repent, humble with one another, and ready to carry Your invitation into the world. Come, Lord Jesus.

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