



SOAR

A Personal Companion Journey
to *Faith with Wings*
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Dear Friend,

Welcome to *Soar*.

In my book *Faith with Wings*, I shared some *amazing* ways God answered *one simple prayer*. In this personal companion journey to *Faith with Wings*, I'd like to help *you* see God move in *your* life and *your* situation.

God wants deep, authentic relationships with his children, and I pray that he will use these questions, prayers, and reflections of *yours* to take you deeper into his heart, and help *you* soar in ways you haven't even previously dreamed were possible.

This *Soar* resource can be used by itself, or in combination with the book *Faith with Wings* (available on Amazon). Each part of *Soar* corresponds with one of the 12 chapters of *Faith with Wings*, and complements the discussion questions found at the end of that book. I am confident that whichever way you choose to use *Soar*, as you open your heart authentically to God, he will work powerfully in your life.

Let's get started.

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Part 1 – For the Love of God

I use the word *wedge* to refer to an area in your relationship with God where you are hurt by, confused about, or otherwise have some problem with the way you perceive that God is treating you or others. What is the primary wedge in your relationship with God?

ACTION: Write down the wedge. If there are multiple wedges, list them all. Then write out a simple one-sentence prayer inviting God to do something about these things that are wedges to your intimacy with him. You may want to make a note of the date of your prayer.

Part 2 – Can God Be Trusted?

Childlike faith includes absolute trust in God's goodness toward his children. That kind of trust really comes under enemy attack—especially when we are suffering. What did you used to think you could trust God to do, that it now seems he won't?

ACTION: Write down the thing you thought of. Now write a sentence prayer asking God to lead you to a Scripture that speaks the truth about him related to this area.

Part 3 – Demolition

The tricky thing about deception in our thoughts about God is that if we *suspected* deception, we'd have our guard up against it! So how can we rid ourselves of beliefs about God that aren't true and are harming us—when we might not even be aware of them?

ACTION: Write a sentence prayer asking God to open your eyes to any area in which he wants to set you free from wrong beliefs that you aren't even aware of, but that are weakening you.



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Part 4 –Commissioned

These verses speak to the core of Jesus’s work and ours—to destroy the work of the destroyer: John 10:10; 1 John 3:8; 2 Corinthians 10:5; John 14:12.

ACTION: Write out each of the four verses above. Now write out John 14:12 again, putting your name into the verse where it says “whoever believes in me.”

Part 5– Awakening

According to Luke 10:19, the authority Jesus has given his followers overcomes all the power of the enemy. If your background has been anything like mine, you may not have seen that for yourself. That doesn’t mean the Scripture isn’t true; it means we have work to do. Let’s get started.

ACTION: Fold a piece of paper into thirds. In the first section, list every supernatural healing work of God that you have personally seen. In the second section of the paper, list every doubt, question, and negative impression you have about the idea of supernatural healing. This is not the time to hold back. Pour out your heart to God. (Save your list. You’ll use it again in Part 6.)



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Part 6 – What Does God Want?

Many verses—in both the Old and New Testaments—confirm God's *identity* as a healer. Read Zechariah 11:15–17, Luke 17:11–19, John 5:5–15. Now take a look at 2 Corinthians 5:7. This Scripture exhorts believers to live by faith and not by sight. Without intending for it to, I found that *my* faith for healing, instead of being in proportion to Scripture, more closely resembled what I had *seen*.

ACTION: Using the list you began making in Part 5, add to the second section any additional doubts, questions, and negative impressions you have about God *wanting* to heal.

(Don't write in the third section yet.) Now lay your list before the Lord and invite him to speak to you about each of the items on your list.

Over the coming days and weeks, as God speaks to you about items on your list, make notes of it in the third column of the paper, across from the related item.

Part 7 – Case Not Closed

In *Faith with Wings*, I wrote, *James 5 sets the bar for Christ-followers in a certain place when it comes to the healing of our Christian sisters and brothers. Scripture expects that we will see them be healed.*

ACTION: Read Numbers 23:19 and Titus 1:2. According to these two verses, what is the *truth* about *what God says*? Read James 5:13–20. What does God say about healing of the sick?

If your Christian brothers and sisters are *not* healed when you minister to them as James 5 and other Scriptures about healing describe, write down the reason or reasons you think that might be the case. Now write a one-sentence prayer inviting God to speak to you about this.



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Part 8 – Seeing the Battlefield

Read Ephesians 6:12 and then 2 Kings 6:8:15–17. Just because we can't *see* parts of reality, doesn't mean they are any less real.

In *Faith with Wings*, I talked about 5 instruments God showed me I would need for *my* battlefield: forgiveness, faith, prayer, God's words, and my words.

ACTION: Write a sentence prayer asking God to reveal to you what instruments *you* should focus on to gain victory in *your* battlefield. When he responds, make a note of what he showed you.

Part 9 – Active Duty

God is not stopped by difficult circumstances. The Bible is full of accounts of how God broke through seemingly impossible situations in the lives of his people. For just two examples, read 2 Timothy 2:8 and Exodus 14:28–30.

ACTION: Write out Philippians 1:6, placing your name where it says *you*. Now write a one-sentence prayer asking God to show you how you can cooperate with his work, even in the face of your difficult circumstances.

Part 10 – Power

1 Corinthians 4:20 says *the Kingdom of God is not just a lot of talk; it is living by God's power*. If everything I did today could have been done by a well-intentioned unbeliever, that's not living by God's power. Read Ephesians 1:19–20, Romans 8:11, and Colossians 1:29.

ACTION: Write out the words of Ephesians 1:19–20 as a prayer to God over your own life, filling in the word *I* where Paul said "I pray that *you*." When God responds, make a note of what he says, and be quick with obedience.



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Part 11 – Loving Christ

In *Faith with Wings*, I wrote, “God *wants* his kingdom to come on earth. It’s why Jesus taught the calling forth of God’s kingdom—*your kingdom come*—as one of the first parts of prayer (Matthew 6:10 NKJV). Jesus is not finished with that work. So neither are we (John 14:12).”

ACTION: Look back to your notes about Part 4, and read the last Scripture (John 14:12) that you wrote out with your name in it.

Write out Mark 16:15–18. Circle *Anyone*. Circle *those who believe*. Underline under the word *will* each time it appears.

If you have any questions for God about these parts of his Word being fulfilled in your life, write them down as simple one-sentence prayers.

Part 12 – My Isaac

Read Matthew 9:35–38. In *Faith with Wings*, I wrote, “We have a great need for healing of sick people inside and outside the church. Many of the workers are sick, and the harvest fields are full of sick people, too!”

ACTION: Write a one sentence prayer following the advice of Jesus in Matthew 9:38. Read or write out Ephesians 2:10 and Hebrews 13:20–21. Write a sentence prayer asking God to equip and empower you to be one of the workers he sends out.