

**PATHWAYS TO GLORY**  
*Relational Devotional*  
**APPLICATION GUIDE**



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*Fostering spiritual growth  
and strengthening your  
relationship with the Lord;  
producing good fruit  
bearing witness to  
a confused world*

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# A Framework for “Open Heavens” Engagement with God

God originally designed a series of ways to relate and engage with Him, and with the world around us. They are the *Appointed Times* or *Feasts of the LORD*; appointed times of “open heavens” or special engagement.

They reveal the fullness of God’s purposes. Imbedded in them are measures of grace concealed but dynamically revealed as amazing grace in Messiah Jesus.

They may also be viewed as rehearsals; for the ultimate Marriage Supper of the Lamb. (Revelation 19:9)

They can also connect to the seven “I AM” statements in John. Messiah Jesus revealed He is the way, the truth and the life; revealing various aspects of the image and nature of God. He revealed the Father’s heart and released the power of the Holy Spirit to give us the capacity to walk in God’s ways and experience His *new life* of the Spirit.

He also came to release in the fullness of measure the light of the Holy Spirit to illuminate God’s truths and reveal how to apply those truths in real, relevant and practical ways.

Seen through His light we can see how these appointed ways serve as:

- visual aids, pointing to a way of relating with God’s triune nature
- a divine framework, illustrating God’s pattern, processes and ways of relating with human dynamics
- appointed times of “open heavens” or special engagement with God
- a cycle of engagements to help us sync with God’s activities

Through such ways we can know God better and enjoy a more dynamic and fruitful relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

These appointed ways, therefore, reflect a blueprint or framework of engagement with God. They represent patterns and dynamics of the Kingdom of God and cycles of life; for instance, God’s pattern of creation, revelation and redemption.

They further reveal ways to appreciate and shape heavenly values, vision and virtues. In essence, they serve as ways God designed to bring alignment and unity between God and mankind.

*Pathways to Glory* is an online tool (also available as a PDF download) that serves as a multidimensional way of engaging with God in a very real and relevant way.

It’s a devotional in a flexible format that provides a framework that can be used to catalyze spiritual growth and strengthen your relationship with God and relationships with others.

## Navigating the Lord's "Paths of Righteousness"

This is a tool that serves as a framework or *road map*, capturing the *spiritual values* of the appointed ways God originally designed for the Hebrew people to engage with Him.

The *Pathways to Glory* grid is designed in a multidimensional way to help you grow along pathways fostering *spiritual growth*. It identifies key aspects of our covenant relationship with God. It will illuminate refreshing and personal ways to relate to God and engage with Him. You will more clearly see *the big picture* and gain fresh insights into God's *process and pattern*, and your *knowledge of God and relationship with God* will be greatly enhanced.

You will also more fully understand *God's grace, way of redemption and restoration and discern the wisdom and will of God as your sensitivity to the Holy Spirit is sharpened and your focus is centered on God's greater purposes*. Overall, your life will come into greater alignment and union with God as you relate with how God works in all aspects of your life; your relationships and vocational life.

## Growing along God's Pathways

Life is a journey. The Lord is our Shepherd and leads us through paths of righteousness for His name's sake—His glory (Psalm 23). He encourages us to abide with Him, engaging in active relationship and diligently seeking Him as, "He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

We are all wired differently and have come from different backgrounds. We have different issues to deal with, and God leads us down unique paths. But there are some key *stepping stones—mile markers*—you might say, illuminating key aspects of growth along the path towards spiritual maturity.

You will find that as you move across the *Pathways to Glory* grid horizontally and vertically downward, you will experience a path to spiritual growth. It will, therefore, provide you with a forward looking vision. Consider the aspects under each category as you do move forward. The Lord bless you along the journey.

