



WHERE IS GOD IN MY LIFE'S JOURNEY?

We're all on a journey called life. Sometimes we feel that we have arrived. Life is full of great things and we see no reason to question what's around the corner. At other times we hold out little hope for what the next step may bring. Much of the time we are somewhere in-between.

In all the stops and starts of life, one thing is certain: The choices we make along the way greatly affect the journey's outcome. And the most important choice we will ever make is about our relationship with God.



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WE'RE NOT MADE TO BE ALONE IN OUR JOURNEY

Humans are made for relationship. We are not designed to make the journey of life alone. We are all designed to live our lives in relationship with God. The bad news though is that we begin our journey separated from God. The cause of this separation is our sin.

The Bible talks about it this way:

“For all have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious standard.”

Romans 3:23



When the Bible says, “all have sinned; all fall short,” it means that in our thoughts, in our words, and in our actions none of us have lived up to God’s standard of perfection. And our sin not only causes us to be separated from God, but it also earns us a penalty of death.

The Bible talks about it this way:

“For the wages of sin is death...” Romans 6:23

To make matters worse, we cannot, by our own efforts, escape God’s judgment or pay the penalty for our sin. No amount of personal effort, good works, or religious deeds can earn us a right relationship with God.

THERE IS A BRIDGE TO A RESTORED RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD



God has provided a bridge to relationship with him. The bad news is that our sin separates us from God. The good news is that God doesn’t want us to remain separated from Him. And since there is no way we can be perfect or pay the penalty for our sin, God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ to take the punishment for us.

The good news is that Jesus Christ gave His life to pay the penalty for our sin.

The Bible talks about it this way:

“But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8

THE DECISION TO TRUST IN JESUS

Through Jesus Christ, we have the opportunity to enjoy a restored and personal relationship with God. But we must respond to the offer God has made to us. We respond by deciding to trust in Jesus Christ alone to restore our relationship with God.

The Bible talks about it this way:

“God saved you by His special favor when you believed. And you can’t take credit for it; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.” Ephesians 2:8-9

“Jesus said...‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father (God), but through Me.’” John 14:6

If you have chosen the path of trust in Jesus Christ, you have started a relationship with God that will continue forever. If you have not, you can choose to begin your relationship with God right now.

- Ask God to forgive you for your sin.
- Acknowledge Jesus Christ’s death on your behalf as the only way to a relationship with God.
- Make a decision to receive Jesus Christ into your life.
- Thank God for sending Jesus Christ to pay the penalty for your sin.



It’s not the words that save you. It’s Jesus’ payment of your penalty, a payment you receive by trusting in Him alone as your bridge to God. If this is truly the attitude of your heart, you now have a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and can enjoy getting to know and love Him. You can have confidence in this fact because of God’s promises...

“For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son (Jesus), so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16

“Anyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” Romans 10:13

Jesus said, “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 to life.” John 5:24

WHAT NOW?

Every relationship requires attention and involvement in order for it to grow. It's no different in our relationship with God. There are three things you can do to help make sure you stay on the path of growth in your relationship with God.

Spend time listening – For a relationship to grow, we need to spend time getting to know the other person. God has given us the Bible to help us know His character. If we want to know Him, we must spend time learning what He says about Himself through the Bible.

Spend time talking – We need to share with God what is on our hearts. We can do this by talking to Him. This is called prayer. Prayer is sharing our hearts with God. Even though God already knows everything, He still wants us to communicate with Him about our desires and needs.

Spend time with others who have trusted Christ – When we place our faith in Christ, we join a community of other people who have placed their faith in Christ. This community is called the church. Local churches provide a great resource for us to deepen our understanding of God's character. Others who know Christ can also help us learn how to mirror His character in our lives.

Once you have made the decision to follow Jesus Christ, you will want to tell others about your journey.



If you have made a decision to follow Jesus, we would love to hear about it and become a resource for you. Please give us a call @ (909) 981-4848 and ask for one of our pastors or contact us online at www.lbf.church.

If you are looking for a local church to attend, you are welcome to join us often at LBF. Lastly, if your journey is rough right now and need help, we can offer assistance. We would love to come alongside you and help lighten the load.