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We are a catalyst for a **MOVE OF GOD** in Africa.

Our hope is that all of Africa would become **Saturated with the Presence of God** in order to:

- End divorce & co-habitation
- Minimize illegal pay-offs
- Increase employment
- See an increase of the holiness of God within the people, bringing multitudes of salvations and raising the country and its people to prosperity.

Remember to engage in:

In Christ – The School of Transforming Community

- Thousands are connected and are being blessed
- Thousands are experiencing physical & heart healing
- Families are restored

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**This booklet will train you & your people to effectively share their faith,
that all may know, receive, & live by Jesus Christ
and thus TRANSFORM their community!**

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THE GOSPEL ROAD TO ETERNAL LIFE



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YOUR STORY
GOD'S STORY
THEIR STORY
UNITING WITH GOD



WHO IS GOD
WHO IS MAN APART FROM
GOD



DO YOU WANT MORE
BLESSINGS

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Keith & Karen Peterson were so moved by God that they started a ministry called "**Heart Transformation**". This ministry is aimed at **Transformational Discipleship**. As a part of this ministry, they were convicted that there were many tracts available, but not a simple outline on "how to" share your faith with someone. Transformational Discipleship begins with a new life in Christ, one who is saved & going to heaven for eternity. This Transformation can then be expanded to transform and purify a person's lifestyle. Many other tools have been produced by Heart Transformation to help develop Individuals, Churches and Organizations into a **Kingdom Purposed Lifestyle**. (See Contact Information on back cover.)

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The Gospel Road is a partner tool for "**In Christ, The School of Transforming Community**". This is a **Transformational Discipleship Book** to lead an individual, church or organization into Revival – being **Saturated with the Presence of God!**

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P: Stop trusting in yourself, in what you can do. Begin **trusting in Jesus & the Holy Spirit Who is alive within you**. It is important that you **establish friendships & a church to help you learn and to walk with Jesus, every day**. You have become a very powerful person in growing the Kingdom of God, as a result of having the Holy Spirit. Please remember: you will still have trials & suffering at times because that is how God grows us. (James 1:3,4; 1 Peter 4:12; Rom. 5:3) You will have victory in your life if you allow yourself to be **Saturated with the Presence of God**. When we are Saturated, we are able to **experience all the blessings of God**.

**YOU COULD RECEIVE SO MUCH MORE FROM THE LORD;
READ YOUR BIBLE EVERY DAY WITH AN OPEN HEART!!**

It is time to **CELEBRATE YOUR NEW LIFE IN CHRIST**
and thank Him for what He has done.

BE BAPTIZED! *Acts 2:38*

PREPARATION TO SHARE THE GOSPEL:

Begin by asking God to reveal to you the people with whom He wants you to share the Gospel. Make a list of names and begin praying for them. Listen to “whom” God wants you to begin to pursue.

As you share the Gospel with someone, it is best that you are “in Christ”, pure hearted. Your desire is to bless them by freeing them from the bondage of separation from the Lord. God may also choose that in their experience of becoming saved, He may heal them of some infirmity. So, be prepared and listen to the Lord as to what He wants! You have the authority & power of God to heal, oppose the enemy and lead them to God’s saving grace through faith. Before you begin, ask God for His Presence to be with you and with the person with whom you are going to share. Begin silently praying for this individual before you even begin sharing.

Glory to God in the highest.

In the book of Revelation, **the beauty of heaven** is described – spending all eternity with the Lord: no more tears, no more death, no more mourning and no more pain! All these things will pass away; you can **live in a world of love, hope, peace, joy, & light**. Do you want to live where there will no longer be hate, strife, anger, or violence? We will no longer be in our physical body needing food; we will be eating God’s food. The greatest privilege in all of life is this **eternal life**. Our Lord has laid out a road in scripture for us to have this **eternal life**. There is nothing greater in all the world than eternal life; the opposite is eternal death: the depths of eternal hell fire. You get to choose: the road to hell or the road to heaven? Not only is this our personal choice, it is a personal choice for every person with whom we are in contact.