# Aspects of Growing Towards Spiritual Maturity

## **Finding Significance in Life**

Being made in *His image*; accepted and included in His family  
Being justified, reconciled and redeemed  
Experiencing God's love  
Learning how to be blessed being a blessing to others

## **Discovering God's Purposes**

Being fulfilled, making a difference  
Distinguishing and discerning grace, mercy and truth  
Walking in alignment with God's ways  
Resting in God; relating with others

## **Experiencing God through Active Engagement**

Learning to trust God by responding to choices  
Experiencing God's love and faithfulness  
Experiencing grace through active engagement  
Being an instrument of grace

## **Responding in Faith to God's Initiatives and Life**

Engaging more in the marketplace; serving others  
Experiencing the fruit of truth, wisdom and liberty  
Walking in the new life in Christ  
Navigating through trials; working through conflict  
Passing tests of active trusting faith  
Experiencing transformation  
Building confidence in God and self

## **Walking in Spiritual Reality**

Experiencing God's faithfulness, presence and power  
Deeper and wider vision and understanding  
Breaking free of fears, barriers and constraints  
Taking authority; being an influencer

## **Living in Truth and Balance through God's Values**

Valuing what God values  
Maintaining a world view of justice, mercy and faith  
Balancing social, political, religious norms and influences  
Resisting worldly and carnal influences and temptations

## **Living the New Life in the Lord**

Strong identification with God's character and causes  
Relating congruently with Father, Son, Holy Spirit  
Discerning wisdom and following the Lord's direction  
Walking in open vision to challenges and new opportunities  
Bearing new fruit of the life of God  
Functioning in God's strength in new and expanded capacities

# Pathways to Glory Intro

## Catch the Broad Vision

See the Overview and how the *appointed times* of the LORD align with God's process of Creation, Revelation and Redemption. See the LORD in the feasts. Catch the revelation of the 7 "I AM" declarations in John!

## Follow the Path that Suits You Best

PATHWAYS TO GLORY provides flexibility in approaches, study and engagement with God.

## Horizontal-Relational Approach

Choose from any of the 7 horizontal Relational tracks moving across the grid at your own pace.

## Vertical-Study Approach

Do an in-depth study across the 7 vertical feast tracks.

## Spirit-led Approach

Allow the Holy Spirit to direct your study and devotion as He leads you along your journey of life, and as specific topics become of particular interest and relevance to you.

## Maximizing Fruitfulness

While each horizontal Relational track moves according to God's rhythm and process, deeper thoughts and insights are found as you move downward towards the "roots" of the LORD—for He is the hope of glory and the anchor of our soul. (See Isaiah 11)

## Seasons and Cycles

Truly, everything God does happens within the "the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God" (Acts 2:23). God used the agricultural seasons to *illustrate a story—or process—of ways He interacts with us*; ways in which the Spirit of God flows to accomplish His purposes. He, therefore, would have us be more sensitive to His rhythm. Solomon had something to say about this.

To everything there is a season,  
A time for every purpose under heaven  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

And a wise man's heart discerns both time and judgment, because for every matter there is a time and judgment (Ecclesiastes 8:5-6)

## Keeping a Journal

Keeping a journal helps you retain insights gained plus enables you to spiritual growth. A sample journal page from which you can print copies is included in the Pathways devotional to make it easy to organize a journal by dates or topic.



## Pathways to Glory Relational Devotional

FEAST SEASONS	UNLEAVENED BREAD			HARVEST/WEEKS PENTECOST	TABERNACLES		
APPOINTING TIMES WITH GOD: THE FEASTS OF THE LORD	 PASSOVER	 UNLEAVENED BREAD	 FIRST-FRUITS	 PENTECOST	 TRUMPETS	 ATONEMENT	 TABERNACLES

