



# Growing Your Faith

## Getting Started TIP SHEET

### What do you want most from a relationship with Jesus?

- ♥ A more loving and generous spirit?
- ♥ Comfort when truly bad things happen in your life?
- ♥ Forgiveness when you hurt others?
- ♥ How to forgive others who hurt you?
- ♥ Assurance you will go to heaven when you die?

### What does Jesus want most from a relationship with you?

- ♥ That you love him with all your heart, mind, and spirit.
- ♥ That you love your neighbor as yourself.
- ♥ That you affirm him as your Lord and Savior.
- ♥ That you check in with him daily.

In a perfect world you would set aside a specific time every day to read the Bible and pray to Jesus. Let's be honest, the pressures of family, friends, work, school, and even church, can be overwhelming and exhausting. There often doesn't seem to be *spare time* to spend with the Lord. Good news! **Here's a plan to grow your faith on the run!**

- 1. TALK to Jesus!** Praying is simply talking Jesus like he's your best friend – the one who knows your very best (and worst) and loves you through it all. Share your hopes, needs, worries, and concerns for yourself and others. Seek his forgiveness, wisdom, and guidance for your failures and fears. Thank him for your blessings. **Quick “flash prayers” can be said on the go and keep you in touch with Jesus all day long.**
- 2. LISTEN for answers.** Everyone needs a little quiet time to regroup and recharge. Whether you're walking the dog, chopping vegetables, or painting your fingernails, *listen* for the still, quiet voice of Jesus. The elusive answer to a dilemma, or the text from a friend you prayed for, may not be coincidence – It may be *Godincidence!*
- 3. Download a DEVOTION APP.** Daily Devotionals are available for women, men, teens, youth, kids, and families. Download several and choose one that speaks to you. Read a page every day – while the coffee brews, in a waiting room, in a car wash, during halftime, while the casserole is baking. You get the idea.
- 4. Download a BIBLE APP and read it with your devotion.**  
<https://www.Biblegateway.com> has many translations of the Bible including the Easy-to-Read Version (ERV). You can also look up key words like, "Lord's Prayer," and topics like, "faith" and "love." Don't know where to begin? Try one of the Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John – and read the true story of Jesus. Ask yourself, "What is Jesus saying to *me*?" How does he want me to live *my* life?
- 5. DON'T GIVE UP.** Growing your faith takes time. We all have good days and bad days. Begin by forming habits that keep Jesus foremost in your mind, like praying and thanking him for loving you. Jesus died to forgive your (and my) bad deeds, so that we could enjoy a close relationship with him now and live with him forever.