
AN INVITATION FROM JESUS

COME WITH YOUR REAL STORY, LAY DOWN YOUR BURDENS,
AND FIND TRUE REST.



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Welcome

I am glad you are here because I am calling you in at this very moment. My words have always been the same. I plea to everyone, everywhere.

“Today if you hear my voice” and to My delight, you are here, reading this invitation.

I perceive you have been searching for something more and that is what brought you here today.

There is a quiet thought within you saying, “This is not where my life should be.” So today I invite you to come. I am not waiting for you to fix yourself before you come. I am asking you to come and lay it all before me.

“Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

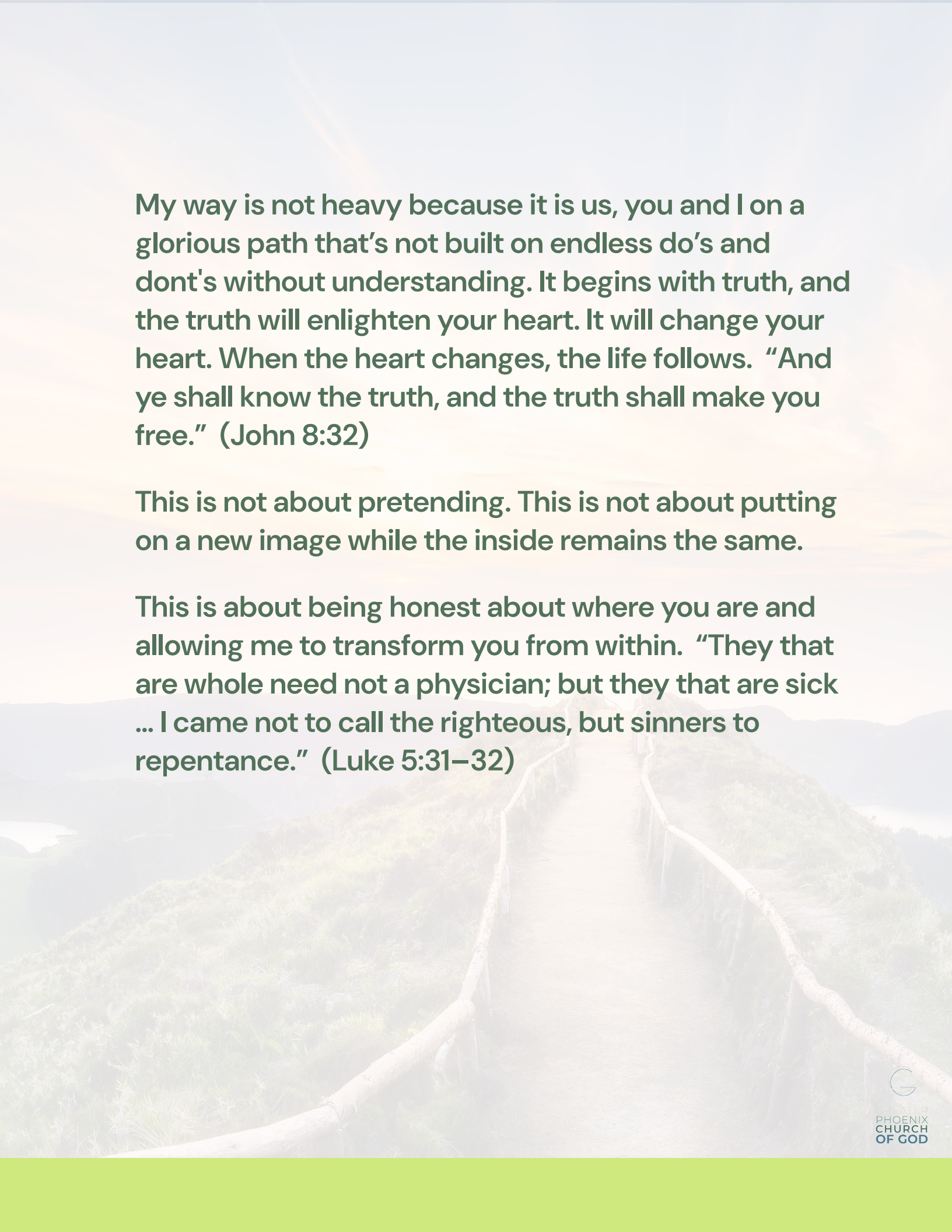
I see the weight upon you; life is taking you down a path of resistance and yet you have tried to be better. You have made promises to yourself that you failed to keep. You feel like a heavy hand is upon you. Maybe you feel the pressure of knowing what is right and still falling short.



The law was never meant to save you. It was meant to show you a way out, a new path leading to a new life in Christ Jesus. “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

What I offer you is not another list of rules to crush you. What I offer you is the one truth that sets you free. The burden you have known comes from walking without Me, trying to make it alone. You can't earn what I offer you here right now. Here is my free gift to you.

