

# **BASIC TRAINING**

**GETTING STARTED IN YOUR WALK WITH GOD**

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**YOUR NAME**

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## Basic Training Program Overview

### Key Components:

- Accountability – Groups of three or four people.
- Personal Devotions – Prayer, How to read the Bible.
- Clear understanding of salvation and how to articulate the plan of salvation.
- Your New Spiritual Identity, security, walking in the Spirit
- An understanding of the Seven Basic teachings of Jesus (repentance, baptism, prayer, The Great Commandment, The Great Commission, Communion, giving).

### Short Term Results:

- Commitment to Accountability
- Daily habit of prayer and Bible reading
- Ability to share the Gospel effectively to a lost person
- Know who you are in Christ and walk in the Spirit
- Able to lead a Basic Training Group, alone or with a mentor.

### Long Term Results

- First step towards leadership training.
- Take the next step into more in-depth discipleship or leadership training.

### Your Commitment

- Eight weekly meetings – In person or on-line.
- Listen to one audio message each week. These will be provided.
- Daily Bible reading according to schedule.
- Participation in one weekend service each week.
- Openness to the possibility of God calling **you** to pass on what you learn!

## **Basic Training Format:**

**These Components will be covered by the person leading the group or will be available on-line.**

- Weeks 1&2 – How to do Personal Devotions.
- Weeks 3&4 – Sharing Your Faith. A Basic understanding of the Gospel.
- Week 5, 6, & 7 – Understanding Our Great Salvation. Who are you?
- Weeks 8 –Next Steps. The Importance of Accountability.

**These Components will be available in MP3 format to listen on your device.**

- Seven Basic teachings of Jesus (repentance, baptism, prayer, The Great Commandment, The Great Commission, Communion, Giving).

### **Your Weekly Commitment (Homework)**

- Participate in weekend service each week.
- Daily Bible Reading – 1 chapter per day.
- Listen to one audio messages each week from the series, *The Seven Basic Commands of Jesus*.
- Jot down a daily insight from your devotions – be prepared to share.
- Memorize Scripture each week.
- You are also encouraged to find a small group to participate in once Basic training is over and pray about how God has called to you to serve.

### **Scripture Memorization**

- Week 1 – Joshua 1:8, John 3:16-17
- Week 2 – Psalm 1:1-3
- Week 3 – Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23
- Week 4 – Romans 10:9,10
- Week 5 – Romans 5:8-9
- Week 6 – Psalm 119:103-105
- Week 7 – II Corinthians 5:17, 20-21

## Basic Training Reading Plan

- Write tomorrows date in the first line below, starting with the month.
- Then continue to write down the dates for the next seven weeks

<b>Date</b>	<b>Daily Reading</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Daily Reading</b>
	<b>Matthew 1</b>		<b>Matthew 26</b>
	<b>Matthew 2</b>		<b>Matthew 27</b>
	<b>Matthew 3</b>		<b>Matthew 28</b>
	<b>Matthew 4</b>		<b>Galatians 1</b>
	<b>Matthew 5</b>		<b>Galatians 2</b>
	<b>Matthew 6</b>		<b>Galatians 3</b>
	<b>Matthew 7</b>		<b>Galatians 4</b>
	<b>Matthew 8</b>		<b>Galatians 5</b>
	<b>Matthew 9</b>		<b>Galatians 6</b>
	<b>Matthew 10</b>		<b>Mark 1</b>
	<b>Matthew 11</b>		<b>Mark 2</b>
	<b>Matthew 12</b>		<b>Mark 3</b>
	<b>Matthew 13</b>		<b>Mark 4</b>
	<b>Matthew 14</b>		<b>Mark 5</b>
	<b>Matthew 15</b>		<b>Mark 6</b>
	<b>Matthew 16</b>		<b>Mark 7</b>
	<b>Matthew 17</b>		<b>Mark 8</b>
	<b>Matthew 18</b>		<b>Mark 9</b>
	<b>Matthew 19</b>		<b>Mark 10</b>
	<b>Matthew 20</b>		<b>Mark 11</b>
	<b>Matthew 21</b>		<b>Mark 12</b>
	<b>Matthew 22</b>		<b>Mark 13</b>
	<b>Matthew 23</b>		<b>Mark 14</b>
	<b>Matthew 24</b>		<b>Mark 15</b>
	<b>Matthew 25</b>		<b>Mark 16</b>

## WEEK 1

### Devotional – Getting the Most From Your Daily Devotions

#### 1. Find a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Mark 1:35** - Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

**Daniel 6:10** - Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

#### 2. Choose a Bible \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deuteronomy 30:11-14** - This command I am giving you today is not too difficult for you, and it is not beyond your reach. <sup>12</sup> It is not kept in heaven, so distant that you must ask, 'Who will go up to heaven and bring it down so we can hear it and obey?' It is not kept beyond the sea, so far away that you must ask, 'Who will cross the sea to bring it to us so we can hear it and obey?' <sup>14</sup> No, the message is very close at hand; it is on your lips and in your heart so that you can obey it.

