Romans 12:1 (HCSB)
Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship.

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A] follow the leading – confer with the Holy Spirit

1) Once the inner storm subsides we can begin to confer with the Holy Spirit.

Acknowledge His Presence and affirm your presence.
"The practice of the Presence... is simply the discipline of calling to mind the truth that God is with us. When we consistently do this, the miracle of seeing by faith is given. We begin to see with the eyes of our hearts." [Leanne Payne- The Healing Presence p26]

2) Ask Him for the grace of contrition - [deep sorrow producing yielded brokenness]

Isaiah 57:15 (AMP)
“For thus says the high and lofty One - He Who inhabits eternity, Whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, but with him also who is of a thoroughly penitent and humble spirit,

Isaiah 57:15 (AMP)
to revive the spirit of the humble and to revive the heart of the thoroughly penitent [bruised with sorrow for sin]."

Psalm 34:18 (AMP)
“The Lord is close to those who are of a broken heart and saves such as are crushed with sorrow for sin and are humbly and thoroughly penitent."

3) Express gratitude and appreciation for His ministry to help and empower/inspire you and to reveal Father’s love and Christ’s grace.
4) Pray in the Spirit and ask Him for understanding/interpretation; expect Him to remind you - and respond with being accountable about the negative sensations/emotions which may surface.

e.g. the fear of death, pain, suffering, sorrow, vanity, lustful desire, obsessions/stubbornness, covetousness, greed, pride and the torment of self-pity, rebellion/autonomy, unhealthy appetites (hunger and thirst) etc.

1 Corinthians 14:14,15 (HCSB)
“For if I pray in [another] language, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with my understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with my understanding.”

5) Ask Him to reveal the hand of God [what, where and how God is working] and to show you things to come/what you can expect.

6) Declare yourself to be His servant and His possession who delights to go wherever He may lead.

7) Declare yourself to be change/repentance-inclined and not change/repentance resistant - verbalize your willingness to repent, forgive or to obey.
8) Ask Him to help you hear 'the voice of The Word'. Ask Him to wield the Sword of Scripture, a surgeon's scalpel to bring healing and order to your inner world. Express your submission to Scripture.

Hebrews 4:12,15 (AMP)
"For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of

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life (soul) and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart."

9) Ask the Spirit to lead you to the Throne of Grace where you present your offering of thanksgiving in worship in humble, brutal honesty.

10) Thank Him for your pain; His gift to us to help us grow and change and become, and speaks of His desire and ability to bring healing and completeness.

Hebrews 4:16 (AMP)
"Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and
Hebrews 4:16 (AMP)
find grace to help in good time for every need
[appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it]."

B] pray for strength and courage

1. Ask for the strength to face what you are shown and to submit to what you know - that you're small, helpless and insignificant in the light of the sheer scale of time and space. And the fact that He is greater than all that.

2. Ask for the strength to overcome your own inertia

3. Ask for grace and patience with the inertia of people around you who may invariably feel threatened by your inner change.

4. Ask for strength to continue moving along the change continuum i.e realization > intention > conviction > resolve > action > synergy
1. Thank Him that you're not alone, but a small part of a glorious whole, His Body.

2. Thank Him for the privilege to share Holy ground with the saints.

Psalm 16:3 (AMP)
"As for the godly (the saints) who are in the land, they are the excellent, the noble, and the glorious, in whom is all my delight."

3. Give thanks for the blessing of being one of God's 'excellent, noble and glorious' ones.

4. Receive His gift of interdependence - the fact that you see, understand and know only partially. Bless Him for eyes around and behind you that look out for you, and intercede for you.
"Let the person who cannot be alone beware of community. Let the person who is not in community beware of being alone. We are to be "alone together", a community of solitudes." [Dietrich Bonhoeffer - Life Together]

5. Receive the healing presence of those who come as living gifts from The Father and the manifestation of His caring. Commit to the sacred risk of trust.

James 5:16 (AMP)
"Confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]."