

SAY YES TO FOLLOWING JESUS

A New Life in Christ



THE
Chapel

The decision to accept Jesus as your Savior is the most important one you'll ever make.

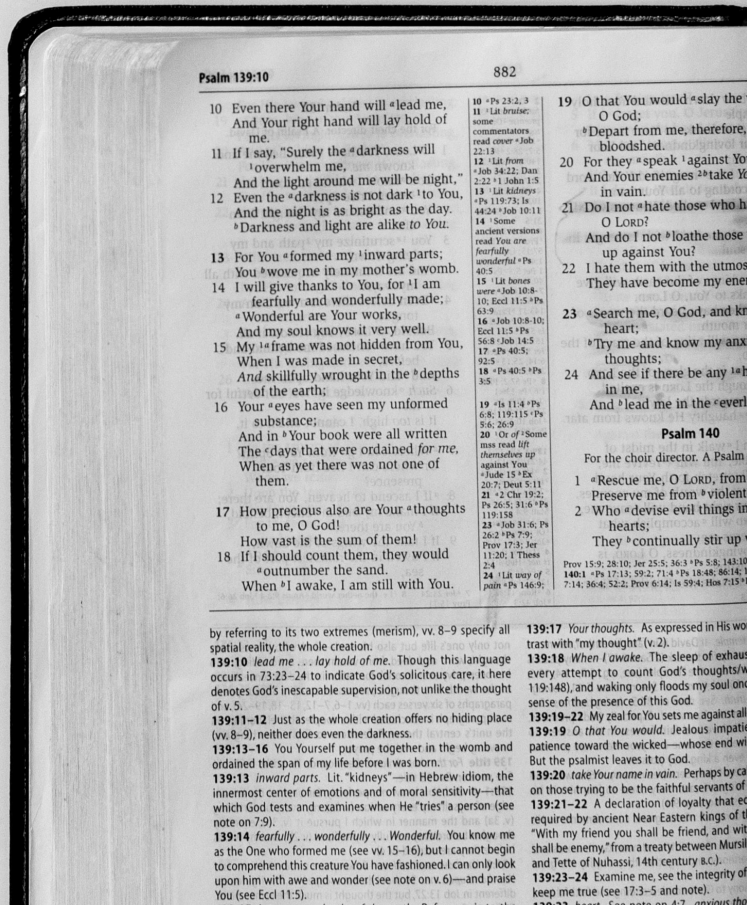
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A relationship with Jesus is more than just trying to live a better life. It's realizing God loves you - He's always been seeking a relationship with you, and He's given you a way to have that with Him.

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I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND HAVE IT TO THE FULL. - JOHN 10:10



Psalm 139:10

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10 Even there Your hand will ^alead me,
And Your right hand will lay hold of
me.
11 If I say, "Surely the ^adarkness will
^boverwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"
12 Even the ^adarkness is not dark ¹to You,
And the night is as bright as the day.
^bDarkness and light are alike to You.
13 For You ^aformed my ¹inward parts;
You ^awove me in my mother's womb.
14 I will give thanks to You, for ¹I am
fearfully and wonderfully made;
^aWonderful are Your works,
And my soul knows it very well.
15 My ¹frame was not hidden from You.
When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the ^bdepths
of the earth;
16 Your ^aeyes have seen my unformed
substance;
And in ¹Your book were all written
The days that were ordained for me,
When as yet there was not one of
them.
17 How precious also are Your ^athoughts
to me, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
18 If I should count them, they would
^aoutnumber the sand.
When ¹I awake, I am still with You.

10 ^aPs 23:2, 3
11 ¹Lit: breathe;
some
commentators
read cover • Job
22:13
12 ¹Lit: from
• Job 34:22; Dan
2:22 • 1 John 1:5
13 ¹Lit: kidneys
• Ps 119:73; Is
44:24 • Job 10:11
14 ¹Some
ancient versions
read You are
fearfully
wonderful • Ps
40:5
15 ¹Lit: bones
were • Job 10:8-
10; Eccl 11:5 • Ps
63:9
16 ¹Job 10:8-10;
Eccl 11:5 • Ps
56:8; Job 14:5
17 • Ps 40:5;
92:5
18 ¹Ps 40:5 • Ps
35
19 ¹Is 11:4 • Ps
6:8; 119:115 • Ps
5:6; 26:9
20 ¹Or: of ¹Some
mass read lift
themselves up
against You
• Jude 15 • Ex
20:7; Deut 5:11
21 ¹• 2 Chr 19:2;
Ps 26:5; 31:6 • Ps
119:158
23 ¹• Job 31:6; Ps
26:2 • Ps 79;
Prov 17:3; Jer
11:20; 1 Thess
2:4
24 ¹Lit: away of
pain • Ps 146:9;