#### 3. Be sure to include the \_\_\_\_\_ in your study time.

**John 16:13** - However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

**Jeremiah 33:3** - Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.

**4. Don't get distracted by \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Instead focus on \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2 Timothy 2:23** - Again I say, don't get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights.

**John 14:15** - If you love Me, keep My commandments.

**John 14:21** - He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and manifest Myself to him."

**John 14:24** - He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

**5. Recognize that the whole Bible is about \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Homework:**

- Memorize Joshua 1:8, John 3:16-17
- Each day pray before you read. Then write down one insight that you received from your passage for the day in your journal. Reflect on that insight from the Lord throughout the day.
- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you that you want to share with the group next week?

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## WEEK 2 - Devotional – How to Pray

### The Lord's prayer – Matthew 6:9-13

In this manner, therefore, pray:

Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come. Your will be done

On earth as *it is* in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### George Buttrick's Simple Prayer Outline\*

- Begin in Silent self-preparation.
- Also, spend time in quiet meditation and listening between each stage.
  
- Stage One – \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Stage Two - \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Stage Three - \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Stage Four - \_\_\_\_\_

Homework:

- Memorize Psalm 1:1-3
- Continue to read your daily passage. Remember to pray first!
- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you that you want to share with the group next week?
- \*Originally, this outline comes from the book *Prayer*, by Buttrick, but is included in part in the book *Devotional Classics*, edited by Richard Foster and James Bryan Smith.



## WEEK 3

### Understanding the Plan of Salvation (The Roman Road)

Romans 3:23 - \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 6:23 - \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 10:9,10 \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Homework:

- Memorize Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23
- Continue to read your daily passage. Remember to pray before you read and write down one daily insight.
- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you that you want to share with the group next week?

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## WEEK 4 – The Plan of Salvation

### Billy Graham's Basic Sermon outline

- The Greatness of \_\_\_\_\_
- The fallenness of \_\_\_\_\_
- The solution of \_\_\_\_\_
- The call for \_\_\_\_\_

### The Power of Your Testimony

- Statistics confirm that the vast majority of people come to faith because someone they knew personally shared their faith.
- How to share your personal testimony:
  - What was your life like before you met Jesus?
  - How did you come to faith?
  - How has your faith changed you?
- Remember that ultimately it is \_\_\_\_\_ who leads people to Christ.
- For that reason alone, you should not be afraid to ask for a decision. Why would you assume that the Holy Spirit is not already working in the heart of the person you are with?

### Homework:

- Memorize Romans 10: 9,10. Continue to read your daily passage. Remember to pray before you read and write down one daily insight.

## WEEK 5

### Devotional: Our Great Salvation!

**Romans 5:1** – Therefore, \_\_\_\_\_ by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (NKJV).

**II Corinthians 5:17** – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is \_\_\_\_\_; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new (NKJV).

**Romans 6:1-6** - What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who \_\_\_\_\_ live any longer in it? Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we \_\_\_\_\_ with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup>For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be *in the likeness of His* resurrection, <sup>6</sup>knowing this, that our old man \_\_\_\_\_ with *Him*, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should \_\_\_\_\_ be slaves of sin. (NKJV)

- Note that we *have died* to sin, we *were buried*, we *were crucified*, and we are *no longer* slaves!

**Romans 8: 1** – There is therefore now \_\_\_\_\_ to those who are in Christ Jesus who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. (NKJV)

- There are two pillars to walking in freedom in your new life in Christ. From the previous verses we learned that we have:

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

- These two pillars seem contradictory, but together they have the power to transform your life and your walk with God.
- Can you see in your own life where you have died to sin?
- Do you struggle with condemnation?
- Let's review:
- If you are in Christ, whether or not you feel like it, you are \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you are in Christ, whether or not you feel like it, you are \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you are in Christ, whether or not you feel like it, you have \_\_\_\_\_.
- If you are in Christ, whether or not you feel like it, you are no longer \_\_\_\_\_.

