



# milestones FAITH OVERCOMING LOSS

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## Milestones: Faith Overcoming Loss

Psalms 18:1–6

- Prepare your faith to overcome loss
  - Love the Lord
  - Realize loss will come John 16:33
    - 1) Loss can be the beginning, strengthening, or ending of people's faith Isaiah 55:8–9
    - 2) "Perceived loss" can be just as powerful
  - The Lord is the only solid refuge in times of loss Psalm 46:1
- The journey is long
  - Time with the Lord: nothing can replace it John 6:68; 1 Peter 5:7
  - Time with the people of the Lord
  - Let your wounds show; our misery become our ministry

**Ministries to Help:** Celebrate Recovery, Stephen Ministry, Julianna Poor Counseling Center, Grief Share, Divorce Care, and Sunday Bible Study

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Visit [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org) and click on the “Get in the Game” button shown here.

You’ll be taken to a listing of over 130 opportunities to volunteer! Scan the whole list, or jump straight to a ministry that interests you. Then, complete and submit a brief online form and a team leader will contact you soon!



While every team is taking volunteers, here are some of our particular needs right now. Look for these online or contact the team leader below for more information.

- 1. Frontline Team** (Garden Bookstore). Volunteers will help bookstore customers choose and purchase resources, gifts and cards. Training in customer service, product knowledge and use of the Point of Sale system is provided. (Geni Hulse; [geni.hulse@hfbc.org](mailto:geni.hulse@hfbc.org); 713.957.6730)
- 2. Grief Share Support** (Pastoral Care). Volunteers will encourage and assist those who have lost loved ones. (Rick Jones; [rick.jones@hfbc.org](mailto:rick.jones@hfbc.org); 713.957.6760)
- 3. Circulating Cruisers** (Sloan Memorial Library). Volunteers will assist with the online Patron Access Catalog. We will also enter patron information into computers, send out overdue notices, laminate member cards, maintain areas and print lists as needed. (Shirley Dodson; [shirley.dodson@hfbc.org](mailto:shirley.dodson@hfbc.org); 713.957.5820)
- 4. Sunday School Leadership** (Preschool & Kindergarten). Volunteers will serve young children weekly or bi-weekly. They will provide a stable atmosphere for the children and prepare activities and lessons that teach Biblical truth. (Karley Mangrum; [karley.mangrum@hfbc.org](mailto:karley.mangrum@hfbc.org); 713.957.7613)
- 5. Stephen Ministry** (Pastoral Care). Volunteers will equip lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals at HFBC and the community who are experiencing difficulty in their lives. (Rick Jones; [rick.jones@hfbc.org](mailto:rick.jones@hfbc.org); 713.957.6760)