YOU are responsible as to whether you have faith to trust this outcome to Jesus; correspondingly, God is counting on you to share this understanding with everyone you know: **The Gospel Road to eternal life**. So often we desire to share Jesus, but don’t know HOW. We can’t visualize the conversation. This brochure is an approach designed as a conversation to help you share your faith.

Our time here on earth is but a “blink of the eye” compared to all eternity – there is no “time” there. To think that you can have this **perfect world given to you**, without end: eternal! Your family, friends, associates...can all have this world. But it is a **CHOICE!** If you haven’t made this choice, heaven or hell, you need to make it now!

If you care about the people around you, and of course you do; there should be nothing that would keep you from sharing this faith (through your life & testimony), so they can have it too. Because this is so precious, we should stop at nothing, in sharing this incredible Christian life confidence. Not only is this life awesome in eternity, but it is also incredible from now to eternity.

We can **receive all of God’s blessings** offered here on earth: **love, joy, peace, hope and His Almighty power** in us and through us.

We encourage you to experience the Gospel Road to Heaven, to **know it and share it** with every person that would receive it. Below is a **SAMPLE APPROACH** between 2 people. So often, when we want to share Christ, we feel we need to know HOW! This sample approach helps you to have a conversation with someone about becoming a **FOLLOWER OF JESUS**.

Please remember that this is not a script but a way in which communication might take place where you express your care and love for the person and offer them the opportunity to **become part of the Kingdom of God**. When sharing the gospel: it is important to weave together 3 different stories:

- **Your story:** before & after receiving Jesus
- **God's story:** His plan
- **Their story:** understanding their background, their circumstances, and their desperate need for God's answers.

In this, they will want to hear what your desperate need was & how God has miraculously transformed you. There is no reason to be apprehensive, fearful or nervous. All you are doing, is sharing the greatest story in your life.

1. When engaging with someone to share the Gospel Road, they must be convinced **of your love for them**. They will want to see joy & hope coming from you. Your sincere interest in their life is crucial. This is a simple process. When you sit down to share your faith with someone, you begin with a brief introduction about your hope in life.
2. Ask this person about **their life**: what were your parents like, what were your siblings like? How have those closest to you affected your life? Please understand that you are to desire to gain trust with this person, opening their heart to you & the Gospel Road. (This is not an interrogation; your story must be shared first or it is not love!)
3. Your Story: my family, my friends, my issues & concerns in life. Be vulnerable with them & authentic. Speak of how desperate you were for hope. Share what you were looking for in life. Share how you were seeking answers in all the wrong places, even the failures and setbacks you experienced. (What is really important is THEIR STORY, therefore, don't go on and on about your story – be concise. Please remember: My Story helps in gaining trust and opening their heart because you open up about yourself & love them.)

Presenter: suggested script for you to say will be noted as P:

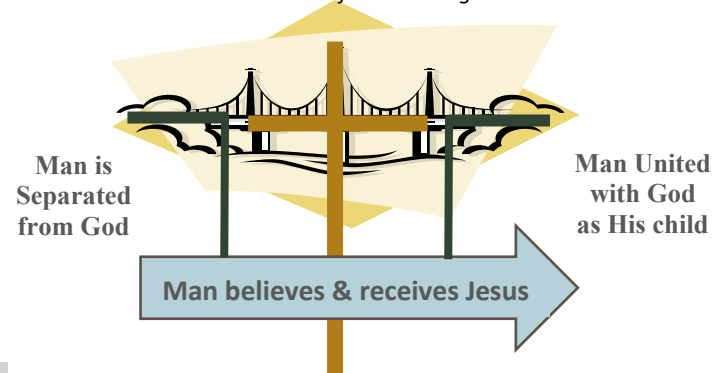
4. **P:** Ask: **Do you believe you will go to Heaven when you die?** (Yes, no, I hope so, I'm not sure.)

