## "Getting Started"

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Below is a guide to getting started in representing Jesus Christ well in your world.

#### 1. Grow Deeper in our Own Faith.

"Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human traditions and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ."

Colossians 2:6-8

### 2. Love Genuinely and Unconditionally, No Matter What.

"When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Will you give me a drink?'... (Jews do not do not associate with Samaritans) ...[Jesus] told her, 'Go call your husband and come back." "I have no husband,' she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband."

John 4:7-9; 4:15-18

# 3. Live a Squeaky-Clean Life.

"You are the light of the world...let your light shine before people that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14, 16

## 4. Exhibit hope and peace in the storm.

"The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison...the jailer fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God and the other prisoners were listening to them." Acts 16:22-25

### 5. PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!

Pray for:

- 1. Unbelievers in your world/life, that they may come to faith.
- 2. That God would open doors to so you could influence more people for Christ.
- 3. For revival/renewal in our church, state, country, and world.
- 4. For Discernment to know when to speak and when not to.
- 5. For God to raise up missionaries and evangelists.

### 6. Be Confident that God Can Do Anything.

"To him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us."

Ephesians 3:20

#### 7. Be Patient

Do not push it.