

Do not desire deliverance so life will be easier and nicer, rather so God can be glorified in our lives. (Matt.6:33)

Attending the Jacob's Well "Step to Freedom" Seminar is not a one-time guaranteed cure-all solution, but is a step towards healing and restoration, a final destination that can take time. (Ps.23:3)

Follow these steps in order to prepare yourself for the seminar, and be ready for what God wants to do in your life.

1. Obedience:

- Determine to do what Jesus taught us to do
"Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash." Matt. 7:24-27 (NIV)
- Israel apparently had the same problem, hearing but not doing. (Deut.29:19).
- If we don't do what the New Testament teaches us, we establish our own righteousness.
"Since they did not know the righteousness that comes from God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness." Rom.10:3 (NIV)

2. Repentance:

- Watch the teaching on "[Repentance](https://youtu.be/TBi_95FFyUE)". (https://youtu.be/TBi_95FFyUE)
Desperate people get God's attention; He heard the Hebrew's cry in Egypt and was "*concerned about them*". Exodus 2:24, 25
- It is repentance that takes away the authority of the strong man. (Matt.12:29 & 43)

3. Soul Ties:

- Ask Jesus to forgive you for all sexual relations outside of marriage.
- Forgive the other person, pray a blessing on them.
- You are joined with them in your soul and that needs to be broken off.
"Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, 'The two will become one flesh'." 1 Cor.6:16 (NIV)

4. Repent of Broken Relationships:

- Broken relationships violate the second command of Jesus.
- Then do what you can do to restore those relationships.
"If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." 1 John 1:6 (NIV)
"Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him." 1 John 2: 9-11 (NIV)
- **Read Psalm 133.** It is clear that God's blessings falls on those who walk in unity with their brothers and sisters.

5. Build Faith:

- Disciples could not cast the demon out of the boy because the disciples lacked faith.
"O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." Mark 9:19 (NIV)
- Jesus' work was also limited due to lack of faith of the people...
"And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith." Matt.13:58 (NIV)
- So faith needs to be built in both the one ministering and person receiving
- You are responsible for building your faith, which can be done by:
 - i. Reading and hearing the Word of God. We believe the first 5 books of the New Testament will be the most effective in building our faith. (Rom.10:17)
 - ii. Praying in the Spirit, the Godly language (1 Cor.14:4 & Jude:20)
 - iii. Choose to have a willing heart to serve others without complaining. (Luke 17:5-10)

6. Fasting:

- Before the seminar day as the Lord would lead you, but also on the seminar day.
"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?" Is. 58:6 (NIV)

7. Keep a Godly Attitude Towards Others:

- *"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves."* Philippians 2:3 (NIV)
- *"But if you harbour bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth."* James 3:14 (NIV)
- *"For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice."* James 3:16 (NIV)

8. Baptism:

- Watch the teaching on "[Water Baptism](https://youtu.be/8TXcMLLN99A)". (<https://youtu.be/8TXcMLLN99A>)
- Watch the teaching on "[Holy Spirit Baptism](https://youtu.be/9oP0DPg91Mc)". (<https://youtu.be/9oP0DPg91Mc>)

Teachers open the door,
but you must enter by
yourself.

- Old Chinese Proverb -

