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A short word of good news for you



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Hi there.

Someone wanted you to have this. It is a gift, and it is yours to keep.



Read it on a bus, on a break or before bed. When you are done, pass it on to someone who needs hope.

Is there hope for me?



This little book is a gift for you.



Someone handed you this on purpose.

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

MATTHEW 11:28 (KJV)

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Grace and Dele, in this booklet, are made-up people. They come from our Four Corners picture stories and show what a hard day can feel like. Art: paintings, pencil sketches and comic panels from the 508 Ministry art collections.



For the one who picked this up
on a hard day.

We wrote it with you in mind.

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A NOTE FROM US

Hello, friend



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We are Corey and Allie Pearson. We are so glad this little book found you.

Maybe someone handed it to you on a street corner. Maybe you found it on a bus seat. However it got to you, we do not think it is an accident.

We started 508 Ministry to help people serve God and love their neighbors.

Along the way, we met a lot of tired people. Tired of bad news. Tired of trying hard and still feeling empty. Some of them asked us a quiet question: *Is there hope for me?*

This book is our answer. The answer is yes.

We used plain words. You can read it on one bus ride, or one page at a time. You do not have to clean up first. Come as you are.

> *"Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God."*
>
> ROMANS 15:7 (KJV)

With love,

Corey & Allie

ABOUT THIS BOOKLET

What is Four Corners?

Four Corners is the publishing ministry of 508 Ministry.

The name comes from a promise in the Bible. God said He would gather His people from the four corners of the earth.

> *"gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth"*
>
> ISAIAH 11:12 (KJV)

North, south, east and west. Big cities and little towns. We print books, booklets and picture stories that carry the good news about Jesus to every corner. This booklet is free. Please pass it on.

ABOUT YOU

Why we care about your corner

Everybody lives on some corner of the world. Yours might be loud or quiet. It might be a city block, a farm road or one small room.

God knows right where your corner is. Jesus told a story about a shepherd with one hundred sheep. One got lost. He did not say, "Oh well, I still have ninety-nine." He went looking until he found it (Luke 15:4).









That is how God feels about you. You are not a number to Him. You are the one He came looking for.



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CHAPTER 1

Is there hope for me?

"It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23 (KJV)

If you have ever asked this, you are not alone. Keep reading.

Grace works the night shift at a hospital. She takes care of everyone. When she gets home, the bills are piled on the counter. Her little boy, Eli, is asleep on the couch.

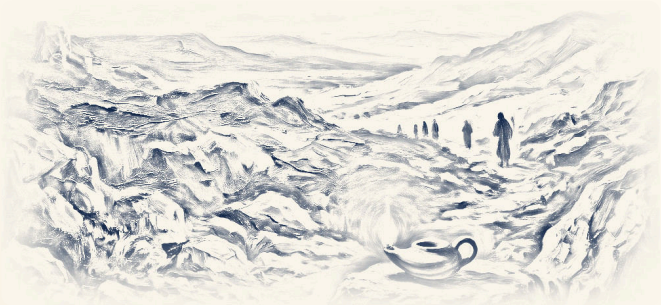


One night Grace slides down to the kitchen floor and cries. She wonders, "Is there any hope for me?"

Maybe you have had a night like that. Maybe today is one.

Here is something true. Feeling hopeless does not mean you are hopeless. Your feelings are real, but they are not the whole story.

> *"The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."*
>
> PSALM 34:18 (KJV)



Think about the sun. On the darkest night it is still on its way. The Bible says "joy cometh in the morning" (Psalm 30:5).

Hope is not a wish. Hope is a person. His name is Jesus.



CHAPTER 2

Look up

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

PSALM 46:1 (KJV)

When the world feels shaky, there is a place to stand.

Dele delivers food on his bike. Between orders, he scrolls his phone.



Bad news. More bad news. Someone has a better life. Someone else is angry. Prices are up. The more Dele scrolls, the more scared he feels.

Lots of us do this. A little glowing screen tells us what to worry about next. It never tells us we are safe.

The Bible has an old word for anything we trust more than God. It calls it an idol. Money can be an idol. So can a phone, a person, or wanting everyone to like us.

An idol is like a chair with a cracked leg. It looks fine until you lean on it.



God is like a big rock by the sea. Waves crash, and the rock does not move.

> *"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."*
>
> ISAIAH 26:3 (KJV)



CHAPTER 3

You are known and loved

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

JOHN 3:16 (KJV)

You are not a number. You are someone God loves.

God made you. You were His idea.



It does not matter what color your skin is, how old you are or what street you live on. God made you with care.

He even knows the little things. Jesus said "the very hairs of your head are all numbered" (Luke 12:7).

Think about a mom at a busy park. Lots of kids are shouting. But when her own child calls "Mom!" she turns right away. She knows that voice.

