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NEWSLETTER

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It was a journey that began way back in late fall of 2017 when a faithful follower of Christ first embarked on taking some courses for their own spiritual development. It was an innocent enough endeavor, simply looking to further their biblical knowledge and be of greater service to his church and community. Yet, at some point during his studies the Spirit of God began to stir in his heart. What began as just a personal interest in and love for the Word of God cracked open a calling to full-time ministry.

For Alex Coonishish, being a pastor was the last thing on his mind when he embarked on his studies some 4½ years ago. At that time his home church already had a pastor and leadership in place. Although having distant musings of being a minister, it was never an imminent thought, as in his own mind, there was always someone else around who was “more qualified” or “more

called”. So, he simply set his mind to engage with the Word through ABA studies with the goal to grow spiritually.

[Pastor Alex Coonishish →](#)

Spiritual growth is precisely what happened. And slowly but surely, God began to tug at his heart and his local church leadership began to take note of his growth in the Lord. Sensing the call of God on his life he began earnestly seeking God’s will and the doors began to open! We fast forward to today and Alex is now the lead pastor of his local church in Mistissini, QC (a northern Cree community). He is not only actively pursuing his Recognition of Ministry credentials with the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada but is determined to complete his studies to qualify for full Licensed Minister standing within the fellowship of the PAOC.



It is exactly this type of organic spiritual growth that we here at Aboriginal Bible Academy strive to see develop within every believer (be they a pastor or the person in the pew). That they would become not only lovers of the Word but doers as well, being transformed and used as an instrument in God’s hands to become an effective minister of the Word to others. Studying His Word shapes us to share His Word.

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Would you like to...

**FIND GOD'S DESIGN FOR YOUR
LIFE?
KNOW WHAT GOD WANTS YOU
TO DO?
LIVE ACCORDING TO GOD'S
DESIGN?**

Have you ever wondered what God's design is for your life? Perhaps you are a new believer, or maybe you have been a Christian for several years. Nevertheless, as you have continued to follow the Lord, it is possible that you have found questions like these arising in your mind:

Now that I am a Christian, what does God want me to do next?

How will He tell me about it?

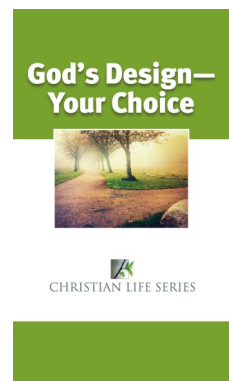
When I find out what He wants me to do, how do I begin doing it?

This course is designed to help you find answers to these questions. As you study each lesson, you will find out more about God's design for you and how you can choose to follow it. Choices impact our lives. Have you thought about them? Consider the following three principles: 1) We

become what we think. 2) We become what we believe. 3) We become what we decide. These three timeless principles are active in our lives from the moment we understand right and wrong. God has a plan for your life, but it depends on the choice you make.

God's Design - Your Choice presents God's options and how you can incorporate them in daily living.

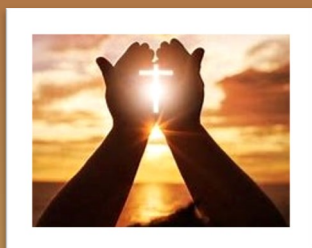
The Christian Life Series is an 18 course study, divided into three units of six courses each.



God's Design—Your Choice
is Course 1 in Unit 3

What's Ahead?

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to PRAY for
ABA!**

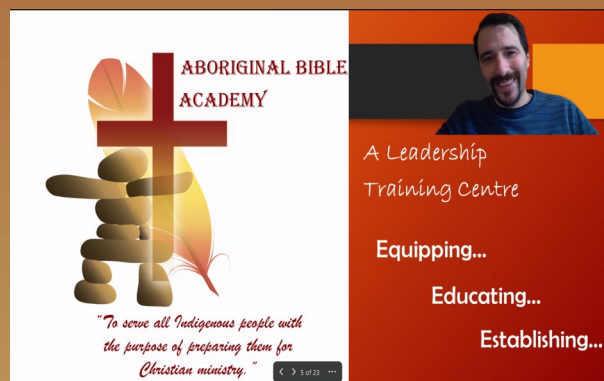


Even as we look to come out the other side of restrictive COVID protocols, work towards developing more robust online offerings of our training resources continue.

Virtual training sessions are being developed to help reach our more remote locations, allowing us to better serve our Indigenous brothers & sisters across all of Canada and not just the urban hubs.

It's exciting to see how God makes a way. We remain committed to reaching every Indigenous believer

with the tools and resources that are crucial for effective ministry preparation.



Your Giving - Valued, needed and so easy to do!

It was four years ago this spring that we launched a fundraising campaign called **2020 Vision**. It was a simple initiative encouraging donors to commit to support ABA at \$20 a month. The idea was that if just 20 people gave \$20 per month, it would garner sustainable support towards the training and equipping of Indigenous leaders across the country. The initiative picked up some good traction as many of you responded favourably. Thank you!

The truth is, many of you over the past 12+ years have been amazing faithful supporters of this ministry, either through quarterly, bi-monthly or monthly giving, while still many others of you have given periodically over that same time period. Words cannot fully express the deep appreciation we have for you and your sacrificial efforts shown in such a tangible way.

Permit us to update you on the several ways in which you can give!

1. Giving can be done from our website at <https://www.aboriginalbibleacademy.ca/pages/support>
2. If you have a Tithe.ly account, your gift can happen right from the app on your phone. Just type "Aboriginal Bible Academy" in the search bar and you'll be taken to our pay portal.
3. If you are familiar with the charity organization Canada Helps, feel free to navigate to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/aboriginal-bible-academy/> to donate there.
4. For those of you who may have a Paypal account, did you know they have a charitable arm in Canada called **PayPal Giving Fund Canada**? Our charity profile can be found at <https://www.paypal.com/ca/fundraiser/charity/3410690>. From there you have the opportunity to give a charitable gift. The great news with this method is that **PayPal will not take any fees from this online transaction**. Every dollar you donate will reach us!

*Cast your bread
upon the waters,
For you will find
it after many
days.
Ecclesiastes 11:1*

Partner With Us!

YES!

I want to support ABA in the ongoing development of Aboriginal Leadership across Canada!

(Receipts are provided for donations of \$10 or more)

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