19 O that You would ^aslay the
O God;
^bDepart from me, therefore,
bloodshed.
20 For they ^aspeak ¹against You
And Your enemies ²take ¹in
in vain.
21 Do I not ^ahave those who h
O LORD?
And do I not ^bloathe those
up against You?
22 I hate them with the utmost
They have become my ene
23 ^aSearch me, O God, and kn
heart;
^bTry me and know my anx
thoughts;
24 And see if there be any ¹h
in me,
And ^alead me in the ^bever

Psalm 140

For the choir director. A Psalm
for David.
1 ^aRescue me, O LORD, from
Preserve me from ^bviolent
2 Who ^adevise evil things in
hearts;
They ^bcontinually stir up
Prov 15:9; 28:10; Jer 25:5; 36:3 • Ps 5:8; 143:10
140:1 • Ps 17:13; 59:2; 71:4 • Ps 18:48; 86:14; 1
7:14; 36:4; 52:2; Prov 6:14; Is 59:4; Hos 7:13

by referring to its two extremes (merism), vv. 8-9 specify all spatial reality, the whole creation.
139:10 lead me... lay hold of me. Though this language occurs in 73:23-24 to indicate God's solicitous care, it here denotes God's inescapable supervision, not unlike the thought of v. 5.
139:11-12 Just as the whole creation offers no hiding place (vv. 8-9), neither does even the darkness.
139:13-16 You Yourself put me together in the womb and ordained the span of my life before I was born.
139:13 inward parts. Lit. "kidneys"—in Hebrew idiom, the innermost center of emotions and of moral sensitivity—that which God tests and examines when He "tries" a person (see note on 7:9).
139:14 fearfully... wonderfully... Wonderful. You know me as the One who formed me (see vv. 15-16), but I cannot begin to comprehend this creature You have fashioned. I can only look upon him with awe and wonder (see note on v. 6)—and praise You (see Eccl 11:5).

139:17 Your thoughts. As expressed in His word, contrast with "my thought" (v. 2).
139:18 When I awake. The sleep of exhaustion every attempt to count God's thoughts (vv. 119:148), and waking only floods my soul with the sense of the presence of this God.
139:19-22 My zeal for You sets me against all!
139:19 O that You would. Jealous impatience toward the wicked—whose end will But the psalmist leaves it to God.
139:20 take Your name in vain. Perhaps by contrast those trying to be the faithful servants of
139:21-22 A declaration of loyalty that is required by ancient Near Eastern kings of "With my friend you shall be friend, and with shall be enemy," from a treaty between Mursili and Tette of Nuhassi, 14th century B.C.
139:23-24 Examine me, see the integrity of keep me true (see 17:3-5 and note).

Q: DO YOU KNOW THAT GOD LOVES YOU?

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FOR GOD LOVED THE WORLD SO MUCH THAT HE GAVE HIS ONE AND ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. - **JOHN 3:16**

Each one of us was created with a deep aching in our hearts to be known and loved. We long to have the assurance that even when we're not perfect, we will still be loved, valued, and accepted. **God offers this to us!**

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WE ARE ALWAYS THANKFUL THAT GOD CHOSE YOU...TO EXPERIENCE SALVATION THROUGH YOUR BELIEF IN THE TRUTH. - **2 THESSALONIANS 2:13**



Q: IF GOD LOVES ME SO MUCH, WHY DOES HE FEEL SO FAR AWAY?

In life, we all hit a major roadblock that keeps us from God: SIN.

Despite our desire to be loved and known by God, we naturally turn our backs on Him. We choose to live our lives on our terms and ignore Biblical truth.

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FOR THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH, BUT THE FREE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. - **ROMANS 6:23**

Sin has a way of killing our relationships, our joy, and our closeness to God. The penalty for sin - doing things our own way - is spiritual death. It separates us from God.



Fortunately, because God loves you
He created a solution.



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WHEN WE WERE UTTERLY HELPLESS, CHRIST CAME
AT JUST THE RIGHT TIME AND DIED FOR US
SINNERS. - **ROMANS 5:6**

Q: HOW DO I GET TO GOD?

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BUT GOD DEMONSTRATES HIS OWN LOVE FOR US IN THIS; WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS CHRIST DIED FOR US. - **ROMANS 5:8**

There is no way we can work our way to God. That's why God, through His love and mercy, sent Jesus to take care of our sins.

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I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME. - **JOHN 14:6**

We can try to fix our relationship with God by being a good person or by following religious rules, but **no human effort can make us good enough to fix our separation from God.**



Jesus is fully God and fully human, and His relationship with God is perfect - sin did not separate Jesus from God. He willingly laid down His life as a payment for our sins, and after three days, by God's power, He rose from the grave. His life paid the price for our sins once and for all.

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GOD SAVED YOU BY HIS GRACE WHEN YOU BELIEVED. AND YOU CAN'T TAKE CREDIT FOR THIS; IT IS A GIFT FROM GOD. - **EPHESIANS 2:8**

Forgiveness of our sins is a gift from God when we acknowledge our sinfulness and accept Jesus as the one who saves us. Remember, we can't earn it. We don't deserve it. It's the most amazing gift anyone could ever offer.



