

*Total Restoration Church & Ministries*

A JOURNEY  
OF  
SALVATION

The Basics



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THIS IS SO DOPE!

We are so excited that you have decided to join the family of Christ and TRC!

Our phenomenal leaders, Bishop R. D McLeod and Lady Angela McLeod are sending love and strong prayers for your faith from their lovely home in North Carolina.

We hope that this booklet series is a great tool for the best decision you have ever made! In this booklet there will be mini lessons that will encourage you and prepare you for the spiritual journey that you about to embark upon.

Always remember living a life for Christ is not about living a life of perfection- it is about living a life of redemption.

If you have any questions we want you to reach out to our extended TRC family Ministry team via email

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## I'm Saved, Now What?

I love the transparency of this question because I think most experienced Christians are still figuring this one out!

In short, we start healing ourselves and our hearts by getting close to God's word and his promises. Once we have gotten strong enough to share the gospel of Christ (*that amazing part where Jesus died on the cross for our sins so we could be free and redeemed*) we are then tasked with the duty of bringing others to Christ.

If you have not already watched Bishop & First Lady McLeod's video about salvation then I encourage you to watch it now!

There are several things that come as an answer to your "now what" question but I'm only going to review 5 of things you can expect and even look forward to once you have given your life to Christ.



# Salvation

Read Romans 10:9-10

Write down 1 thing that stands out to you the most.

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My favorite part about Romans 10:9-10 is that by our faith, if we believe in our hearts that Jesus died for our sins and has redeemed us that we are not only free but we have an eternal home when we leave this Earth.

But check this out, Romans 10:9-10 also tells us that we can be free from the urge to earn our way into God's heart, into a fullfilled life, into blessings and triumph because we are given that when we accept Christ.

We get access to grace, and even more mercy. This additional grace is not a free card to live a life saturated with sin but it is a free card to live a life filled with strides toward living by the standards of God and representing Christ to the world.



# Salvation

God know we're going to fail. He knows we will fall short because that is our nature. This whole set up, the Bible itself is a book of redemption and love.

When humanity fell God didn't put Adam & Eve out of the garden of Eden as a punishment, He put them out because he knew that they had to be redeemed. He knew he had to recover them and the people who would come from their offspring. That's why he sent Jesus, knowing we couldn't get it right he sent an ultimate sacrifice. Your Heavenly Father Loves you, so much that he has removed sin from your name and added you into the book of life eternally.

As believers we have access to the Holy Trinity which is our God in 3 forms.

1. Almighty God
2. Jesus Christ
3. Holy Spirit



# Salvation

When you think about the Holy Trinity what images or ideas come to mind when you think about how they are or how they may act toward you

A photograph of a person walking on a sand dune, with horizontal lines overlaid across the image. The person is seen from behind, walking away from the viewer towards the horizon. The sand dune is a light beige color, and the sky is a pale blue. The horizontal lines are black and evenly spaced, running across the entire width of the image.



# Salvation

As a Christian we believe that God in the beginning God created Heaven and Earth plus everything that is in it. God was so proud of what he created that he took a day for rest. From the beginning God wanted fellowship and relationship with us. However when man fell from grace God began a relentless pursuit for mankind because from the beginning He has loved us.

Most people think of God as an angry librarian like character waiting for us to get out of line so He can discipline us. While it is true that God will judge us and discipline us, His name should also be synonymous with faithfulness, grace, mercy and favor.

## ***Character of God in Scriptures***

*Merciful (**Ephesians 2:4-5**), Loving (**John 3:16**)  
Gracious ( **2 Cor 12:9** ) , Faithfulness (**1 Cor 10:12-13**), Compassionate (**Psalms 145; 7-9**)*

*Find 3 more examples of God's Character in the bible and write them down.*



# Salvation

We also believe that Jesus now sits on the right hand side of God, waiting for the moment in time that he will return and bring justice and judgement. When Jesus died he died on the cross for our sins that we would be found whole and healed by the sacrifice of his life and have access to eternal life.

His death also allowed us to access the Holy Spirit, which is the spirit of God that comforts, guides and counsels us. We are never alone and misunderstood. Jesus' ministry and time here on this Earth allowed him to understand the struggles, triumphs. In the book of Acts, chapter 2 you will find the first ever human interaction with the Holy Spirit.