Ask: **Why do you believe this?**

They may answer:

- a. I've tried to keep the 10 commandments – James 2:10...
- b. I go to Church—Titus 3:5...
- c. I believe in God—James 2:19...
- d. I'm basically a good person—Romans 3:12...
- e. I've done the best I can—Matt. 5:48...
- f. I've never hurt anyone—Matt. 5:21-22...
- g. Other:

1 John 1:9 ...If we confess our sins, He is faithful & just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteous.



P: **Would you like to pray together to receive Jesus as Lord & Savior?**

“Dear Lord, I know I have done wrong. I am willing to turn from my sins. I believe Jesus Christ died for us. Please come into my life & forgive me of my sins. I receive You into my life as my Savior & Lord, as best I know how right now.”
Now, you are promised eternal life and full relationship with Him.

1 John 5:13,14 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that, you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may believe in the name of the Son of God. Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.”

We can have **confidence** after inviting Jesus into our hearts; that **we have eternal life**. There is no more concern about what will happen when we die. Since Jesus is dwelling in our hearts, He is making Himself available to us individually to experience the **Kingdom of God life here** on earth. This is an incredible privilege to be experiencing heavenly things, now! They are merely a foretaste of what we will continually experience in heaven.

Rom. 8:16 “The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”

P: As a result of receiving Jesus, the indwelling Holy Spirit will testify with your spirit and give you confidence & peace about your eternal position; you are now empowered with the indwelling Holy Spirit--ask Him to heal you of the issues in your life. You may experience immediate healing or it may take place later. If you continue to surrender your life and ask God to replace the sinful patterns in your life...YOU WILL RECEIVE VICTORY. Praise God.

P: Pray over this individual: for their salvation, healing & freedom in their life THROUGH THE POWER OF JESUS CHRIST'S NAME.

Acts 16:31

Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.

Jesus Christ died and rose to give you **Eternal Life**

Rom 6:1-14... we who died to sin live any longer in it?... ⁴ Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,... even so we also should walk in newness of life. ... For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection (united)... that we should no longer be slaves of sin. ⁷ For he who has died (been in Him baptized) has been freed from sin.

Jesus' death actually paid or satisfied God's penalty of sin, and then He rose from the dead (as we do with Him) to assure us of Eternal Life.

1 Peter 2:24...who Himself (Jesus) bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

I wanted to be freed and receive the blessings God has promised, especially eternal life. Is this what you want for your life?

1 Peter 3:18... "for Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God."

This means that Jesus was the righteous person that paid for all our unrighteousness. He wants to bring each of us to God so that we can have a life of **fellowship** with Him!

John 1:12 ... "yet to all that received Him, to those who believe in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."

P: "Received" here means to "get hold of". It is taking Jesus into our hearts, asking Him to dwell there. This allows us to live an extraordinary Kingdom life here on earth, full of joy and hope.

The word "Kingdom" here means a heavenly realm. If we allow our heart to dwell in this Kingdom realm, the blessings that heaven has, can be experienced now.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOU TO CHOOSE – crossing the chasm through Jesus' victory on the cross; **giving your heart to God!**

Jesus will come into your heart and dwell with you; giving you His forgiveness, His wisdom, His joy & His power to live righteously, until you join Him in His eternal Kingdom.

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE THAT CHOICE NOW AND RECEIVE JESUS, believing everything He said & did for your sake? _____

As you are **asking Him into your heart & receiving Him**, you are crossing this bridge: speak to the Lord, confess and promise to turn away from your sins and to live for Him.

This may surprise you, but according to the Bible, none of those answers will get someone into heaven!

Ephesians 2:8

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.

Becoming saved = saved to eternal life

As you can see in the given answers: the focus is on what "I can & will do" to earn my salvation. That is what is unique about the Bible and the wisdom it gives: that I can't earn my salvation. But, by receiving His grace through faith **in Him**, you can **receive this gift from God**. We will later discuss that it is only through Jesus that we can be saved; **not in what we do on our own**.

5. **P:** Work on getting more of their story.

What is most important in your life now? _____

What is your greatest hope? _____

Of what are you most fearful? _____

What frustrates you most in life? _____

Do you believe in heaven and hell? _____

What are you feeling right now? _____

What are you thinking right now? _____

As they are sharing, this is a good place for you to identify with their experience. In a few sentences, feel free to share the worst things that have happened to you in your life.

6. **P:** Identify with their experience, as they are sharing. **Let me share with you some of my experiences and how they affected me.** (Feel free to share what you have personally experienced and how it affected you.)

