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	(Acts 2:41) Those who accepted his message were baptized.
	(Acts 8:12) But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.
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	(Ephesians 2:19 LB)You are a member of God's very own family and you belong in God's household with every other Christian.
3.	Get in a
	(Hebrews 10:24-25) And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

4.	Start
	(Hebrews 6:1) Let us leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity.
5.	Find
	(Ephesians 2:10) For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
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