Often in church people speak about the "gifts" that they have received from Holy Spirit. A few examples of gifts of the spirit are speaking in tongues, prophecy and many others. In fact there are 9 in total and you can find a list of them in the book of I Corinthians.

**What Gifts of the Spirit do You Already see evidence of in your life?**



# The Responsibility of Forgiveness

The thing about following Jesus we live by a standard. A foundation that identifies how we govern ourselves like the royal and chosen people mentioned in I Peter 2:9.

When we are unable to release the outcome of our situations, and choices (made by ourselves and others) we unintentionally leave ourselves at a place of good enough.

Many times refusing to forgive leads us to of bitterness a state of survival. We promise ourselves to never lean into “that trap” again or to look for evidence of every new and upcoming situation to potentially lead us down that same road of disappointment.

Healing is a process that starts with you making a decision to confront the pain and release it and it's power. Forgiveness is the first step in healing. When you release a wrong done to you or done to yourself, you have to get comfortable with being vulnerable. Notice I said vulnerable not gullible.



The Responsibility of Forgiveness  
Learning to trust yourself and most importantly God is process in it's own that will require time, grace and transparency. The only way to grow in trusting again is to, well, trust again.

Why do We have to Forgive As  
Christians??

Cause Jesus said so! Forgiveness is a non-negotiable for Jesus. In fact he gives it to us plainly in Luke 17:1-10 that we are supposed to continually forgive people. Trust me on this one, while yes it's wise to change up the people you allow in your space and to set boundaries so that people know how to handle you the biggest offenses usually come from people that we have deep emotional connections with. It's inevitable. As you read the passage you'll see that Jesus said your forgive those who offend you 7x7 times in one day!



# The Responsibility of Forgiveness

My favorite part of this scripture is the response from the men who actually lived the same time as Jesus, I mean they were there watching his example and even they had to ask for more faith to forgive 7x7 times a day to the same offender.

What are some areas in your life that you need to forgive yourself for?

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Why do you think it's so hard for you to forgive others? Yourself?

Remember that in exchange for our salvation we gave up our old lives for new lives in Christ. The people who are in need of Jesus' salvation and love are watching you. How will you release control and old safety precautions from your past and allow God to heal your heart?



# The Responsibility of Sharing the Gospel & Representing Christ

Being saved is all about transparency with yourself and God. Let's practice!

What is your biggest concern about being responsible for representing Christ? What about sharing the gospel?

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I'll share! My biggest concern about living for Christ had two parts.

1) I felt so dirty and unworthy of God's love that my shame made me want to hide my testimony instead of sharing how God had redeemed me.



## The Responsibility of Sharing the Gospel & Representing Christ

2) I had some many areas in my life that needed improvement, I keep thinking there was no way I could be true to who I was and serve Christ.

Being unworthy is the one thing that every human being has in common when it comes to the love of God but as his adopted sons and daughters we don't live there.

Everything you have experienced and endured in your life is unique to you and is specifically desinged to empower your testimony.

It's through our life improvements that we make by walking with God, trusting him, forgivine others, choosing love and grace, that we inspire others to want to know more about the God we serve.



It is our responsibility in exchange for eternal life and a life of abundance here on Earth that we share the impact that Jesus has made on our lives.

Are you afraid that people won't accept what you're saying?

Bishop R.D McLeod is always teaching us that it's only our job to live by example and share the word of God with others as we are led.

We do not give increase, we can not change the hearts of others. That's a God thing

***1 Cor. 3:7***

*The one who plants and the one who waters really do not matter. It is God who matters, because he makes the plant grow.*

My greatest encouragement to you is start off witnessing to others by living a life of Christ integrity. Read God's word and get aligned with his principles and people will notice the change, they will see the fruit of your life and in your life and ask you,  
" What are you doing in your life?"



