

Advanced Training Institute International

# FATHER'S REVIEW SHEET

*in review of the Journal of Faith*

Student's name *(please print)* \_\_\_\_\_ Date Journal completed \_\_\_\_\_

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## Dear ATI Father,

As a student develops faith through the projects outlined in the *Journal of Faith*, this written record can become an exciting chapter of his life message and a demonstration of total commitment to the goals which God has set before each one of us.

True faith is dynamic and cannot be confined to the written page. It is a perspective of life and a quality of spirit which radiates through every aspect of our character, our attitudes, our goals, and our activities.

Therefore, we depend upon the father's perspective of the faith which his children are learning. Our purpose in the ATI Program is to assist you as you direct and evaluate your children's progress in wisdom training and character development. This is the pattern given to us in Galatians 4:1-2.

As you review your student's growth through the material in the *Journal of Faith*, please check one or more areas which apply in response to each section of this review sheet, and include it with a copy of the Journal when you submit it to ATI Headquarters.

If you feel further growth is needed in any area of this vital foundation of faith before building upon it through the *Journal of Virtue*, you may want to use this sheet as a guide to assist your son or daughter in growing from faith to faith by strengthening these areas.

May the Lord increase our faith to see the pressing needs of our day and to equip ourselves to meet those needs in a way which will change the world for Christ. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4).



# 1 **HOW I WAS SAVED BY GRACE THROUGH FAITH**

The very nature of faith is deeply rooted in salvation. Once the foundation of faith has been established through salvation, maturing faith must continue to build upon *grace*—“the desire and power to do God’s will.”

- Does the **definition of grace** accurately convey the following Scriptural concepts of *grace*? (Check those that are included in your student’s definition.)
  - Grace comes from God. (Titus 2:11)
  - Grace is active power. (I Corinthians 15:10)
  - Grace is submitting to God’s will. (James 4:6–8)
  - Grace is a free gift. (Romans 5)
  - Grace is given individually. (Romans 12:3–6)
- Scripture tells us, “. . . Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). Does the **hearing of faith** demonstrate a Biblically based understanding of the Gospel?  Yes
- Was there a definite point in time when the **response of faith** was made?  Yes
- Was the **confirmation of faith** made through baptism?  Yes

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# 2 **Increase your faith as you READ THROUGH THE BIBLE.**

When Christ walked the road to Emmaus with Cleopas and his companion, He related the entire sequence of Scripture, beginning with the books of Moses and all of the prophets, and He explained how they spoke of Himself.

The key to transforming a Bible-reading “program” into a faith-building adventure is to see Christ in every page of Scripture and to apply that Scripture to our lives. Faith involves understanding the character of Christ and acting in harmony with Him.

- In what way did your student draw out themes of faith throughout Scripture?
  - Spiritually insightful
  - Well-organized
- To what degree was personal application made of Biblical principles and the character of Christ?
  - Significant growth in the character of Christ
  - Maturing understanding of the ways of the Lord
  - Basic knowledge of Scriptural principles
- Were Romans 15:4 and I Corinthians 10:11 memorized as a basis for application of the Scripture read?  Yes

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# 3 **Establish your faith as you UNDERSTAND BASIC PRINCIPLES.**

In order to understand how God will work in each situation and to act in harmony (faith), we must establish an understanding of the principles by which He operates and apply these in our lives.

- To what degree has your student established an understanding of the basic principles of God’s Word through the Basic Youth Conflicts Seminar and the *Basic Seminar Follow-Up Course*?
  - The presentation of God’s Word was life-changing
  - The Biblical teaching produced amazing growth
  - Seeds were planted which later began to germinate
- Were lifetime commitments made which honor the principles of God’s Word? (Check the commitments in which there have been consistency.)
  - “I thank You for the way You made me, and I put myself back on Your ‘easel.’ ”
  - “I purpose to gain and maintain a conscience void of offense toward You and others.”

- "I submit my will to You by placing myself under the four authority structures over me."
- "I do now fully forgive my offenders and purpose to look for ways to invest in them."
- "I place on the altar all my rights, my possessions, and my reputation."
- "I purpose to remove and dispose of all items in my life which grieve the Holy Spirit."
- "I commit myself to the Biblical goals of courtship and set aside the world's concept of dating."
- "I will saturate my heart and mind with Your Word so I can meditate day and night."
- "I purpose to spend at least five minutes each day reading Your Word."

