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How He Works

Grace-Filled Recovery: 12 Steps to New Life in Jesus

1. We admitted we were powerless over our addiction—that our lives had become unmanageable due to our inherited, sinful nature.
2. We came to believe that only through Jesus Christ alone, the Son of God, can we be saved and delivered from sin.
3. We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care and lordship of God the Father, through Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.
4. We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves, examining our sinful nature before God.
5. We confessed our sins to God the Father, to ourselves, and to a trusted believer, acknowledging the depth of our wrongs.
6. We were entirely ready to have Jesus Christ cleanse us from all sin and transform our hearts, and we obeyed His command to be baptized in water as an outward declaration of our new life in Him.
7. We humbly asked God to remove our sinful desires and restore us through his grace and the power of his Holy Spirit.
8. We made a list of those we had sinned against and became willing to make amends, seeking reconciliation where possible.
9. We made direct amends to those we had wronged whenever possible, except when doing so would cause harm to them or others.
10. We continued to take personal inventory, repenting immediately when we sinned, and seeking renewal through Jesus Christ.
11. We sought through prayer and the study of God's Word to grow in our relationship with the Father, through Jesus Christ, listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
12. Having been set free from sin through Jesus Christ, we set out to carry the message of the Gospel to all people, struggling with addiction or not, offering hope for lasting recovery, salvation, and redemption through Jesus Christ, and making disciples as He commanded. No longer prisoners of our past—through Christ, we walk in freedom, purpose, and truth.

1. **We admitted we were powerless over our addiction—that our lives had become unmanageable due to our inherited, sinful nature.**

Romans 3:23 – “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Prayer: Acknowledging our sinful nature before God the Father, we recognize our need for His grace and deliverance.

2. **We came to believe that only through Jesus Christ alone, the Son of God, can we be saved and delivered from sin.**

John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

Prayer: We place our full faith in Jesus Christ, our Savior, who conquered sin and death on our behalf.

3. **We made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care and lordship of God the Father, through Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

Matthew 16:24 – “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Prayer: We surrender fully to God the Father, trusting in Jesus Christ as our Redeemer, and asking the Holy Spirit to guide us daily.

4. **We made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves, examining our sinful nature before God.**

Lamentations 3:40 – “Let us examine our ways and test them and let us return to the Lord.”

Prayer: With the help of the Holy Spirit, we search our hearts for sin and areas needing transformation.

5. **We confessed our sins to God the Father, to ourselves, and to a trusted believer, acknowledging the depth of our wrongs.**

1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

Prayer: Through Jesus Christ, we boldly approach God the Father in repentance, seeking accountability within the Body of Christ.

6. **We were entirely ready to have Jesus Christ cleanse us from all sin and transform our hearts, and we obeyed His command to be baptized in water as an outward declaration of our new life in Him.**

Acts 2:38 – “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Prayer: Through water baptism, we publicly declare our faith in Jesus Christ, receiving the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

7. **We humbly asked God to remove our sinful desires and restore us through his grace and the power of his Holy Spirit.**

Psalms 51:10 – “Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.”

Prayer: We trust in the Holy Spirit to sanctify us, transforming our hearts to reflect Christ.

- 8. We made a list of those we had sinned against and became willing to make amends, seeking reconciliation where possible.**

Matthew 5:23-24 – “If you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift.”

Prayer: As disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive for peace and restoration, led by the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

- 9. We made direct amends to those we had wronged whenever possible, except when doing so would cause harm to them or others.**

Luke 6:31 – “Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Prayer: We seek to reflect God’s love through genuine acts of reconciliation and humility.

- 10. We continued to take personal inventory, repenting immediately when we sinned, and seeking renewal through Jesus Christ.**

Proverbs 28:13 – “Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

Prayer: The Holy Spirit convicts us, leading us to daily repentance and renewal in Jesus Christ.

- 11. We sought through prayer and the study of God’s Word to grow in our relationship with the Father, through Jesus Christ, listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.**

Colossians 3:16 – “Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly.”

Prayer: Through prayer and Scripture, we deepen our intimacy with God the Father, following the wisdom of Jesus Christ, and being led by the Holy Spirit.

- 12. Having been set free from sin through Jesus Christ, we set out to carry the message of the Gospel to all people, struggling with addiction or not, offering hope for lasting recovery, salvation, and redemption through Jesus Christ, and making disciples as He commanded. No longer prisoners of our past—through Christ, we walk in freedom, purpose, and truth.**

Matthew 28:19-20 – “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”

Prayer: We are now ambassadors of Christ, spiritually awakened, and spreading the message of salvation in Jesus Christ, and leading others to the transformative power of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

