



# What I Wish I Knew

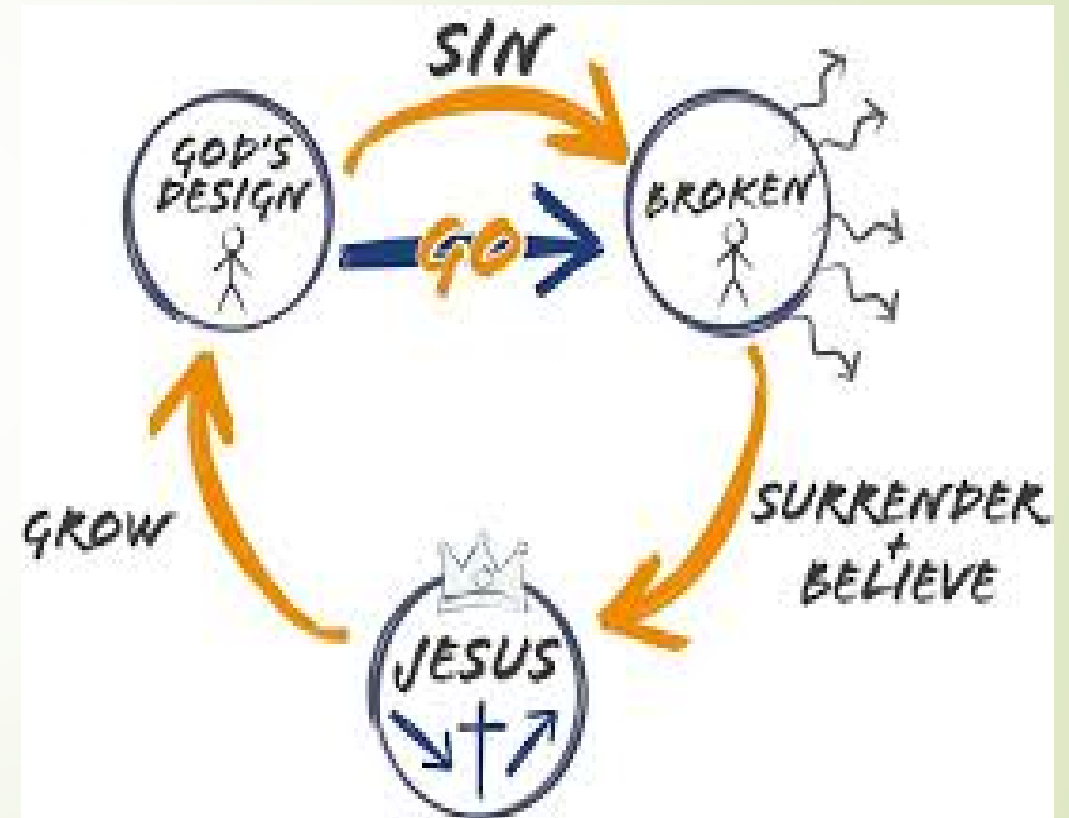
When I First Came to Jesus

# Foundational Principles for Growing in the Kingdom of God



## 1. Assurance of Salvation

- **Romans 10: 13 ESV:** “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
- **John 20: 21 – 22 ESV** 21. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”
- 22. And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit.



## 2. Prayer

- **Luke 11: 1 ESV:** 1. Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”
- **Colossians 1: 3 KJV:** 3. We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you



### 3. The Bible is Daily Food for the Soul.

- **John 8: 31 – 32 ESV:** 31. So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
- 32. and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
  
- **Psalms 1: 2 – 3 ESV:** 2. but his delight is in the law (*Bible*) of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.



## 4. Be an Active Part of a Family of Believers.

- **Luke 4: 16 ESV: 16.** And He (Jesus) came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as was His custom, He went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and He stood up to read.
- **Ephesians 5: 25, 29 – 30 ESV: 25.** Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,
- 29. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church,
- 30. because we are members of his body.



## 5. Our Heavenly Father Loves us.

### 1John 4: 10 ESV:

10. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation (*payment for our debts*) for our sins.



## 6. Go and Share the Gospel of the Kingdom.

- **Acts 1: 8 ESV:**
- 8. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”





## 7. Be Part of a Weekly Bible Discussion Group.

- **John 15: 26 - 27 ESV:**
- 26. “But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.
- 27. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