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## 4 **Build your faith as you STUDY GOD'S HEROES OF FAITH.**

The greatest power comes when we read Scripture with an attentiveness for ways to apply the same principles in our own lives in order to achieve the same effectiveness as the Bible heroes did.

We should also be alert to the mistakes made by these men and women in order to learn from them and avoid those factors which would diminish our effectiveness.

- How well were key principles of effectiveness identified and personal application made?
  - Has discovered new power in the Christian life
  - Has gained significant insights into faith
  - Has demonstrated encouraging maturity

Please comment on growth you have seen. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 5 **Expand your faith as you "WALK" WITH GREAT CHRISTIANS.**

The writer of Proverbs exhorts that "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed" (Proverbs 13:20).

Note that acquiring wisdom from others takes specific steps of action, whereas learning folly takes place through simple association.

- How did your student draw out key commitments and steps of action which built faith in the lives of great Christians and applied them to his own life?
  - Applied concepts in initiating ministry opportunities
  - Found direction for personal growth
  - Recognized key concepts

Please explain what you have seen. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 6 **Exercise your faith as you IDENTIFY SEEDS OF DISINTEGRATION.**

Faith is rooted in God's promise to bless His Word, not our efforts. Thus, our disciplines should be the natural outgrowth of our love for Scripture.

By faith, we individually respond to God's call for a person to "stand in the gap." (See Ezekiel 22:30.) Our work together will then be the by-product of our personal relationship with Him.

Although it is consistent with the ways and nature of God for men to work together and to be orderly and disciplined, these important factors are a part of the *process* of His blessing, not the *source* of blessing.

- How well were consequences traced to root causes and defined for application?
  - Made clear personal application
  - Was able to discern weaknesses in others

- To what level were personal seeds of disintegration identified and removed?

- Character needs       Attitude changes
- Wrong actions

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## 7 **Express your faith as you INITIATE MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES.**

In the analogy of James 2:26, the **body** is compared to **faith**, and the **spirit** to the **works** of faith. Based on this analogy, we learn that as God created the body first, so faith is not of ourselves but totally of His working.

However, as God afterward breathed into man the spirit of life in order to make the body function, so it is our response to faith that gives us life and purpose.

- How alert is your student to identify the needs of others and then to look for ways to meet them?
  - Takes initiative in meeting physical needs of others, and views these needs as open doors to minister to spiritual needs
  - Follows others in ministry opportunities

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## 8 **How to confirm your faith as you GET A WORD FROM THE LORD**

The Bible (*logos*) is a universal Book for all men, and it is also a personal Word (*rhema*) from the Lord Jesus Christ to each one of us.

Faith involves hearing the broad truths of Scripture and making personal application of them.

- How was faith strengthened in a difficult situation by seeking a *rhema* from God’s Word?

- Applied the *rhema* and resolved the situation
- Received encouragement from a *rhema*

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## 9 **Record your faith as you SEND HEADQUARTERS A COPY OF YOUR JOURNAL OF FAITH.**

Many people do not realize that their faith is also expressed through the way they work and in their manner of presentation.

God is a God of order, and therefore we demonstrate an understanding and cooperation with His ways as we strive to make neatness a way of life. (Note: As you will be sending a photocopy to Headquarters, we are depending on your evaluation of the original presentation.)

- The overall presentation of the *Journal of Faith* is
  - Neat       Accurate
  - Attractive       Grammatically correct

Each Journal is designed to be a written record of the important steps of continuing spiritual growth. This process, however, is more than a series of written reports—it is a way of life which comes only with much diligence.

“And beside this, giving **all** diligence, add to your faith . . .” (II Peter 1:5).

We urge every ATI father to be “. . . diligent to know the state of thy flocks, and look well to thy herds” (Proverbs 27:23). This can be accomplished as fathers learn with their sons and daughters and review their training together.

We urge every ATI son and daughter to exercise faith diligently by taking initiative in designing ministry projects with family, neighbors, and the local church.

“ . . . If these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful . . .” (II Peter 1:8).