

Help is Here

"God is our refuge and strength, an **ever-present help** in trouble." (Psalms 46:1 NIV)

"If you **confess** with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and **believe** in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved.**" (Romans 10:9 NASB1995)

"God decided in advance to **adopt us into his own family** by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure." (Ephesians 1:5 NLT)

"I am writing these things to you now, even though I hope to be with you soon, so that if I am delayed, you will know **how people must conduct themselves** in the household of God. This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth." (1 Timothy 3:14-15 NLT)

Expect broken **humanity**.

"For **everyone** has sinned; **we all** fall short of God's glorious standard." (Romans 3:23 NLT)

Choose **authenticity**.

"Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. That critical spirit has a way of boomeranging. It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbor's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, 'Let me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by contempt? It's this whole traveling road-show mentality all over again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your part." (Matthew 7:1-5 MSG)

"Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!" (Acts 2:14-15 NIV)

"Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, "Brothers, **what should we do?**" (Acts 2:37 NLT)

1. Turn to God.

"Peter replied, "Each of you must **repent** of your sins and **turn to God.**" (Acts 2:38 NLT)

2. Go public with your faith.

"Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and **be baptized** in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." (Acts 2:38 NLT)

3. Receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

"Peter replied, "Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will **receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**" (Acts 2:38 NLT)

4. Devote yourself to a Church family.

"All the believers **devoted themselves** to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer." (Acts 2:42 NLT)