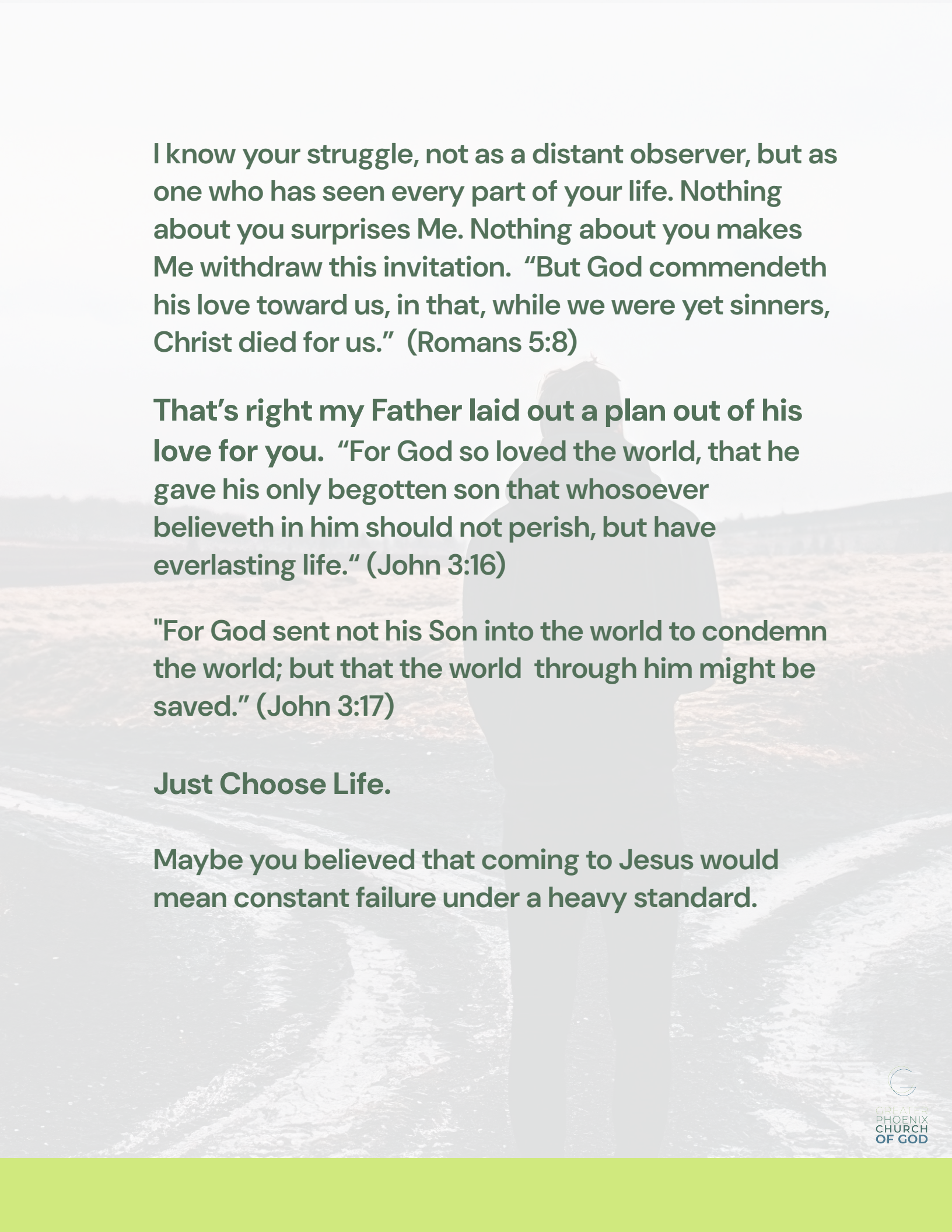
Come unto me... Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me... “For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” (Matthew 11:28–30)



My way is not heavy because it is us, you and I on a glorious path that's not built on endless do's and don'ts without understanding. It begins with truth, and the truth will enlighten your heart. It will change your heart. When the heart changes, the life follows. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:32)

This is not about pretending. This is not about putting on a new image while the inside remains the same.

This is about being honest about where you are and allowing me to transform you from within. "They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick ... I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Luke 5:31–32)

A person is standing on a rocky shore, looking out at the ocean. The person is seen from behind, and their silhouette is visible against the bright, hazy background of the sea and sky. The water is calm, and the horizon is visible in the distance.

I know your struggle, not as a distant observer, but as one who has seen every part of your life. Nothing about you surprises Me. Nothing about you makes Me withdraw this invitation. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8)

That's right my Father laid out a plan out of his love for you. "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)

"For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved." (John 3:17)

Just Choose Life.

Maybe you believed that coming to Jesus would mean constant failure under a heavy standard.

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins." (Acts 2:38)

This is not a burden placed on your shoulders. This is a burden lifted from all that is bringing you down. In Me, you are not striving to become accepted. You are accepted and from that place, you will begin to change.

"Therefore, we are buried with him by baptism into death... even so we also should walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)

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You may wonder if this is really for you. You may question whether you will fail again. Hear this clearly "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." (John 6:37)

You will not be rejected for coming. You will be received, and I will walk with you through the change that follows.

This is why it is light. This is why it is free. It is not because truth is small or sin does not matter. It is because I carry what you cannot, and I give what you could never earn. "Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow." (Isaiah 1:18)

Come to Me. Come with your real story, not a cleaned-up version of it. Bring your failures, your habits, your questions, and your need for change. I will meet you there. I will forgive you. I will begin something in you that you could not begin on your own.

This invitation is for you. Come
"In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also." (John 14:2-3)