God knows your voice like that. When you call, He turns toward you.



His love is not like a phone battery that runs down. It does not run out when you mess up.

"I have loved thee with an everlasting love"

JEREMIAH 31:3 (KJV)



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CHAPTER 4

What went wrong?

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

ROMANS 3:23 (KJV)

An honest answer, and a way out.

If God loves us so much, why do we feel so far from Him?

The Bible gives an honest answer. We went our own way. God calls this sin. Sin is living like we are the boss and God is not. Lying, hate and selfishness all grow from that root.

> *"All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way"*
>
> ISAIAH 53:6 (KJV)



We chase things that fly away, like money (Proverbs 23:5).

Sin is like a deep pit. You can try to climb out by being extra good. But the walls are too steep.

That is the bad news. The Bible says "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). Sin cuts us off from God.



But here is good news. Someone came down into the pit to lift us out. "He brought me up also out of an horrible pit" (Psalm 40:2).

Who is He? Turn the page.



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CHAPTER 5

Who is Jesus?

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

JOHN 14:6 (KJV)

Meet the One who came looking for you.

Jesus is God's Son. He came from heaven and was born as a real baby in Bethlehem. He grew up and worked with His hands.

He was God, and He became a man. The Bible says "the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).



Jesus was kind to people others pushed away. He touched sick people. He ate with people nobody wanted around. He welcomed little children.

Jesus called Himself the good shepherd (John 10:11). A good shepherd does not run when a wolf comes. He stands in front of his sheep.



People who follow Jesus still care for the sick and the lonely.

Jesus did not come for people who have it all together. He told us why He came.

> *"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."*
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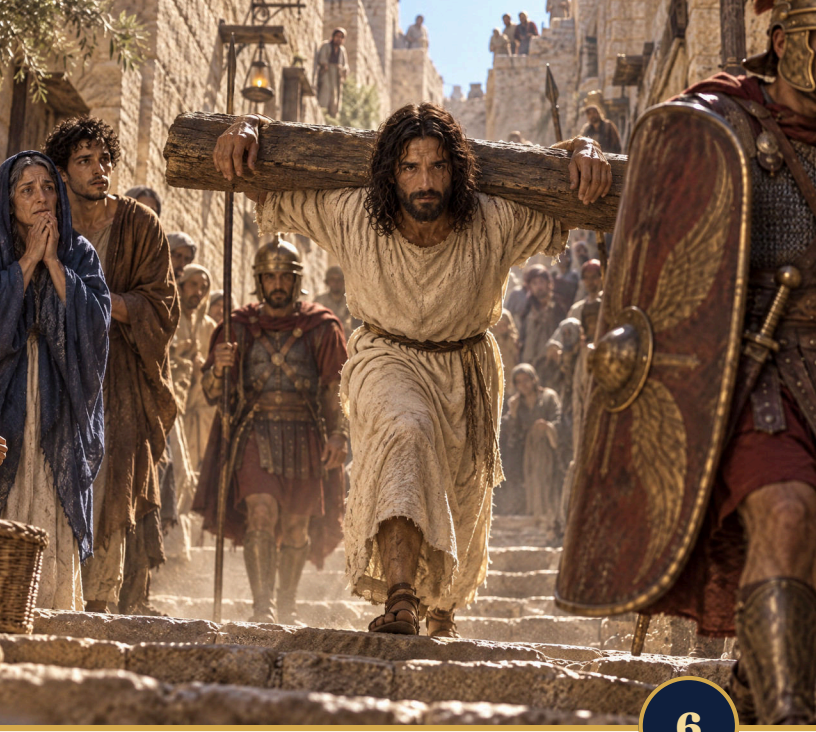
> LUKE 19:10 (KJV)



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CHAPTER 6

He took my place

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

ISAIAH 53:5 (KJV)

The day the biggest bill of all was paid.

Jesus never did anything wrong. Not once. But people who hated Him had Him arrested. Soldiers beat Him. Then they nailed Him to a wooden cross.



His mother Mary and His friend John stayed near the cross.

Why would God let that happen? Jesus was doing something on purpose. He was paying for sin. Not His sin. Ours.

Think of it like this. You owe a bill so big you could never pay it. Then someone walks in and pays all of it, with everything He has.