GOD'S WORK	CREATION			REVELATION	REDEMPTION		
	OUTWORKING OF GOD'S CREATIVE & REDEMPITIVE WORKS			GOD'S WORD & SPIRIT	RECONCILIATION · RESTORATION · RELATIONSHIP · REVIVAL		
FINDING SIGNIFICANCE	Justification	Sanctification	Dedication	Jubilation	Reconciliation	Redemption	Restoration
DISCOVERING GOD'S PURPOSES	Sacrifice	Cleansing	Gratefulness	Fullness Revelation of Truth Covenant Grace	Proclamation	Affliction Confession Discipline	Rehearse Rest Relate
RECEIVING THE LORD'S GRACE	Crucifixion	Burial	Resurrection	Glorification	Triumph	Substitution	Peace
RESPONDING IN FAITH	New Birth	Immersion	Advance	Indwelling and Infilling of the Holy Spirit	Preparation	Law of the Spirit vs. Law of Sin & Death	Fellowship
WALKING IN SPIRITUAL REALITY	Release	Refreshment	Refocus	Independence in God Dependence on God	Reclamation	Reformation	Fruitfulness Recovery Transformation
EMBRACING HIS KINGDOM VALUES	Connection	Communion	Consecration	Consolation Communication Confirmation Conformation	Conquest Congruence	Conviction Compassion	Contentment Community Completion
LIVING LIFE IN THE LORD	I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE	I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD	I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP	I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD	I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE	I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH THE LIFE	I AM THE TRUE VINE

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# Using *Pathways to Glory* as a Spiritual Development Resource

<p><b>Individual or Group Study</b></p>	<p>You can choose to study along the 7 horizontal Relational tracks, 7 vertical feast tracks or allow the Holy Spirit to guide you by topic</p> <p>Each section includes Scripture references to reflect upon</p> <p>You will find deeper thoughts and insights as you move downward on the grid towards the “roots” of the LORD—our hope of glory and anchor of our soul</p>
<p><b>The Lord’s Way of Discipleship, Mentoring and Coaching</b></p>	<p>The early communities of believers related to the <i>inherent value</i> and <i>purposes</i> of these appointed times and ways as they found their way in the new life of the Lord</p> <p>They gained a <i>broad perspective</i> through the teachings, parables and demonstrations of the Lord, examples of the apostles and revelation of the Holy Spirit</p> <p>They engaged in active discussions; asking questions to one another to unravel and explain the mysteries of the scriptures and understand the new way God sought to relate with them</p>
<p><b>Relational Devotional and Spiritual Road Map</b></p>	<p>The Lord leads us through “paths of righteousness” He gives us the opportunity to follow Him:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; keeping His Word in perspective, maintaining a biblical world view</li> <li>&gt; welcoming His presence by waiting upon and yielding to the Holy Spirit</li> <li>&gt; Applying active trusting faith and wisdom</li> </ul> <p>God is <i>relational</i> and acts as we engage with Him from the heart and respond to His promptings: the inner beckoning and impressions of His Holy Spirit. If you allow the Holy Spirit to direct your path He will guide you into truth, provide enlightenment of His word, comfort and peace (SEE John 14:15-27 and 16:5-15)</p> <p>God acts in patterns consistent with His covenant way As you seek Him and yield to His work, He will cause specific topics to become of particular interest and relevance to you Each page includes capsule insights on TRUTH and GOD’S PURPOSES as well as RELEVANCE to life. In addition, questions are provided for REFLECTION on REALITY so you can RELATE with God and RESPOND. Scripture REFERENCES are also provided for additional study and reflection to make your devotion time with God more meaningful and fruitful. Allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten you on the path and help you see His road map pointing the way Keep fellowship with people who value God’s word and are sensitive to His Holy Spirit; God will use them to provide affirmation, confirmation, and wisdom along the way</p>

# An Exercise to See God’s Pattern and Process

Everything God does happens within the “the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God” (Acts 2:23). God used the agricultural seasons of Israel to *illustrate a story—or process—of ways He interacts with us; ways in which the Spirit of God flows over cycles and seasons to accomplish His purposes.* He, therefore, would have us be more sensitive to His rhythm. Solomon had something to say about this.

