
What To Do Next

Victory Life Church

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What do you do when you don't know what to do next?

[Review] - What to do next, Part 1 (July 23, 2017)

Humanity is wired to be fruitful and multiply. Mankind chose independence and disconnection from God, defining good and evil on our own terms and fulfilling our desires our way, which led to death. We are still given the choice between living connected to the creator God to fulfill our purpose (Isaiah 40:28 - he's never weak or weary, his understanding is unsearchable), trusting his wisdom, power, and perspective, or choosing to try and fulfill it disconnected and independent, trusting our own wisdom, power, and perspective. When we find ourselves frustrated, discouraged, impatient, or weary, it is a sign that we are living in some way disconnected from the life and power of God. We must refocus, re-center, and reconnect to the one who is the Creator, who never grows weak, weary, or impatient.

- **Focus your heart** in prayer on God's character and promises.
- **Ensure your heart** is wholly trusting God's understanding.
- **Keep your heart** delighting and **your way** directed toward God's will.
- Do the right thing and don't give up.

John 15:5 (ESV)

This is not just doing a "principle," it's not a quick-fix to a problem, it is an invitation into relationship. A relationship gets messy, and it takes time and effort. You cannot treat Jesus as a magic pill or secret code. He is a person who, in relationship with him, will transform the entirety of your person and character.

Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

God is pursuing your transformation.

Where do I begin in bearing fruit connected to Jesus?

Matthew 13:18-23 (ESV)

Hear then the parable of the sower: When anyone **hears the word** of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away **what has been sown in**

his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who **hears the word** and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises **on account of the word**, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who **hears the word**, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches [desires for other things enter in and] **choke the word**, and **it proves unfruitful**. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who **hears the word and understands it. He** indeed **bears fruit** and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

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Luke 8:15 (ESV) As for that in the good soil, they are those who, **hearing the word, hold it fast** in an honest and good **heart**, and **bear fruit with patience**.

Isaiah 55:8-11 (NLT)

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, **so shall my word be** that goes out from my mouth; **it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish** that which I purpose, and **shall succeed** in the thing for which I sent it.

John 1:14 (ESV)

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Matthew 11:28-30 (MSG)

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? **Come to me.** Get away **with me** and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk **with me** and work **with me**—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company **with me** and **you'll learn to live freely and lightly**.

[Take Away]

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[Talk it out]

Am I hearing and nurturing the Word?

Where is my connection to Jesus?

Are my relationships drawing me closer to Jesus?

[Walk it out]

No matter what situation is in front of you, no matter how stuck, frustrated, impatient, anxious, or worried you feel: Take one step closer to Jesus.