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4. Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves.
5. Admitted to God, to ourselves, and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs.
6. Were entirely ready to have God remove all these defects of character.
7. Humbly asked Him to remove our shortcomings.
8. Made a list of all persons we had harmed and became willing to make amends to them all.
9. Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others.
10. Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong, promptly admitted it.
11. Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understood Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out.
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- Remember my name & give me encouragement
- Seek me out & talk to me; ask if I have any questions
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- Share how you work the steps and tools
- Listen to me
- Provide me with a meeting list and point out which meetings you attend
- Give me a phone list & mark your name
- Invite me for fellowship after the meeting
- Follow up with a phone call to me or text me as soon as possible after meeting me
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