# Salvation Checklist

1. ***Start Praying Daily***
2. ***Sign Up for Devotionals on Bible App***
3. ***Explore the Church Website!***
4. ***Sign Up for New Members Class***
5. ***Sign Up for an e-Church small group***
6. ***Attend service on Sunday & Tuesday***

*Making the choice to walk with Christ not about what you have to give up, it about what you stand to gain. It won't be an overnight process, but it will be worth it. You will have to be intentional about spending time in prayer, reading your Bible and protecting your peace by analyzing who you allow in your personal environment.*



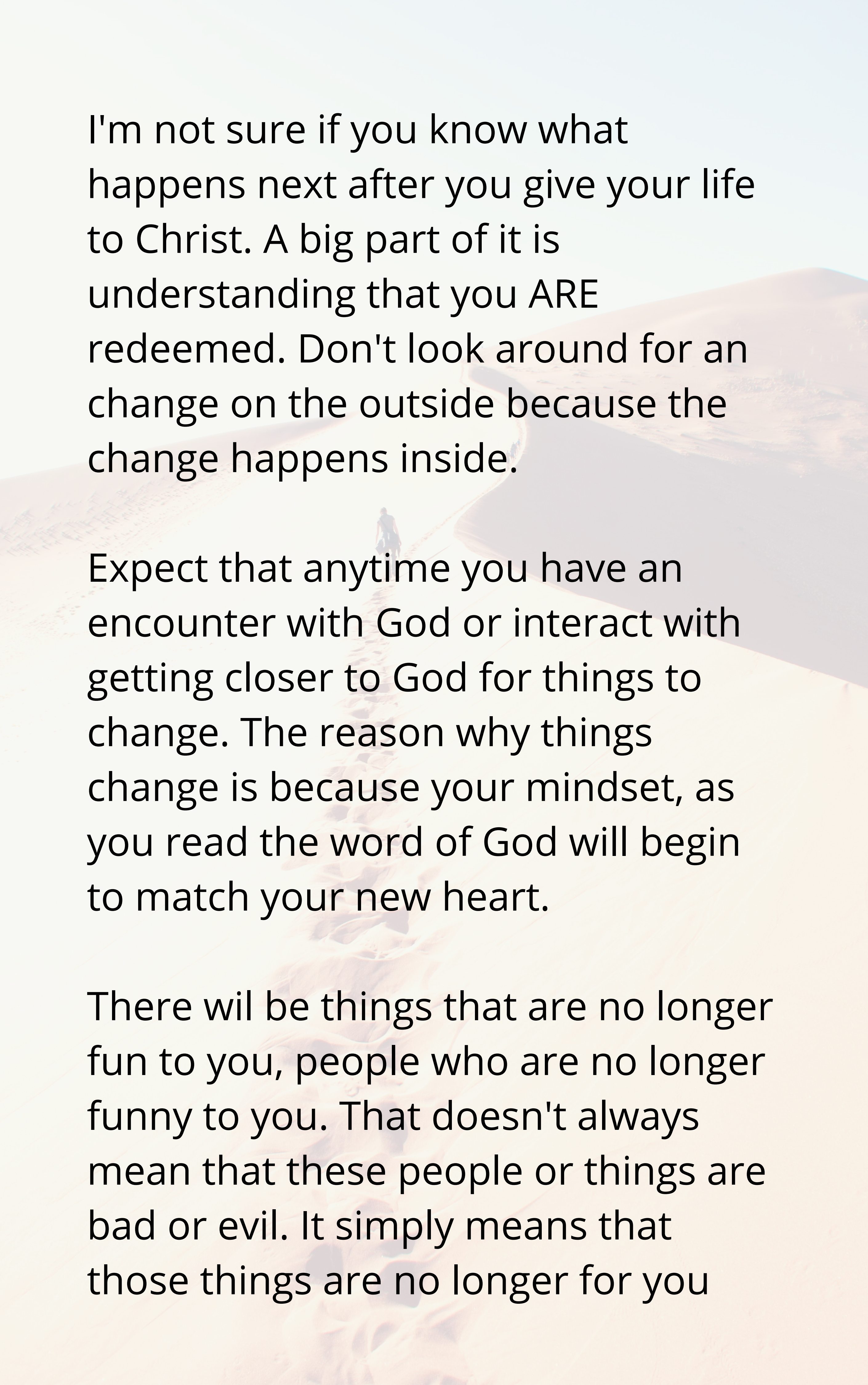
Don't be overwhelmed by the checklist. When you make a change in your heart you have to make adjustments and changes to your outward self. That means living in from the perspective of Christ takes practice. Signing up for the private devotional time on BibleApp is not mandatory but it will help you learn more about God, who he really is and his will for your life aka your purpose.

