

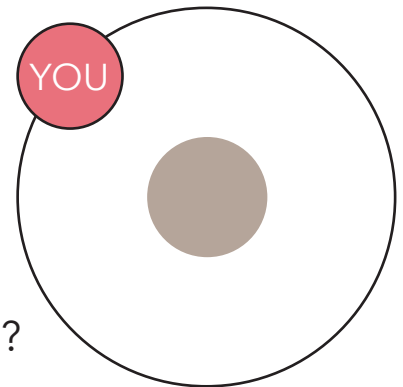
# HOPE FOR *Today* AND *Tomorrow*

Perhaps you want to believe God loves you, but you can't understand why a loving God would allow pain and suffering in your life.

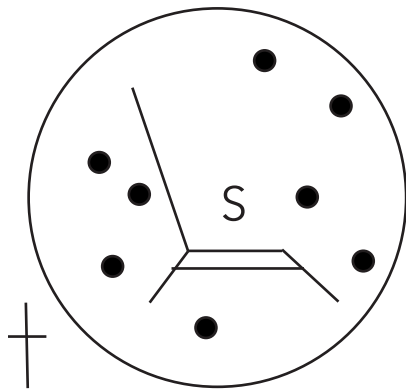
## FOUR PRINCIPLES to Discovering Hope for Today and Tomorrow

Start where you are

What is the center of your life now?



1. How can God become the center of your life?

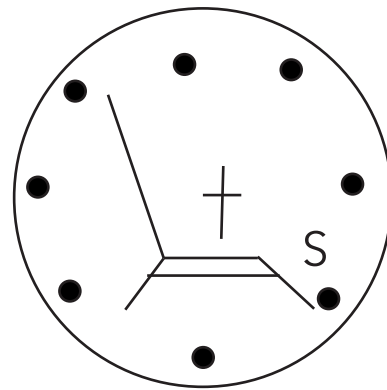


### Self-Directed Life

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† - Christ is outside the life

- - Interests are directed by self often resulting in discord and frustration



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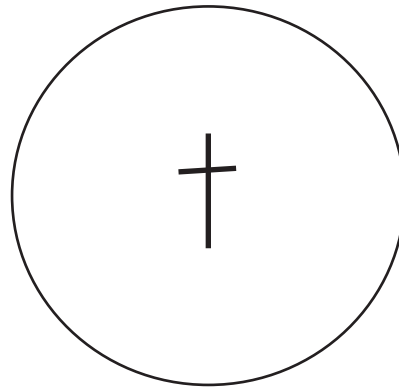
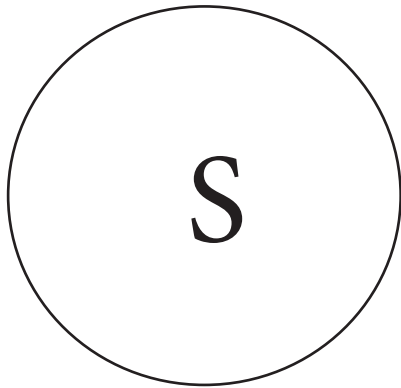
† - Christ is in your life

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- - Interests are directed by Christ, resulting in harmony with God's plan

2. The Bible says all have sin and separates us from God.  
So we must get past the barriers of sin between us.

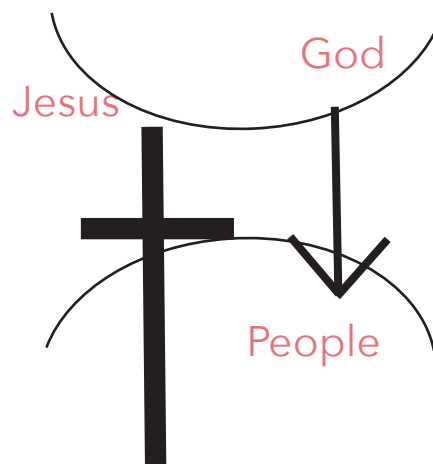
*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."  
(Romans 3:23 CSB)*



3. Because of our own self-centeredness we choose to go our own independent way.

4. So, how can God become the center of my life?  
God bridges the gap.

- We must personally invite Jesus Christ to be our Savior and Lord. Because He loves us unconditionally and is always faithful. He gives us a personal relationship.



- Asking and receiving Jesus through faith means personally trusting Him alone for giving his life as a free gift to break and remove the barriers of sin.



*"If you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord", and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. One believes with the heart, resulting in righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, resulting in salvation." Romans 10:9-10 (CSB)*

*"For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift-not from works, so that no one can boast."  
Ephesians 2:8,9 (CSB)*

*"When we receive Christ, we experience a new birth."  
John 3:1-8 (CSB)*

You can talk to God personally in prayer, if you're ready to receive Hope through Christ you can pray this prayer:

*Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally.  
Please forgive me for the things I have done wrong.  
I invite Jesus Christ into my life as my Savior a Lord.  
Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me  
a new life with you forever. I'm asking you  
to take control and guide me in all the areas  
of my life. Make me the kind of person  
You want me to be. Amen*



# WHAT IS THE *Next Step?*

We want to help you know Him better and learn  
to let Him direct your path.

If you prayed this prayer, let us know and let others know.  
If you attend a church let your pastor know, family, and your friends.

A good way to learn more about God is to:

- Read the Bible starting in John
- Attend a Christian Church
- Connect with our single-mom community through, facebook,instagram, or attend one of our single and parenting programs to connect with other believers and single-moms.

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation;  
the old has passed away, and see the new has come."*

*2 Corinthians 5:17*



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