Q: ARE YOU READY TO SAY YES TO FOLLOWING JESUS?



I TELL YOU THE TRUTH, THOSE WHO LISTEN TO MY MESSAGE AND BELIEVE IN GOD WHO SENT ME HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. THEY WILL NEVER BE CONDEMNED FOR THEIR SINS, BUT THEY HAVE ALREADY PASSED FROM DEATH INTO LIFE. - **JOHN 5:24**

If you want to say YES to Jesus and begin a relationship with Him, you can talk to Him as you would a friend. To help you along, here's an example.

DEAR GOD,

I REALIZE AND CONFESS THAT MY SIN HAS BEEN SEPARATING US. I BELIEVE JESUS DIED TO PAY FOR MY SINS, THEN ROSE FROM THE DEAD, AND BECAUSE OF THIS YOU HAVE MADE A WAY FOR ME TO HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU. I ACCEPT YOU INTO MY LIFE. I'M TURNING AWAY FROM DOING THINGS MY OWN WAY, AND ASKING YOU TO SHOW ME YOUR WAY. LEAD MY LIFE, LORD. THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME AND GIVING ME A NEW LIFE WITH YOU. **AMEN.**

IF YOU JUST PRAYED THAT PRAYER AND SAID YES TO FOLLOWING JESUS:

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YOU ARE A NEW PERSON IN CHRIST! HAVE FAITH IN THAT. ANYONE WHO BELONGS TO CHRIST HAS BECOME A NEW PERSON. THE OLD LIFE IS GONE; A NEW LIFE HAS BEGUN. - **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

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DEAR CHILDREN, BECAUSE YOUR SINS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN ON ACCOUNT OF HIS NAME.
- **1 JOHN 2:12**





CONGRATULATIONS!

Now that you have said YES to following Jesus, you are a part of God's family and have the Holy Spirit, God's Spirit - which guides you and reveals God's truth. He lives in you. All heaven is celebrating, and we are too!

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COUNT ON IT - THAT'S THE KIND OF PARTY GOD'S ANGELS THROW EVERY TIME ONE LOST SOUL TURNS TO GOD. - **LUKE 15:10**

Q: SO, NOW WHAT?

Now that you have a relationship with God through Jesus, these are things you can do to strengthen and deepen that relationship. As you do, your faith will grow and you will experience more and more of your new life.

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IT IS NOT I WHO LIVE, BUT CHRIST WHO LIVES IN ME.
- GALATIANS 2:20

1. READ YOUR BIBLE

You will get to know God's heart better when you connect with Him through the Bible. As you're reading, follow these prompts:

H: HIGHLIGHT / What is a verse that stood out in your reading?

E: EXPLAIN / What was the author trying to communicate to his audience back then?

A: APPLY / What does this text mean for believers today?

R: RESPOND / How will I personally respond (an action or prayer) to this text today?

If you do not own a Bible, please let us know. We would be glad to provide one for you. Visit thechapelbr.com/bible-plan to download a copy of The Chapel Bible Reading Plan.

2. PRAY

Prayer is a simple conversation between you and God. It may feel a little strange at first, but as you do it more and more it will begin to feel more natural. Through these conversations you'll discover God desires to guide your life and your relationship with Him will grow.

3. CONNECT

We encourage you to attend church and connect with others who love Jesus at the Chapel. Here are some ways to connect:

1. **Attend First Step** where you will learn more about the Chapel and how to get connected in a Community Group and/or Volunteer Team. For more information: thechapelbr.com/firststep
2. **Gather** on Sunday mornings at one of our two locations. For more information: thechapelbr.com/about
3. **Grow** in your relationship with Jesus in a Community Group. Find your group at thechapelbr.com/community
4. **Serve** by using the gifts God gave you to help others. For information on opportunities available: thechapelbr.com/serve

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AND LET US NOT NEGLECT OUR MEETING TOGETHER, AS SOME PEOPLE DO, BUT ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER, ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE DAY OF HIS RETURNING IS DRAWING NEAR.

- **HEBREWS 10:25**

4. TELL SOMEONE

Tell a friend or family member and let us know too! Share your story with us - just go to the Contact Us menu on our website. We want to celebrate with you and support you in your new life in Christ.

5. GET BAPTIZED

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BELIEVE AND BE BAPTIZED. - **MARK 16:16**

Visit thechapelbr.com/baptism to find out when our next baptism celebration is scheduled and to learn more.

6. SHARE

Share your story about the difference Jesus is making in your life. Demonstrate your new life in Christ by showing your love and concern for others.

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COME AND FOLLOW ME, AND I WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO FISH FOR PEOPLE. - **MATTHEW 4:19**

NEXT STEPS

1. If you don't have a Bible, visit the Connect Kiosk. We would love to provide one for you.
2. Visit thechapelbr.com/firststep to learn about the next First Step class.
3. Find your Community Group at thechapelbr.com/community

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**TO HELP PEOPLE
MEET, KNOW,
AND FOLLOW JESUS.**