**Homework:**

- Memorize Romans 5:8-9
- Continue your daily reading and be prepared to share with your group.

## WEEK 6

### Devotional: Our Great Salvation!

**Romans 5:1** – Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- If you are going to have victory in your life, you need to know

\_\_\_\_\_.

- Paul says, “therefore, having been justified...”

### Romans 4:1-3

- The Bible teaches that in God’s economy, believing = righteousness.
- This is a radical concept...

### Romans 4:4-5

- Abraham \_\_\_\_\_ God, and he reckoned him \_\_\_\_\_.

### Romans 4:6-8

- Blessed is the man \_\_\_\_\_.
- Not, blessed is the man \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 2: 8-9** – For *by grace you have been saved* \_\_\_\_\_, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.

**Romans 5:1**      **Justification only needs to happen** \_\_\_\_\_.

Justify – “A legal term signifying to acquit, declare righteous, show to be righteous.

- Paul uses the phrase, “having been justified.”
- That means this is something that happens one time.
- You don’t get justified every day, or once a week, or each time you confess sins.
- You get justified on the day you say yes to Jesus and believe.

### **Romans 5:1-2**

- Not only are we justified by grace through faith, we also stand....
- Through Christ- we also have access by faith to the grace to stand.

### **Galatians 3:3**

- Paul says, look, it starts with faith, it finishes with faith.
- We accept that God forgives what we did before we were saved....
- The logic is:
  - Now I know better,
  - Now, God can’t forgive me.
  - Or, since I know better, I must not be saved.
  - Or maybe, I was saved, but I must not be anymore.
- The difference between spiting in God’s face and being in bondage...

### **Romans 5:8-10**

- God demonstrated His love, while you \_\_\_\_\_.
- How much more, \_\_\_\_\_, will you be saved by his blood.
- Do you think you can outdo the blood of Christ?

**Romans 6:1, 2** – What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!

- Listen, there are a lot of reasons to not sin:

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- Let's not add to all the other consequences you may have brought on yourself the idea that God cannot forgive you!
- Today's message is that you will never overcome bondage in your life if you don't know where you stand with God.
- If you don't have peace with God, you will never have any other kind of peace.

**Colossians 2:13-14** - And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

- Do you know that you are saved?
- Can you see what God has done in your life?
- Can you see that Christ has done everything for us?
- Can you see that there is really nothing left for you to do to be righteous?
- Are you still unsure?

**Homework:**

- Memorize Psalm 119:103-105
- Continue your daily reading and be prepared to share next week.

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## WEEK 7

### The War Within

- The last two weeks we have talked about that fact that we have been justified, past tense, and now stand before God with a verdict of not guilty!
- We saw that Abraham believed God, and because he believed, God considered him righteous.
- This is the doctrine of Justification. That we have been justified, past tense, it is over and done and is received by faith and faith alone.

**Psalm 103:5** For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Psalm 103:13-14** As a father pities *his* children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are dust.

- It is also very important that we understand that just because we are saved, does not mean we do not struggle.
- Let me another passage by the Apostle Paul.

### Galatians 5:16-17

- Can anybody relate? Now compare that with this **Romans 5:1**
- So, what I want you to see, is that Paul has made two things plain:
- We have been \_\_\_\_\_ and brought into right standing, yet....
- There is a \_\_\_\_\_ between our flesh and our spirit.
- If there is no war between your flesh and your spirit, there are only two possibilities:
  - \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_

### Ephesians 2:1-10



- Paul makes a few things plain:
  - You \_\_\_\_\_
  - You followed the course of this world.
  - You \_\_\_\_\_ and seated with Christ in the heavenlies.
  - This is all by grace through faith and not by works.
- If there is no war between the flesh and the spirit, it is because the Spirit is still dead.
- Two key points:
  1. If you are in a battle with your flesh ***it does not mean that you are not saved!***
  2. While the battle is real, it is a battle that you can win.

### How can we win that battle?

- **First, simply** \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Second, don't forget** \_\_\_\_\_.
- Why is this so important?
- **Third, recognize that change is most often** \_\_\_\_\_.

### Homework:

- Memorize II Corinthians 5:17, 20-21
- Continue your daily reading and be prepared to share next week.

## WEEK 8

### Devotional – Next Steps

#### Proverbs 27:17 –

Every Christian is called to be \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Matthew 28:18-19 –

Every Christian is called to go and \_\_\_\_\_.

Every Christian is called to be \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Acts 2:42 – 47 - What does the church look like?

\_\_\_\_\_.