

Christian Faithbooking



Amazing Grace Album Ideas

The name for this album was inspired from the well-known hymn written by John Newton. Basically, this is a faithbook/signposts album that captures a person's most life-changing events. Try doing the journaling first, then look for photos to match the journaling.

Questions for an Amazing Grace album:

The questions beginning with the "Story" are specifically for writing your story. The "Business" questions are for building and growing your business and the "Life" questions are for solving other life issues. Here is a quick key:

- Questions beginning with "Story" are for those wishing to write their own stories.
- Questions beginning with "Business" are for those wishing to enhance their business skills.
- Questions beginning with "Life" are for those wishing to solve other life issues.

Questions:

Story – What are your family's foundational stories? What stories tell who you are as a family; your family values; rules you lived by? What relatives (parents, grandparents) made a major impact in your life? How? What were the circumstances?

Business – What are some of the qualities you have that make you a good worker? Do you finish what you start? How has your attitude affected your business positively or negatively? How can you improve your work ethic to impact your business?

Life – Is there a phrase or label you received as a child or as an adult (i.e. brain, trouble-maker, family hero, peacemaker, etc.)? What names need to be "rewritten"? Think about how you can turn some negatives from your childhood into positives as an adult. What about your own children? How can you help them rewrite their story right now?

Questions:

Story – How has your church or pastor affected your life? What are some of your significant spiritual moments? What is your testimony? Where has great suffering occurred in your life and where has non-dramatic, routine suffering occurred? When did peace and resolution come?

Business – Does your business have a spiritual calling to it; do you see your business as a "market place ministry"? If so, how? Can it become more of a marketplace ministry? If so, how?

Life – What changes can you make to have more peace and joy in your life? Are the people around you challenging you to improve? Is the music you listen to inspiring you or putting words and thoughts into your mind that are not uplifting? What changes can you make to fill your life with positive "voices"?

Questions:

Story – Describe your graduation from high school and/or college. What were some of your "stand out" experiences? Have you been on a mission trip, volunteered with the Army Reserves, Salvation Army or other organisations? When have you been on your own and experienced new challenges? What did you learn about your strengths and weakness or your desires or passions? When did you take a "leap of faith" as a teen or young person?

Business – How have your past jobs or current business experiences stretched and challenged you? What have been the learned lessons that have stayed with you over the years? How can you stretch yourself today?

Life – What convictions/passions from your past would you like to revisit? Do you have an unfulfilled passion? If so what is it? Could you find a way right now to pursue it?

Questions:

Story – How did you meet your spouse? What dating stories do you remember? What did you learn about relationship dos and don'ts? What are some of your marriage goals; your marriage triumphs and struggles?

Business – How did your first job experiences teach and train you? What did you specifically learn from your early jobs? Where are your gaps? Where is more training needed?

Life – What do you love to do with your free time? Are you making time to enjoy music, visit with friends or laugh until you have a stomach-ache?

Questions:

Story – Write about the birth or adoption of your children. What were your emotions when you first became a parent? Was the baby planned or a surprise? What changes resulted? If you are not a parent, what do you know about your own birth and the circumstances that surrounded it?

Business – Do you have a business and a family? What are some of your struggles with juggling both? What have been some of the blessings from having a home-based business?

Life – Can you relate to the quote, “God uses mightily those who have been wounded greatly?” How has a wound from your past been used to make you better? Do you see how your experience can help you and others in the future? How have you seen “miraculous provision” in your life? Financial struggles are one of the major causes of divorce; do you need help with your finances?

Questions:

Story – What moves you deeply? What do you enjoy most? Where do you find the greatest pleasure and joy? What is it about this activity, idea or person that brings you such a sense of life?

Business – How does your passion fit with your job and your business? Does your job bring you a sense of enjoyment? Do you procrastinate or are you good at “seizing the moment”? Write an example.

Life – Where is God at work around you right now? How do you want to impact lives? Can you see some future changes that could bring more joy into your life?

