

Jesus said to him, "As far as possibilities go, everything is possible for the person who believes." Mark 9:23 GW

# **Step 2**: Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to him, and that He has the power to help me recover.

My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people claim they have faith but don't act like it? Can that kind of faith save them? James 2:14 NIV

# > WHAT "EARNEST FAITH" LOOKS LIKE? - 3 COMPONENTS

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. **Hebrews 11:6** NIV

PART 1: I \_\_\_\_\_God's existence.

From the time the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky and all that God made. They can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. **Romans 1:20** NIV

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." Psalms 14:1 NIV

## PART 2: I \_\_\_\_\_ God's Character.

No one has ever seen God. But God, the one and only Son, is at the Father's side. He has shown us what God is like. John 1:18 NIrV

• I understand that God \_\_\_\_\_all about my condition.

Jesus... didn't need anyone to tell him about human nature. He knew what people were really like. John 2:25 NIrV

You know my foolish sins. Not one is hidden from you. Psalm 69:5 CEV

You have seen my troubles...the anguish of my soul. Psalm 31:7 NLT

#### I understand that God \_\_\_\_\_\_a

\_about my condition.

I have seen how they acted, but I will heal them. I will lead them and help them, and I will comfort... Isaiah 57:18a TEV

*I am overcome with joy because of your unfailing love, for you have seen my troubles, and you care about the anguish of my soul.* **Psalm 31:7** NLT

But God has shown us how much he loves us—it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us! Romans 5:8 TEV

• I understand that God can \_\_\_\_\_my condition.

I pray you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe Him ... it is the same power that raised Christ from the dead. **Ephesians 1:18, 20** LB

What is impossible for men is possible with God. Luke 18:27 NIV

PART 3: I \_\_\_\_\_ God's process.

For God is at work within you giving you the will and the power to achieve His purpose. Philippians 2:13 Phillips

*The Spirit that God gives us ...fills us with power, love and self-control.* **2 Timothy 1:7** GNB

# HOW DO I EMBRACE GODS PROCESS?

## 1. I connect with \_

"I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me." John 15:5 CEV

"What shall we do?" <sup>38</sup>Peter said to them, "Change your hearts and lives and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit... Acts 2:37b, 38 NCV

## 2. I connect with Christ's

Those people who accepted what Peter said were baptized...<sup>46</sup> Every day the Lord added those who were being saved to the group of believers. Acts 2:37, 46 NCV

God, who comforts those who are troubled, comforted us when Titus came. <sup>7</sup> We were comforted...by the comfort you gave him.

2 Corinthians 7:6, 7b NCV

Notes:	Reflecting on todays message…
	What touched my heart?
	What is God asking me to do?
	What should I change this week?
	Who else needs to hear this message?
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