7. **P:** **What would you like to experience more: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, hope?** What would be the most important...and how would you put them in priority for yourself? What have you presently experienced least? Is there anything else you would like to experience that isn't on this list? What would you like your life to be like in 5 years?

8. **P:** May I share with you how you can experience more of these things AND GET TO HEAVEN? **It is God that offers eternal life and the answers to our needs. May I share with you who God is?** (This can be a mini-Bible Study or you can just state the facts & where it is found in the Bible.) **God has been known throughout all history; the Bible says that He is...**

a. **God is love** 1 John 4:8

b. **God is all powerful** Gen. 17:1; Job 11:7-11

c. **God is always present** Psalm 139:7-10

d. **God is all-knowing** 1 John 3:20; Is. 46:9,10

P: Do you have some words that you think describes God? (Suggest the following words, only if necessary):

great-Psalm 48:1

forgiving-1 John 1:9

perfect-Matt. 5:48

faithful-1 Cor. 1:9; Psalm 86:15; Deut. 7:9

merciful-Psalm 103:9,10; Deut. 4:31

compassionate-Joel 2:13

Other characteristics of God: He is...

- **Totally good** Psalm 106:1
- **Unable to lie** Heb. 6:18
- **100% righteous** Jer. 12:1
- **Perfectly holy** Is. 6:3

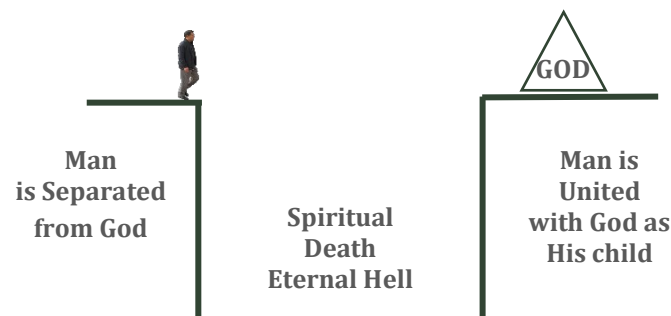
12. **P: MAN'S PROBLEM:** Man has sinned against God...

Is. 59:2

Your iniquities have separated you from God. (Iniquity = sin & guilt)

Rom. 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God



Man can't reunite with God on his own effort. He lives in a world of darkness his whole life and in the end: eternal death.

How does one unite with God?

Rom. 6:23 **For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

P: The only way one can be saved is to believe in Jesus and what He did for us.

John 14:6 **I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.**

No one comes to the Father except through Me.

As we have discussed, I have personally sinned and chose to become united with God, eternally. Just as you have sinned and have issues in your life, like:

God will save you through Jesus Christ and help you to be healed of these issues.

13. **P: GOD'S SOLUTION:** God desires that everyone would be saved. Each person must deal with whether they will **receive God's plan: Jesus Christ, His Son! God so loves us, that while still sinners, Christ died for us.** Rom. 5:8

Because we all have sinned, we are separated from God. God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross so save us from our sins. This was possible because Jesus was totally righteous and never sinned personally. **Jesus lived & died to save us from this separation.**

John 3:16

16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

P: All these statements are blessings God desires to share with His people. We call them:

THE BLESSINGS OF THE SATURATION OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD (SPG)

What do these statements mean to you? _____

10. **P:** Finish your testimony as to how God saved you and what it means to you.

11. **P:** God desires that you **experience all these blessings**. To receive them, you must **be one of His children, daily walking with Him**. To be His child, we must understand this Gospel Road. He is inviting you to be a part, right now. I will show you this Gospel Road. First let's look at human issues from which God desires to set you free. There is **no sin too great for God's forgiveness**. We all have issues in life, but if we're not **one of God's children**; He can't **set us free**.

Here are a few of these issues: please pick out two that you deal with in your life, circle them.

