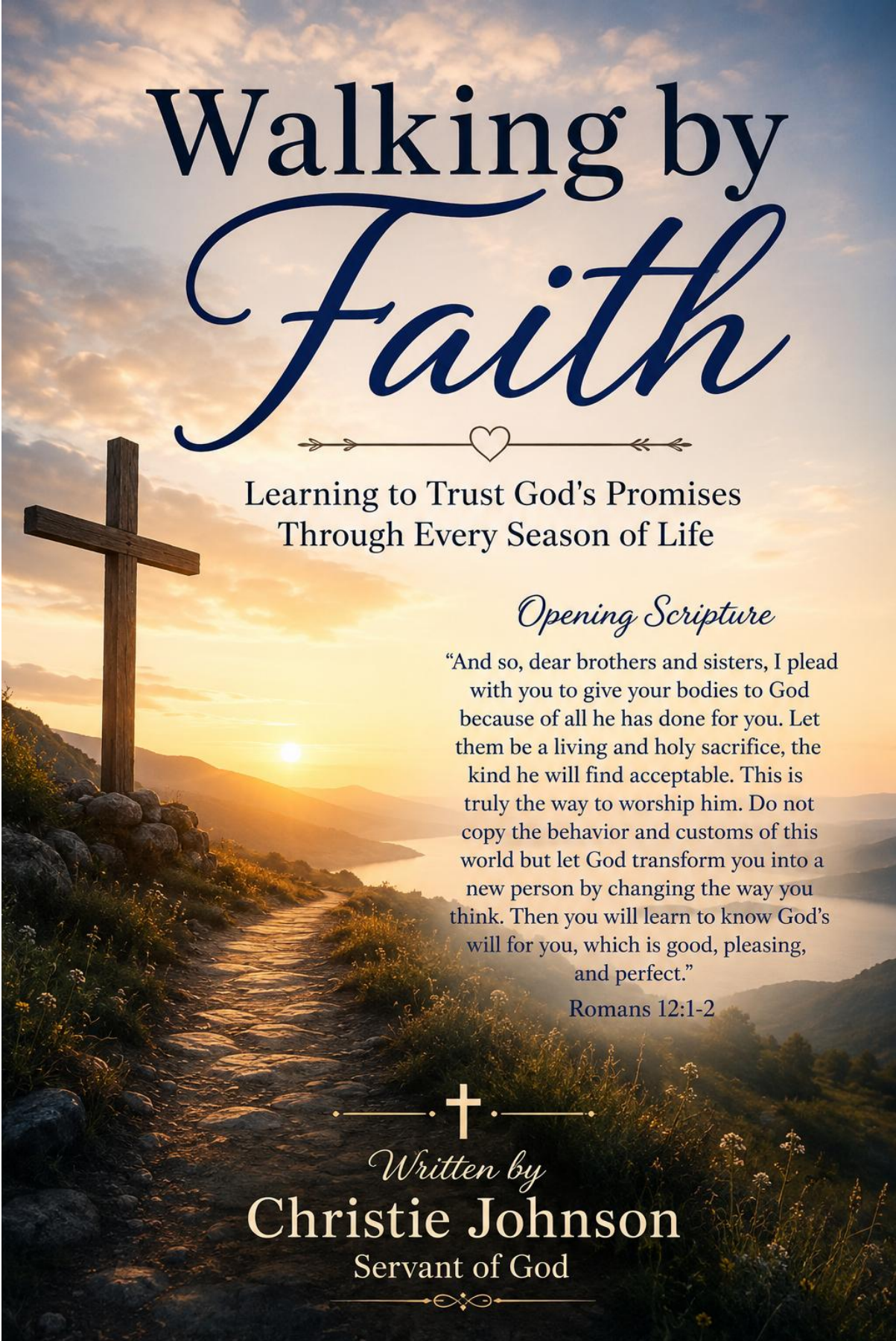




Walking by *Faith*

Learning to Trust God's Promises
Through Every Season of Life

Opening Scripture

“And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice, the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Do not copy the behavior and customs of this world but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good, pleasing, and perfect.”

Romans 12:1-2

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A Personal Note

Thank you for taking the time to study God's Word through this resource.

My prayer is that every page points you to Jesus Christ rather than to me. Any wisdom found in these pages comes from God's Word and from His faithful work in my own life. My desire is simply to faithfully teach His Word, encourage your walk with Him, and help you continue growing into the disciple He has created you to be.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, I pray this study strengthens your faith, deepens your understanding of God's truth, and encourages you to live as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

“Pointing people to the hope, healing, and transformation found in Jesus Christ.”

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Introduction

Living by faith is one of the greatest invitations God gives to every believer. It is more than simply believing certain truths about God; it is choosing each day to trust His character, rely on His promises, and follow His leading even when the path ahead is uncertain. Faith becomes the foundation of our relationship with Jesus Christ because it teaches us to depend on Him rather than on our own strength.

