1. **Introduction**
   1. Step 6 is the first “response” to God’s grace.
   2. Steps 1-5, realizing need for God’s grace, receiving God’s grace.
      1. Trusted Christ’s payment for the penalty of your sins, your pain and your eternity.
      2. Are you ready to trust Him with daily living?
      3. Are you ready for any change God has planned for you?
2. **Repentance**
   1. Step 6, Repent
      1. We become entirely ready to turn away from our patterns of sin and turn to God
      2. Foundation 6: Timothy 2:22 - *So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.*
   2. Definition: 'repentance' is Greek word “[metanoia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metanoia)”, means a "change of mind and heart"
      1. Repentance goes hand-in-hand with confession for healing and freedom.
         1. Confession is for healing from the damage of sin.
         2. Repentance is for freedom from sin’s power.
         3. Sometimes we experience healing and a season of freedom after confession but we never make the necessary changes to turn from sin to God—we keep living the same way trying not to sin. Lasing freedom is found in repentance.
   3. Do you want to be fixed, or well? Is Christ just a Savior from sin? Or Lord?
      1. Genie Jesus
         1. Insurance: God, fix all the broken pieces as I go on living my life. Bail-out plan.
         2. Comfort/Ease Plan: We want the Monkey off our backs. We want to not be bothered by something we can’t control - so that we can maintain control. We have no interest in giving control to God.
         3. Insanity=doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results.
      2. Jesus can fix us and heal us, but he wants more for us.
         1. John 5:2-9, 14 - ***2****Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda (house of mercy), which has five roofed colonnades.****3****In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.* ***5****One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.* ***6****When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, ‘Do you want to be healed?’* ***7****The sick man answered him, ‘Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.’* ***8****Jesus said to him, ‘Get up, take up your bed, and walk.’* ***9****And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath….* ***14****Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, ‘See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.’*
      3. The Master’s Plan: True repentance leads to transformed lives.
         1. Not just managing sin but pursuing something New – Someone Great.
         2. More than a Savior, Christ is Lord; we trust his Master Plan.
3. **Surrender** 
   1. To follow Christ is to put our sinful nature to death daily.
      1. Luke 9:23-25 - *And [Jesus] said to all, ‘If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself?’*
   2. Reasons why surrender is hard:requires we act to change from old ways
      1. You are an expert at sin.
         1. A lifetime of training to respond to life sinfully—coping with life through worldly solutions rather than God.
         2. Sin is our default.
         3. We often still love our sin and are sad to part with it.
      2. Perceive the worldly cost of surrender too great (idolatry).
         1. God will give you new loves, new comforts, new goals, new security, new identity.
         2. Every dream and relationship, how you spend time/money/emotion, how you approach your career will change.
         3. We don’t want to give up our life to follow anyone else’s plan.
      3. Fear that God won’t come through (trust)
         1. Afraid that God doesn’t love us, have our best interest in mind or isn’t powerful to overcome obstacles.
         2. Afraid of the unfamiliar.
   3. ***GOOD PLACE TO INSERT A PERSONAL STORY.***
4. **How do we repent?**
   1. Remember Steps 1-3:
      1. Step 1: Admit. You are powerless to manage sin on your own
      2. Step 2: Believe. God’s Nature – Holy (absolutely good)
         1. Godly sorrow leads to repentance (See 2 Corinthians 7:9-10). We often mourn the consequences of sin more than our rebellion from God. We reject his goodness, love and sovereignty to decide good/evil ourselves.
         2. God is good. He is not trying to short-change us but lead us to life. Satan’s first victory was convincing Adam and Eve that God’s command was keeping them from good rather than protecting them from death
      3. Step 3: Trust. Trust your life and will to Christ.
         1. If God is good, all-knowing and he loves you as his child, his intentions for your life are infinitely better than your personal dreams.
         2. You can trust him. A person/object is trustworthy by nature not by what we feel or fear about it.
   2. Step 6, Repent: Turn your heart/mind to God.
      1. The Great Commandment (See Mark 12:30) is to love Lord your God with all heart, soul, mind and strength. Leave idols and old patterns of worship and turn to worship God.
      2. Examine idols and sinful worship patterns (Step 4, Week 6, Step 5, Confession with Mentor). What is your worldly loves? What is your go-to idol and how do you get there? Who/what/when/where/why/how?
      3. Examine God’s Word. What does God say about your idols/worship patterns? His provision/solutions?
      4. Plan to respond differently by following Christ. What changes will you put place to direct your heart to God? Change playground, pastimes and playmates for God’s solution to your needs.
      5. Share your plan. Involve Others: Let others know your triggers and your plans for responding to temptation. Ask for help to know and follow God’s word. Ask for prayer. Involve them when tempted. There is always a master plan and platoon on the winning side of a battle.
      6. Pursue God’s eternal rewards:
         1. unfailing Love (See 1 Corinthians 13);
         2. fullness of Joy (See John 15:11);
         3. perfect Peace that passes understanding (See Philippians 4:7);
         4. Patience as such to endure suffering (See 2 Corinthians 1:6 & 1 Peter 2:20);
         5. Kindness that leads to repentance (See Romans 2:4);
         6. Goodness all our days (See Psalm 23:6);
         7. Faithfulness that saves (See Hebrews 11);
         8. Gentleness which restores (See Galatians 6:1 & 2 Timothy 2:25);
         9. Self-control that brings God glory (See 1 Peter 4);
         10. Contentment in all circumstances (See Philippians 4:11);
         11. Rest for our souls (See Matthew 11:29)
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5. **Lordship – God wants all of us.**
   1. God Himself is the greatest treasure **–** We were created to experience the best of both worlds – God, Himself.
      1. Psalm 16:11 - *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence, there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*
   2. God longs for our hearts. The only appropriate response to Christ sacrifice is surrender of our hearts. A heart set on him he rewards with eternal satisfaction in the greatest gifts on this side of heaven.
   3. Pursuing Christ is worth the cost.
6. **Closing: What are you holding on to? God will not let you down.**
   1. God promises change for those who fully follow him.God is in the business of making enemies/rebels into sons/daughters/heirs of eternal life--something we can never become on our own. He gives us eternal worth through Christ. His strength makes us strong. He gives us an eternal purpose. He blesses us with eternal blessings today.
   2. Don’t settle. Get all that Christ has for you. Turn from idols and be willing to take steps of change to turn to Him. Worship Him. Enjoy Him. A life fully invested in Christ as Lord is abundant. Jesus said in John 10:10 - *I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly*.