



BEING A CHRISTIAN LEADER: CALLING

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LECTURE 1: BECOMING A CHRISTIAN

There are some pre-decision, behind the scene things at work

Ephesians 2:4-5 (NIV) *But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **made us alive** with Christ even when we were **dead in transgressions**—it is by grace you have been saved.*

Ephesians 2:9 (NIV) *For it is by grace you have been saved, **through faith**—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.*

John 3:8 *The **wind blows** wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the **Spirit**.*

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The windy path:

1. Decision

Acts 16:30-31 (NIV) *He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “**Believe** in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household.”*

Acts 2:37-38 (NIV) *Then the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” Peter replied, “**Repent** and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins.”*

Repentance answers the question: Why does one need a Savior?

Psalm 32:3-5 (NIV) *When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will **confess my transgressions** to the Lord." And **you forgave the guilt** of my sin.*

See the Repentance worksheet

i.e. emotions, addictions, selfish and self-absorbed tendencies, idolatry...

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The windy path:

2. Decision
3. Knowledge

*2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV) But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to **make you wise for salvation through faith** in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

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The windy path:

1. Decision
2. Knowledge
3. The Experience of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38 (NIV) *Peter replied, "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**."*

Thessalonians 5:19 (NIV) *Do not quench the **Spirit**.*

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The windy path:

The Walk – (habits of relationship)

Talking = *Prayer*

Listening = *Bible*

Repeatedly = *Devotions*

- See Walk-with-God Worksheet

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