This paper is about learning to live by faith through the transforming power of God's Word. As believers, we are continually shaped by Scripture, strengthened by the Holy Spirit, and taught through every season of life. Spiritual growth does not happen overnight.

It is a lifelong journey of surrender, obedience, trust, and transformation as God renews our minds and forms us into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

As I reflect on my own walk with Christ, I can see how God has used seasons of joy, suffering, waiting, disappointment, healing, and restoration to teach me what it truly means to trust Him. Many Scriptures became personal anchors during those seasons. They reminded me of God's character when life felt uncertain, strengthened me when I felt weak, and pointed me back to Jesus when I needed hope.

Throughout Scripture, we see that every follower of God had to learn this same lesson. Abraham trusted God's promises before he saw them fulfilled. Moses learned to depend on God's strength rather than his own ability. David discovered God's faithfulness through seasons of victory and hardship. The apostles learned to walk by faith after leaving everything to follow Jesus. Their lives remind us that faith is not the absence of difficulty; it is confidence that God remains faithful in every circumstance.

My prayer is that this paper will encourage readers to trust God more deeply, surrender to Him more fully, and allow His Word to transform every area of their lives.

As we continue walking with Jesus, our faith grows stronger, our hope is renewed, and our confidence in God's promises becomes deeper through every season of life.



Learning to Trust God Through My Story

When I first surrendered my life to Jesus Christ, I thought living by faith would come naturally. I believed that once I became a Christian, many of the struggles I had carried for years would quickly disappear. Instead, I discovered that following Christ is a lifelong journey of learning to trust Him one step at a time.

God has faithfully used every season of my life to teach me what it means to walk by faith.

There have been times of brokenness, grief, disappointment, uncertainty, and waiting when I could not understand what He was doing. During those seasons, I often found myself asking Him to change my circumstances. Looking back now, I realize that while I was asking Him to change what was happening around me, He was patiently changing what was happening within me.

Through His Word, God began renewing the way I thought about myself, my past, and my future. For many years I measured my worth by the approval of others and allowed painful experiences to shape my identity. As I spent time in Scripture, He showed me that my identity is not found in my failures, my wounds, or the opinions of people. My identity is found in Jesus Christ. That truth did not remove every struggle overnight, but it began transforming the way I viewed my life and the way I trusted God. There have also been seasons when I felt emotionally, physically, and spiritually exhausted.

During those times, God continually reminded me that I was never meant to live the Christian life in my own strength. Again, He met me through His Word, strengthened me by His Spirit, and gave me exactly what I needed for each new day. His grace proved sufficient even when I felt weak, and His faithfulness remained constant even when my faith struggled.

As I continue walking with Christ, I am learning that faith is not about having every answer or never experiencing doubt. Faith is choosing to trust God's character when I cannot understand His plans. It is believed that His promises remain true regardless of my circumstances. Every trial, every victory, every season of waiting, and every step of obedience has become part of the journey God is using to make me more like His Son.

Although I still have much to learn, I can confidently say that God has never failed me. He has faithfully led me through every chapter of my life, and He continues to teach me what it truly means to live by faith.



What God's Word Teaches

One of the greatest truths Scripture teaches is that the Christian life is not lived by our own strength but by faith in our faithful God. Throughout the Bible, He calls His people to trust His promises, depend upon His power, and allow Him to transform their lives into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

Living by faith begins with the renewing of our minds. Before God changes the way, we live, He changes the way we think. Through His Word and the work of the Holy Spirit, He replaces fear with faith, lies with truth, discouragement with hope, and self-reliance with complete dependence upon Him. As our minds are renewed, our desires become aligned with His will, and our lives increasingly reflect the character of Christ.

God also teaches that faith grows through obedience. We rarely see the entire path He has prepared for us. Instead, He invites us to trust Him with the next step. As we obey His Word, even when we do not fully understand His plans, our confidence in His faithfulness grows.

Every step of obedience becomes another opportunity to experience His guidance, provision, and grace.

Scripture also reminds us that trials are not obstacles to spiritual growth but often one of God's greatest tools for accomplishing it. Difficult seasons reveal where our trust has been placed and invite us to depend more fully upon Him. Through suffering, God develops perseverance, strengthens our character, and produces a hope firmly anchored in Christ. Though we would never choose many of our trials, God faithfully uses them to make us more like His Son.

Another comforting truth is that God's strength is made perfect in our weakness. While the world values self-sufficiency, God invites us to bring our weaknesses to Him. When we acknowledge our need for His help, His grace becomes evident in ways our own strength never could. He promises to provide the wisdom, strength, and peace we need for each new day.

God's Word continually points us to Jesus Christ, the perfect example of faith. As we fix our eyes on Him instead of our circumstances, we discover that true peace comes not from an easy life but from walking closely with the One who has overcome the world. Living by faith means building our lives upon God's promises, trusting that the One who has always been faithful will complete the good work He has begun in us.