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| Addictions | Fear |
| Anger | Shame |
| Injured sexually | Wrong beliefs |
| Needing the approval of man | Wrong loves |
| Belonging | Co-habitation |
| Envy | Manipulation |
| Evil spirits | Deceit |
| Failures | Lying |
| Lust | Bitterness |
| Alcohol | Cheating |
| Abuse of others | Dishonoring parents |
| Being abused | Other gods |

Other:

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P: How are these issues affecting your life? _____

P: I have had issues with some of these sin areas myself, and this is what God did: _____

Would you like to be set free from these issues? _____

God set me free from my issues through Jesus Christ, God's Son. May I show you how God can free you? _____

P: Would you like to receive God's grace & eternal life? _____

P: Presenter: Share your thoughts about God & what He means to you.

P: Presenter: Share something supernatural about God that you have personally experienced. _____

P: Ask: **What are your thoughts about God, how do you feel about Him now?**

9. **P:** **What kind of words would you use to describe man?**

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| _____ | Basically good Psalm 48:1 |
| _____ | Righteous 1 John 4:8 |
| _____ | Kind Joel 2:13 |
| _____ | Giving Psalm 103:12 |
| _____ | Loving Matt. 5:48 |

Who is man apart from God?

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| _____ | Not good Rom. 3:12 |
| _____ | Disobedient Is. 53:6 |
| _____ | Without Peace Ecc. 12:8 |
| _____ | Destructive Rom. 3:12 |
| _____ | Unfaithful 1 John 1:9 |
| _____ | Deceitful Heart Jer. 17:9 |
| _____ | Evil Thoughts Gen. 6:5 |
| _____ | Gen. 6:5 |

P: Ask: **What are your conclusions? Apart from God, man is:** _____
and destined to hell: _____

Please let me show you what God has designed for His children:

P: God wants to bless you and be in complete relationship with you. Here are some of the blessings He may desire to give you:

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: Gal. 5:22 _____

Circle the ones that you would like more of:

- having a joy & peace that passes all understanding, no matter your circumstances
- having a love for Him that is full of affection & passion for His presence
- having a faith that moves mountains & heals your broken heart
- having a patience that is long suffering & steadfast (without selfish agenda)
- having a meekness, humility & mildness that cares for people naturally
- having a goodness & gentleness that comes from an upright heart
- having self-control [being without excessiveness in thought, action or feeling]
- experiencing every spiritual blessing

FREEDOM FROM SIN: Rom. 6:18, 22,23 _____

Circle the ones you would like more of:

- without responding to sinful cravings within me
- without dissensions from me that could cause divisions/factions/discord
- without jealousy, coveting, lusting
- without sinful ambition
- without hate, lying or deceit
- without malice and gossip
- without hypocrisy & boasting, without haughty eyes & pride
- without false witness and slander
- without manipulation and scheming
- without anxiousness, worry and stress

HAVING HIS PASSION FOR PEOPLE: Luke 19:10 _____

- having a burning compassion for the lost; my righteousness God bubbling over to others
- being one in my marriage and family
- loving my enemies & giving grace to others
- full of generosity & compassion
- exhibiting justice at the right moments
- loving others actively and deeply

PERSONAL VITALITY: Rom. 12:11 _____

- being in the presence & will of God continually: oneness with Him
- no longer drawn to wrong desires; being “in Him” and not sinning
- confessing & repenting immediately upon recognition of sin, remaining in His presence
- experiencing freedom from sin because of my love for Him
- looking for the return of Jesus
- experiencing holiness often
- overflowing in thankfulness, joyful obedience & satisfaction in life

BLESSINGS FROM THE PROMISES OF GOD: Eph. 1:3

- He desires to give me every spiritual blessing in Christ
- He is my shield, help & guidance
- He offers me intimacy with Him personally
- He trains my hands for battle; rescues & delivers me; reviving my soul
- He listens to me & answers; He sustains me
- He causes me to be more productive
- He gives me wisdom & understanding
- He leads me; comforts me - He is merciful
- He wants me to be one with Him & other believers
- He multiplies my fruit: 30,60, 100 times
- He gives me His favor & power
- He protects & strengthens me; He stoops down to make me great
- He ends my striving; freeing me of anxiousness, worry & stress
- He works all things for good in my life; In Him, I lack no good thing
- He never forsakes me; His love never fails me
- He directs my paths & makes them straight
- He stirs my heart to a noble theme
- He creates a pure heart & a steadfast spirit within me