

# GROW YOUR HEART

*"Above all else, guard your heart,  
for it is the wellspring of life"*

Proverbs 4:23

From Growing in Christ to being Close to Christ

Acts 9:1-22

## Paul's Spiritual Journey Included

Exploring Christianity

Growing in Christ

Being Close to Christ

Living a Life Centered in Christ

## On the Spiritual Journey of Growing Your Heart

1. The first step is not the ONLY STEP  
*"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they know me and they follow me..."* John 10:27  
*"...in all things grow up in Him"* Ephesians 4:15
2. Church activity and attendance do not produce a CHANGED HEART  
*"...for it is God who works in you"* Philippians 2:13
3. If you are finished learning, you are FINISHED

### GOAL:

I feel really close to Christ Jesus and depend on Him daily for guidance

*"In him I live and move and have my being"* Acts: 17:28

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."* Galatians 2:20

*"I want to know Christ...the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of his suffering"* Philippians 3:10

*"You are my friends...I no longer call you servants"* John 15:14-15

To move from "Growing in Christ"  
to being "Close to Christ"?

- PRACTICE
- PROGRESS
- PARTICIPATION

## FOR THOSE DESIRING CLOSENESS TO CHRIST

1. **DAILY PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP** with Him is central  
*"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."*  
Luke 9:23

\_\_\_\_\_ I seek His guidance in all areas of my life

2. **THE BIBLE** is authoritative and directional  
*"...his delight is in the Law of the Lord, and on His Word he will meditate day and night"* Psalm 1:2

*"Your statutes are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart."* Psalm 119:111

\_\_\_\_\_ I desire to go deeper in the Bible and to have my life transformed

3. **SERVICE TO OTHERS** is not optional  
*"...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."* Matthew 20:28

John 13

\_\_\_\_\_ I regularly meet needs in my church family and in my community

## TODAY OUR PRAYER

"Draw me close to You"