Living This Truth

Living by faith is not a decision we make only once; it is a choice we make every day. Each morning, we are invited to trust God's promises more than our fears, His truth more than our emotions, and His wisdom more than our own understanding. Some days that choice feels natural, while on other days it requires us to surrender our doubts, disappointments, and uncertainties to the Lord once again. I have learned that walking by faith begins with spending time in God's presence.

As I read His Word, pray, and listen to His voice, He renews my mind and reminds me of what is true.

Instead of allowing my circumstances to determine my outlook, I allow His promises to shape my perspective. The more I focus on Jesus, the less control fear, worry, and discouragement have over my life.

Living by faith also means choosing obedience even when I cannot see the entire path ahead. God rarely reveals every detail of His plan. Instead, He asks me to trust Him with the next step. There have been many times when I did not understand why He was leading me in a certain direction or allowing me to remain in difficult circumstances. Yet each step of obedience has strengthened my confidence that His ways are always better than my own.

Faith is especially important during seasons of suffering. It is easy to trust God when life is going well, but true faith grows when we continue trusting Him through disappointment, loss, and uncertainty. Those seasons have taught me that God's faithfulness is not measured by the absence of trials but by His constant presence in the middle of them. Repeatedly, He has provided the strength, wisdom, and peace I needed for each day.

If you desire to grow in your faith, begin by spending time with Jesus every day. Read His Word with an open heart, bring every concern to Him in prayer, and choose to obey what He reveals. Trust Him with today's challenges instead of worrying about tomorrow's uncertainties. As you continue walking with Him, you will discover that faith grows one step of obedience at a time. The God who has faithfully led His people throughout history will faithfully lead you as well, transforming your heart and drawing you closer to Himself with every step you take.



How This Truth Has Shaped My Ministry Calling

Learning to walk by faith has become one of the greatest foundations of my ministry.

As I look back over my life, I realize that God was not simply teaching me how to overcome difficult circumstances—He was teaching me how to trust Him completely. Every trial, every season of waiting, every disappointment, and every victory became part of His work of preparing me to encourage others who are walking through similar struggles.

There was a time when my past experiences were obstacles that would prevent me from serving God effectively. Today, I see them differently. God has redeemed those experiences and transformed them into opportunities to share His faithfulness. Through His grace, the very places where I once felt broken have become places where I can now point others to the hope, healing, and transformation that are found in Jesus Christ.

Because of what God has taught me, my desire is to help others discover that living by faith is not reserved for a few spiritually mature believers—it is God's invitation to every follower of Christ. Whether someone is struggling with fear, discouragement, grief, unanswered prayers, or uncertainty about the future, I want them to know that they can trust God's promises even when life does not make sense.

My ministry is built upon the conviction that God's Word has the power to renew minds, restore hearts, strengthen faith, and transform lives through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Through writing, teaching, discipleship, and simply walking alongside people in their journey, I hope to encourage others to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus. My prayer is that every resource God allows me to create will help people grow deeper in their relationship with Christ, discover their identity in Him, and become faithful disciples who, in turn, help others do the same. If my life and testimony encourage someone to take one more step of faith and trust the Lord more fully, then I know God has used every part of my journey for His glory.



Closing Scripture

"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."
Isaiah 41:10



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for patiently teaching me what it means to walk by faith. Thank You for never giving up on me, even when my faith was weak and my understanding was limited. Through every season of joy and every season of struggle, You have faithfully guided me, strengthened me, and reminded me that Your promises never fail.

Thank You for using Your Word to renew my mind, transform my heart, and shape me into the person You created me to be. Thank You for every trial that has deepened my faith, every victory that has reminded me of Your goodness, and every lesson that has drawn me into a closer relationship with Jesus Christ.

I am grateful that You continue to work in my life each day, making me more like Your Son. Thank You for allowing my story to become a testimony of Your grace and faithfulness. May everything I write, teach, and share always point others to Jesus Christ and bring honor and glory to Your name.

In the precious name of Jesus,

Amen.

Prayer for the Reader

Heavenly Father,

I left every person who reads this paper. Wherever they are in their journey of faith, remind them that You are with them and that You are faithfully working in their lives. Strengthening those who are weary, encourage those who are discouraged, and give hope to those who feel uncertain about the future.

Help them to trust Your promises more than their fears and to rely on Your strength rather than their own. Renew their minds through Your Word, deepen their faith through the work of Your Holy Spirit, and teach them to walk closely with Jesus each day. When trials come, remind them that You are using every circumstance to shape them into the likeness of Christ.

May they experience the peace that comes from trusting You, the joy that comes from walking in obedience, and the confidence that comes from knowing You are always faithful. Draw them into a deeper relationship with You and use their lives to reflect Your love and truth to a world that desperately needs the hope found in Jesus Christ.

May they leave these pages encouraged to take the next step of faith, knowing that the God who called them is faithful and will continue the good work He has begun in their lives.

In the precious name of Jesus Christ,

Amen.

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