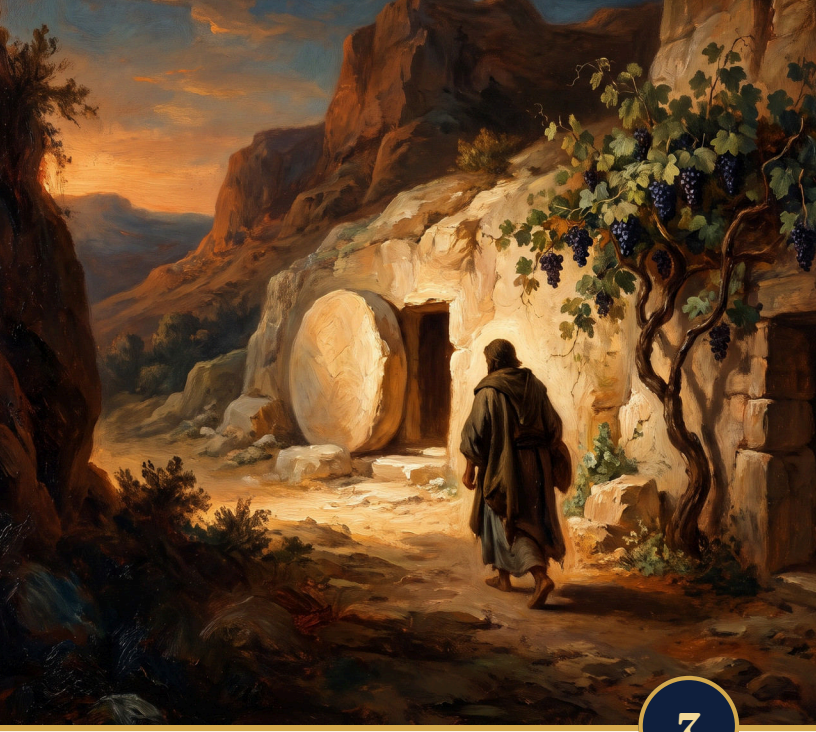
That is what Jesus did on the cross. He took the punishment we earned.



While they hurt Him, He prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). If He could forgive them, He can forgive you.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

ROMANS 5:8 (KJV)



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CHAPTER 7

He is alive!

"I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live"

JOHN 11:25 (KJV)

The tomb was empty. Hope was alive.

Jesus died on a Friday. His friends laid His body in a tomb cut out of rock. A big stone closed the door. They thought it was over.

On Sunday morning, some women came to the tomb. The stone was rolled away! An angel said, "He is not here: for he is risen, as he said" (Matthew 28:6).



After that, more than five hundred people saw Jesus alive (1 Corinthians 15:6).

This changes everything. It means Jesus is who He said He is. It means the cross worked, and the bill is paid. It means death does not get the last word.



Fear says, "It's over." The empty tomb says something better. Jesus is alive, and He gives new life to everyone who trusts Him.

"I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore"

REVELATION 1:18 (KJV)



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CHAPTER 8

A free gift, and the way home

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

EPHESIANS 2:8-9 (KJV)

You cannot earn it. You can only receive it.

Remember Dele? One rainy night he sat at a bus stop with his head in his hands. An older woman named Ruth sat down next to him. She held out a little book like this one. "This is for you," she said. "Jesus loves you."



A gift is something you do not pay for. That is what God offers you. It is called grace. You cannot earn it. You just take it, with an open hand (Romans 6:23).

Jesus told a story about a son who ran away and wasted everything. He ended up hungry and alone, feeding pigs.

At last he walked home. While he was still far away, his father saw him and ran to him. He hugged him and kissed him (Luke 15:20).



God is like that father. He is waiting with open arms. You can come home today.

"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

ROMANS 10:13 (KJV)

TALK TO GOD

A simple prayer



There are no magic words. God looks at your heart. You can use your own words, or pray this:

> *Dear God, I know I have done wrong things. I am sorry. I believe Jesus is Your Son. I believe He died on the cross for me and rose again. Please forgive me. I want to follow Jesus. Thank You for loving me. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Did you pray this? Write today's date: _____

"if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved"

ROMANS 10:9 (KJV)

YOUR NEXT STEPS

What's next?



1. **Find a church.** Look for one that teaches the Bible and loves people. Our church finder: 508ministry.com/partner-churches
2. **Read the Gospel of John.** It is the fourth book of the New Testament. Read one chapter a day.
3. **Talk to God every day.** He loves to hear from you.
4. **Tell someone.** Share what happened with a friend.
5. **Grow and serve.** Take free Ministry Training at 508ministry.com

"these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God"

JOHN 20:31 (KJV)

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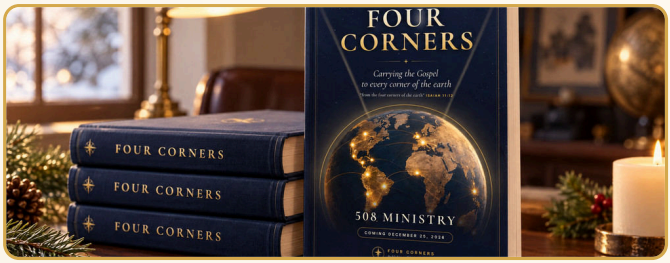

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"great was the company of those that published it"

PSALM 68:11 (KJV)

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My notes and prayers



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