Questions:

Story – When have you made a tough decision that was the right one? How have you found hope through the loss of a loved one? When have you had a verse or word of comfort speak deeply to you?

Business – All businesses need to have a “heart goal” a reason why their existence is important and valuable. What are the “heart goals” for your business? What do you hope to accomplish for yourself and how might your business serve human needs?

Life – What do you want to change about your life? Do you want to adopt or have a child? Do you want to start a business or ministry? Do you want to lose weight or get healthier? Do you want to learn something new?

Questions:

Story – When have you done things you never thought you could accomplish? Are you disciplined? What circumstances or people have helped you to learn discipline?

Business – Are you self-disciplined in your job? If so, what disciplines work well; which ones need more developing?

Life – What are your financial goals? Do you have a budget and a plan for your financial future? Could you benefit from a budget counsellor?

Questions:

Story – When have you had to make a choice between money or pursuing something else in life? Have you made other tradeoffs; you gave up something but got something else in return?

Business – In your business or job, how is money guiding your decisions? Is money too strong of a motivator or “just right”? Do you need to make any big changes (relocating, hiring help, quitting another job, etc.) to move your business forward?

Life – Is there something you should be doing to actively demonstrating your faith right now? What is it? What is the first step to demonstrate that faith?

Questions:

Story – What health issues have you faced? Do you have “old labels” that replay in your mind that you are overweight, or that you are not pretty, or that you are not smart? If so, write out a new statement about yourself that will become your new “label”.

Business – Is your health affecting your business? What can you do to be more effective in your business? Do you need more energy? Do you need a positive pacing partner to challenge and motivate you?

Life – Are you praying about your view of yourself? Do you care too much what other people think? Do you remember daily that you have an audience of ONE and that you are a child of the most High God?

Questions:

Story – What are some of your talents and gifts God has given you? Write a list. Remind yourself of how you have been uniquely equipped.

Business – How has the Lord uniquely equipped you to do your job or business?

Life – John 4:4 says – “Greater is He that is in YOU than he that is in the world!” We can have victory because God in us is bigger than any obstacle or issue. No matter what is in your past or what issue you think may be holding you back from experiencing all of the Lord, it can be overcome.

Questions:

Story – What are some areas of obedience that are clearly indicated but you may not be doing? In your Amazing Grace album, write about your memories of reading the Bible. What has worked for you in the past? How has the Lord used your Bible reading to speak to you?

Business – Are you praying for your business every day? Are you operating your business as ethically as possible? Do you do your bookwork accurately? Do you treat your customers and Consultants with integrity and accuracy? Do you tithe on your earnings?

Life – Are you reading the Bible everyday and then journaling thoughts that the Lord reveals to you? What can you do to ensure that you have set aside time to guard this important activity?

Questions:

Story – In your Amazing Grace album, write about how you became like someone you “hung around” whether it was positive or negative? What resulted from their influence? What and who are we spending time with now?

Business – In your business, are you attending positive meetings, gathering together with other positive, faith-filled people?

Life – What changes can you make to keep yourself from being polluted by the world?

Questions:

Story – Write in your Amazing Grace album about a time when you and your husband were not in agreement and what resulted. Write about a situation where you agreed. What happened then?

Business – Is your spouse supportive of your business? How can you motivate your spouse and your family to support you more? How does your family support you now? Do you demonstrate appreciation?

Life – Do you take time to have a regular date night with your spouse? Do you pray together at least once a week? Do you attend church as a family?

Questions:

Story – Of all the questions that have been asked, what is the most important story that you want to communicate to your children? How will you communicate it to them? Allan Wright says, “You will never fully harness the power of your miraculous moments until you communicate them with someone else.”

Business – Does your business actively help others to, “tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord”? What changes could you make in your business so that you can be more effective and inspire others to share what the Lord has done in their lives?

Life – What can you do right now to make your life’s strategy to be simply, purely, passionately devoted to the Lord?

