

# You Were Always the Goal

John 17:24-26



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Life**

December 7, 2025

## DAY 1: YOU ARE HIS DEEPEST DESIRE

**READING: JOHN 17:24; JOHN 14:1-3**

Before the cross, Jesus prayed not for escape but for you. His deepest longing was relationship—that you would be with Him forever. This isn't about tolerating your presence; Jesus actively desires you. You are His prize, His goal, His heart's pursuit. Many of us have lost the wonder of being wanted by God, treating faith as duty rather than devotion. But Jesus doesn't just want your service or spiritual performance—He wants you. To walk with you, talk with you, hear your heart. Today, let this truth reshape how you approach prayer and worship. You're not earning His love; you're responding to a love that calls you close. Sit in that intimacy. Let Him hold you.

**Reflection:** When did you last feel truly wanted by God? How does knowing Jesus desires your presence change your view of prayer today?

## DAY 2: BEHOLDING HIS GLORY

**READING: JOHN 17:24B; JOHN 1:14; 2 CORINTHIANS 3:18**

Jesus prays that we would see His glory—not just in heaven's splendor, but in the cross itself. The world saw weakness; heaven saw divine love triumphing over sin and death. Glory isn't found in perfection or performance but in lives that reflect His sacrificial love. Every act of kindness, humility, and forgiveness becomes a glimpse of that same glory. The tragedy today is that many who claim Christ reflect division and darkness instead of His redemptive light. We must ask ourselves: what am I reflecting? Christianity's reputation depends on whether we display His beauty or something else entirely. When His love shapes your responses and decisions, you become a living reflection of His glory—heavy with divine depth, radiating transformative power.

**Reflection:** What does your life currently reflect to those around you? Where can you display Christ's glory through love today?

## DAY 3: KNOWING THE RIGHTEOUS FATHER

**READING: JOHN 17:25-26A; JOHN 14:8-11; COLOSSIANS 1:15**

Jesus came to make the Father known—not through confusing theology or added burdens, but by revealing God's true character. When Jesus calls Him "Righteous Father," He's praising God's work in bringing revelation to all people. If you've ever wondered what God is like, look at Jesus. He's not angry, distant, or uninterested. He's near, merciful, compassionate toward the broken, forgiving toward sinners. Jesus revealed the Father through His life, and the Holy Spirit continues this revelation in you. Spiritual growth isn't about arriving; it's about continually seeing more of who God is. If you feel plateaued, ask the Spirit to renew your vision. The longer you walk with Jesus, the clearer the Father becomes, leading to deeper love and devotion.

**Reflection:** What new aspect of God's character is the Spirit revealing to you right now? How can you pursue deeper knowledge of Him?

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## DAY 4: CARRYING HIS LOVE

**READING: JOHN 17:26; ROMANS 5:5; 1 JOHN 4:19**

Jesus doesn't ask that we merely know about God's love—He prays that we carry it. The same eternal, pure, unstoppable love the Father has for the Son is offered to you. This isn't distant or abstract; it's personal and available through faith. You don't earn it; you receive it. For believers, this is where identity meets mission. You're loved with the same love God has for Jesus. Let that sink in. This means forgiveness becomes possible, unity becomes powerful, and worship becomes natural overflow. Stop being a small cup of water when God wants to make you a river. You're not just loved by God—you're called to pour out that love sacrificially to a broken world. Love is the final word of the gospel.

**Reflection:** How are you living from the overflow of God's love rather than duty? Who needs to experience His love through you today?

## DAY 5: TRUTH ENCOUNTERS IN SMALL PLACES

**READING: JOHN 17:3; ACTS 1:8; MATTHEW 5:14-16**

Eternal life is knowing the one true God and Jesus Christ whom He sent. This isn't intellectual knowledge—it's intimate relationship that transforms everything. Jesus' entire prayer focuses on us being one with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We were always the goal. Now, in small towns and broken places, God is stirring hearts hungry for truth. People are fed up with the world's lies and searching for something real. Truth isn't an idea; He's a person named Jesus who died on a real cross for the real you. As fully devoted followers, we're called to point others to Him—not through perfection but through authentic love lived out in community. This is our mission: presence, revelation, and love on display so the world encounters Him through us.

**Reflection:** Who in your community is searching for truth? How can you authentically point them to Jesus this week through your life and words?