

MY NEXT STEP WITH GOD

A Personal Prayer
and
Obedience Guide

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Hello and Welcome!



“By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.” — Hebrews 11:8 (NKJV)

Sometimes we want God to show us the whole journey before we take the first step. But Abraham followed God without knowing where the journey would eventually take him. He did not have the whole map, but he trusted the One who was leading him.

Perhaps God has been speaking to you about something—a decision, an area of obedience, a change you need to make, something you need to release, or something He is calling you to begin.

Use this short guide as a quiet space to pray, reflect and consider: What is my next faithful step with God? You do not need to work everything out today. Begin with what God has already made clear.

STEP #1

WHAT IS GOD SHOWING ME?

Before thinking about what you need to do, spend a few moments with God. Ask Him to bring clarity to what He has already been placing on your heart.

What has been repeatedly coming to my attention lately?

Is there something I believe God has already made clear to me?

Is there a Scripture God has been using to speak to or guide me in this area?

What do I sense God may be asking me to do, change, release, begin or wait for?

PAUSE & PRAY: Father, quiet my heart before You. Help me recognise what You have already been showing me. Give me wisdom to distinguish Your leading from my own desires, fears and assumptions. Let Your Word guide me and make my next step clear. In Jesus' name, Amen.

STEP #2

What Is Holding Me Back?

Sometimes the difficulty is not that we have received no direction. The difficulty is taking the step. Prayerfully consider what may be causing you to hesitate.

What is making this step difficult for me?

CHECKLIST

- ☐ Fear of getting it wrong
- ☐ Fear of failure
- ☐ Lack of complete clarity
- ☐ Comfort or familiarity



CHECKLIST

- ☐ Waiting for another confirmation
- ☐ I don't know how to begin
- ☐ I want to know what will happen afterwards
- ☐ Other: _____

What Is Holding Me Back?

If we know God is trustworthy, why can obedience still be difficult?
Because following God often exposes what we are depending upon for security.

What am I afraid might happen if I obey?

What am I trying to know or control before I am willing to move forward?

What truth about God's character do I need to remember right now?

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.” — Proverbs 3:5–6 (NKJV)

Remember: Faith does not always mean having every question answered. Sometimes faith means trusting God with what you cannot yet see.

STEP #3

PRAYERFULLY TEST THE STEP

Following God's leading does not mean acting on every thought, feeling or impression. Biblical discernment matters. Take what you believe God is showing you and prayerfully test it.

Does this step...

- ☐ Agree with God's written Word?
- ☐ Reflect God's character and biblical principles?
- ☐ Remain consistent as I continue praying about it?
- ☐ Require faith without requiring me to ignore biblical wisdom?
- ☐ Produce motives that honour God rather than simply satisfy fear, pride or pressure?
- ☐ Require wise, godly counsel before I proceed?

Is there anything I still need God to clarify?

PRAYERFULLY TEST THE STEP

Is there wise counsel I should seek?

Now ask yourself honestly:

AM I WAITING BECAUSE GOD HAS NOT YET MADE THE
WAY CLEAR...

OR AM I WAITING BECAUSE OBEDIENCE FEELS
UNCOMFORTABLE?

Take a moment before answering.

There are genuine seasons when God asks us to wait. Waiting can itself be obedience. But when God has made the next step clear, repeatedly asking for more confirmation can sometimes become a way of postponing obedience. Ask God for both **wisdom to wait when He says wait and courage to move when He says move.**

STEP #4

MY NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

You do not need to solve the whole journey today. **Begin with one faithful step.**

What has become clearer through this time of prayer and reflection?

MY NEXT FAITHFUL STEP IS:

What practical action do I need to take first?

When will I take this step?

What Scripture will I carry with me as I move forward?

MY PRAYER



Father, thank You for faithfully leading me. I don't need to see the whole journey to trust You with my next step.

Give me wisdom to recognise Your leading, courage to obey what You make clear, and humility to remain teachable as You guide me. Where fear has caused me to hesitate, strengthen my faith. Where I need to wait, give me patience. Where I need to move, give me courage.

I place what I cannot see into Your hands and choose to follow You one faithful step at a time.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

MY FAITH RESPONSE

FAITH DECLARATION

I MAY NOT KNOW THE WHOLE JOURNEY, BUT I KNOW THE ONE WHO IS LEADING ME.

I will trust God with what I cannot see and faithfully obey what He makes clear.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”

— Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)

God’s Word will be my light when the way ahead is uncertain.

I will not wait until I can see the whole path before I obey.

I will trust the light God gives me for today and follow where He leads.

As He makes the next step clear, I will move forward in faith and obedience.

I will not allow fear of the unknown to keep me from following God.

I trust that He will give me wisdom and grace for each step of the journey.

I will remain faithful today, knowing that God is faithfully leading me forward. **One step. One act of obedience. One day at a time.**



THANK YOU FOR
TAKING TIME TO
WORK THROUGH
MY NEXT STEP
WITH GOD.

Thank you for taking time to work through **My Next Step With God**.

My prayer is that these pages have helped you slow down, listen, and prayerfully consider what faithful obedience might look like in this season of your life.

Remember, following God is not about having the entire journey worked out before you begin. Sometimes He gives us enough light for one faithful step, and as we walk with Him, He continues to guide us.

“Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.”

— Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)

May you continue to grow in confidence—not because you know everything that lies ahead, but because you are learning to trust the One who does.

A PRAYER FOR YOUR JOURNEY

Father, thank You for every person using this guide. Continue to lead them by Your Word and Spirit. Give them wisdom when they need direction, courage when obedience feels difficult, patience when You ask them to wait, and faith to trust You when they cannot see the whole journey. May their walk with You grow deeper and their lives become increasingly responsive to Your leading. In Jesus' name, Amen.



WANT TO GO BACK TO THE FOUNDATION?

Following God: Learning to Trust and Obey His Leading is a complete teaching on its own, but it also builds naturally upon an earlier foundational teaching:

HEARING GOD: LEARNING TO DISCERN HIS VOICE AND DIRECTION

If you have not yet read *Hearing God*, I encourage you to begin there or return to it for deeper study. It explores how we learn to recognise and discern God's leading through Scripture, prayer and a growing relationship with Him. You can also download the accompanying:

7-DAY PRAYER & LISTENING CHALLENGE

This practical companion resource provides seven days of Scripture, prayer, reflection and intentional listening to help you develop the habit of becoming more attentive to God's leading.

[READ: *Hearing God — Learning to Discern His Voice and Direction*]

[DOWNLOAD: *7-Day Prayer & Listening Challenge*]

Together, these resources create a simple progression:

HEAR → DISCERN → TRUST → OBEY → FOLLOW

CONTINUE GROWING WITH US

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