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Through a series of special times that God appointed to engage with Him, we see this pattern of cycles and seasons working God’s overall process of Creation, Revelation and Redemption. It is a pattern He continuously works through. It is the pattern of His rhythm. *It works the way rhythm and cadence work in music-- a flowing pattern bringing you to rest and peace.* It is the way He designed for our lives to be in sync with Him!

The table below illustrates this process and pattern. Can you identify with ways this process has flowed in your life?

GOD'S WORK	CREATION			REVELATION	REDEMPTION		
	OUTWORKING OF GOD'S CREATIVE & REDEMPITIVE WORKS			GOD'S WORD & SPIRIT	RECONCILIATION · RESTORATION · RELATIONSHIP · REVIVAL		
LIVING LIFE IN THE LORD	I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE	I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD	I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP	I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD	I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE	I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH THE LIFE	I AM THE TRUE VINE
GOD'S WORK	RELEASE	REFRESHMENT	REFOCUS	REVELATION	RECLAMATION	REFORMATION	REDEMPTION
THE OUTWORKING OF GOD'S CREATIVE AND REDEMPITIVE PROCESS	God causes new things to spring forth; does new and/or creative works; sets us free from bondages and sins such as: anger, anxiety, despair, fears, dependencies, disgrace, lack, disqualification, depression, falsehoods, vanity, uselessness, etc...	We experience times of great grace and God's favor, relief, cleansing, healing, renewal, refreshing, regeneration and strengthening to bring changes resulting in new attitudes, direction, sense of purpose and hope	We experience favor and advance forward with greater strength, walking with enlightened vision and greater faith; moving forward, being involved in new opportunities; serving and giving back to God and forward to others	We experience a new sense of God's love and gain new insights and truth from God's Word and empowerment from the Holy Spirit evidenced in new measures of understanding, vitality, freedom and joy; causing us to testify of God's amazing grace	We experience conflict and trials, fighting spiritual battles to resist fear, falsehoods and temptation; walk in the LORD's victory, reconciling truth; seeing and experiencing changes and shifts towards transition and transformation	We are strengthened in character and faith by the LORD's grace and mercy; grateful for His triumph over sin and death, being aware of total discharge from the guilt and penalties thereof, embracing His truths and new life in the Spirit	We reflect upon God's favor and works of redemption and grace; enjoy times of fellowship and rest with others; testify of what God has done; celebrate truth and transitions, looking forward in anticipation of new things ahead

# Being Blessed by Relating Messiah to Jewish People

## Romans 9:1-5

I tell the truth in Christ, I am not lying, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, 2 that I have great sorrow and continual grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my countrymen according to the flesh, 4 who are Israelites, *to whom pertain the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises; 5 of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh, Christ came, who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen.*

## Romans 11:11-32

I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! *But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. 12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness!*

...16 For if the firstfruit is holy, the lump is also holy; and if the root is holy, so are the branches. 17 *And if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them, and with them became a partaker of the root and fatness of the olive tree, 18 do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast, remember that you do not support the root, but the root supports you.*

19 You will say then, "Branches were broken off that I might be grafted in." 20 Well said. Because of unbelief they were broken off, and you stand by faith. Do not be haughty, but fear. 21 For if God did not spare the natural branches, He may not spare you either. 22 Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off. 23 *And they also, if they do not continue in unbelief, will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and were grafted contrary to nature into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, who are natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?*

25 **For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.** 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The Deliverer will come out of Zion,  
And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;  
27 For this is My covenant with them,  
When I take away their sins."

28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience, 31 even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy. 32 *For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.*

## Provoking Jews to jealousy—*the Lord's mandate*—is accomplished through:

- **Sharing uncommon, unconditional Christ-like love and hospitality**
- **Having spiritual insight into the APPOINTED TIMES**
- **Demonstrating the reality of God's presence through sensitivity to the Holy Spirit**