*As you reflect on these verses, think about what Salvation means to you?*

*What are somethings you would like to learn about Christ?*

*What are you most afraid of losing now that you have committed your life to Christ?*



A person is walking away from the viewer on a winding path through a vast, arid desert landscape. The path is marked with footprints and leads towards a distant horizon under a clear sky. The overall tone is one of journey and discovery.

I'm not sure if you know what happens next after you give your life to Christ. A big part of it is understanding that you ARE redeemed. Don't look around for an change on the outside because the change happens inside.

Expect that anytime you have an encounter with God or interact with getting closer to God for things to change. The reason why things change is because your mindset, as you read the word of God will begin to match your new heart.

There wil be things that are no longer fun to you, people who are no longer funny to you. That doesn't always mean that these people or things are bad or evil. It simply means that those things are no longer for you



I still have these seasons of mourning and grief when I have to release people and things that no longer serve me. It hurts like no other pain to release things but in order to receive large blessings we have to make room to catch them. It's usually during these times that I begin to pray and read my Bible several times a day.

*Even when you are walking with God you will still experience disappointments, hurts, and offense. The good news is that as a believer even the gray areas are clear because God is working everything out for your GOOD! Prayer and spending time with God will be one of your new coping mechanisms for troubles and trials.*

*What are some old things that you know need to change in your life for you to get closer to who God has created you to be?*



Earlier I mentioned prayer and so while I'm on the topic of prayer I want to dispell 2 big myths about personal prayer.

***Myth 1: God only asnwers the prayers of pastors and spiritual leaders***

You can and you should reach out to your Heavenly Father in prayer as many times a day as you want. as long as you want and do it with boldness. You are his favorite child. He looks forward to hearing from you. While uninterrupted prayer is sweet, intimate and imperative you have to make sure that you working on developing a prayer life between you and God that meets your needs not the expectations of others.

***Jeremiah 29:12"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you."***

***God is waiting to hear from you, not just your spiritual leaders. He is always listening, prayer is our direct line to him.***



When we pray with others we consider that to be what we call joining our faith. By praying together with other believers we are propelling our prayer even further into the spiritual realm but you have to know how to pray for yourself because your Pastor, Bishop, or Minister will not always be there.

***Philippians 4:6"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."***

The great thing about private prayer is being able to go to God about the things that are bothering you that you may not want anyone else to know. You can drop off that load of worry and anxiety with God and walk away knowing that your Heavenly Father has your back.

What are somethings you would like to pray about today?

Did you know you can search the bible for scriptures of comfort while you wait for God to answer your prayers? Check out Restoration TV on YouTube for a deeper explanation.



## ***Myth 2. What I have to say won't come out right.***

Everything that you is concerning you is a concern to God. No matter how big or how small.

*Read 2 Kings 6.*

*How does this miracle apply to the level of care that God gives us?*

*What small thing in your life are you going to bring to God today during your prayer time?*

Still not convinced that your prayers matter? That God is concerned about the big and small things going on with you? If you don't believe in the power of your own words use the words of Jesus Christ until you get stronger in your faith for your own.

When Jesus teaches us about prayer he also speaks to us about fasting, stating that both fasting and prayer are regular things that should be occurring in our lives. In that same breath if you think you don't know how to pray to God or what to say Jesus gives us some great instructions in Luke 11.



# The End?

The end of a thing is better than its beginning; The patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.

This verse comes from Ecclesiastes 7:8. It's here at the end of our Salvation 101 intro book because our time together has come to a temporary close.

The pamphlet is finished but your walk as a believer has just begun. There are so many things that God wants to do in your life. Trust me, that they will come to you after long moments spent in prayer.

As you patiently wait on the things you are planting in your life remember that being a part of the body of Christ isn't about knowing the most or gaining the most it is truly about fellowship with other believers for encouragement and spread of genuine love through the gifts that God has already given us.



# The End?

We want you to keep in touch! That's the whole point of joining a church, so you can have a back up team of encourage you. If you have questions make sure you send them into our ministry team via email:

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We also encourage you to join our New Members class and our new Salvation Bible Study.

For more information keep pace with our website for the times and dates of our small groups and studies.

Closing Prayer:

Father,

we thank you so much for all that you have done for us. We ask you to give us courage as we walk toward your truth and your word. Help us to be confident in your promises even in the face of pain and disappointment. We trust you for wisdom and discernment and we thank you for your Holy Spirit, in Jesus name we pray, Amen.