

# How To Deepen Your Relationship With God

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—Jeremiah 29:13

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# Tips for Getting Started

- Ask a friend to hold you accountable to your commitment to do this study.
- If you are unfamiliar with the Bible, you can locate the page number for each book in the front of your Bible (table of contents).
- Go through this study with a friend, youth leader or small group so you can learn together.
- You can make this a daily study for ten straight days, a ten-week study, or another system that works well for you or your small group.

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*Your friend as you grow in Christ,*

**Mark Edwards**

# Beginning a One-on-One Time with God

## Decide on a place and time.

Set a time to meet with God each day—try to find a place with few distractions (maybe where you do your homework) where you will be able to concentrate on reading the Bible and talking with God.

## Get away by yourself.

Bring only your Bible, this Adventure Guide and a pen. Get comfortable and prepare to listen to your Father.

## Begin with spiritual warm-up exercises.

Spiritual breathing is like warm-up exercises for an athlete. This will help you get in the right frame of mind to hear from God. Try this exercise: slowly breathe out, releasing all the air from your lungs. Now breathe in fresh air until your lungs are filled. Spiritual exhaling is like breathing out—releasing all the sin in your life to God. Inhaling is “breathing in” God’s truth and His commands. In essence, spiritual breathing is a two-way conversation between you and God—just talk with Him honestly.

**EXHALE:** *“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” — Psalm 139:23-24*

Ask God to check your heart and mind for anything that is impure. Then listen! If he brings anything to mind, agree with him that it is sin, turn from it, and thank him for sending his Son to die for that sin.

**INHALE:** *“I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Jesus lives in me.” —Galatians 2:20*

Ask God to help you live in a way that is pleasing to Him today.

**OPEN YOUR EYES AND EARS:** *“Open my eyes O God, that I might see wonderful things from your Word.” —Psalm 119:18*

Ask God by His Spirit to open the eyes of your understanding so that you can see clearly what He has done and understand what He is saying to you.

## Memorize eight passages from God’s Word.

*“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.” —Psalm 119:11*

As you deepen your relationship with God, it is important that you commit His Word to memory. The eight verses from this booklet are a great place to start.





# You Were Born to Know God

Why was I born? What's life all about? What brings real joy and happiness in life? What is this eternal life that God's given me?

**Jot down your thoughts.**

Why was I born?

What's life all about?

What brings real joy and happiness in life?

What is eternal life?

These questions are the core of everything for which we are searching. The answer you choose will decide how you live each day. For example, if you say power and wealth bring joy and happiness, you will spend your life pursuing power and wealth. If you say that you were born to be wild, you will go to every party you can find.

Are you satisfied with your answers? If not, you are normal. Most people I know have never really settled the issue of why they were born—they simply go from day to day with no real direction or purpose for their lives. They wake up each morning and ask themselves, Why even bother getting up? I bless the day I discovered the reason to get up each morning, the day I settled the issue of why I exist.

John 3:16 says that when you accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior, God freely gave you eternal life. This eternal life began the day you became a Christian—it's not just for some day in the future. But what does God want you to do with your eternal life? What's it all about?

**Read John 17:3 and write it down word for word.**

That's it! The very reason that you have been created and have eternal life is so you can know God!

Why was I born? To \_\_\_\_\_ God!

What should I give my life to? To \_\_\_\_\_ God!

What is life all about? Getting to \_\_\_\_\_ God!

What brings real joy and happiness in life? \_\_\_\_\_ God!

**Read Philippians 3:7-10.**

What did Paul count worthless in comparison to knowing God?

What was his life goal?

Only one thing is worth investing your life in; only one thing delights the heart of God.

**Look up Jeremiah 9:23-24.**

What is the only thing worth boasting about?

"Once you become aware that the main business that you are here for is to know God, most of life's problems fall into place. What makes life worthwhile is having a big enough objective, something which catches our imagination and lays hold of our allegiance; and that the Christian has, in a way that no other man has. For what higher, more exalted, and more compelling goal can there be than to know God?"

—J.I. PACKER, *KNOWING GOD*

**Apply it:** Write a note to God, expressing your gratitude to Him and your desire to know Him.

The only way you can get to know God is to spend time with Him. As you take time each day to be with God, your view of Him will explode into a changed life. You will see God like never before! Fall down on your knees each day and worship at His feet!

**Memorize:** John 17:3



# God is Incredible

Our purpose in life is to know God. So who is He? How do we get to know Him? God gives us many pictures of Himself in the Bible. Look up the following passages and write down who God is.

## Who God is...

Psalm 7:11      God is \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 18:2      God is \_\_\_\_\_

God is \_\_\_\_\_

God is \_\_\_\_\_

God is \_\_\_\_\_

God is \_\_\_\_\_

God is \_\_\_\_\_

God is \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 23:1      God is \_\_\_\_\_

Psalm 107:1      God is \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 6:36      God is \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 1:5      God is \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 4:16      God is \_\_\_\_\_

'To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?' says the Holy One.  
'Lift your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?'

Isaiah 40:25-26

The Bible is filled with verses that describe God. Go over the list you just made and pick out one description of God that most captures your attention.

**Write your favorite description below and explain why you chose it.**

**Look up 2 Chronicles 16:9a and write it in your own words.**

This is your God! He is awesome and powerful, yet incredibly personal. He is on your side, so you have nothing to fear! Take a moment to be still and picture yourself in the palm of God's hand.

**Apply it:** Spend a few minutes writing to God. Worship Him—tell Him how incredible He is!

Tell a friend what you learned about God today!

**Memorize:** 2 Chronicles 16:9a



## Jesus Christ is God

It's amazing to think that the very God who created us became one of us! The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus was fully man *and* fully God.

These are the words of conqueror Napoleon Bonaparte:

*"I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is no mere man. Between him and every other person in the world there is no comparison. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I have founded empires. But upon what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon force. Jesus Christ founded his empire upon love. And at this hour millions of men would die for him."*

**Look up the following verses and write down who they say Jesus Christ is.**

John 1:14—

Colossians 1:15—

Hebrews 1:1-4—

Hebrews 1:8-9—

Hebrews 1:10—

"His Majesty. The emperor of Judah. The soaring eagle of eternity. The Noble Admiral of the Kingdom. All the splendor of heaven revealed in a human body. For a period ever so brief, the doors to the throne room were opened and God Came Near. His Majesty was seen. Heaven touched the earth and, as a result, earth can know heaven. In astonishing tandem a human body housed divinity. Holiness and earthliness intertwined."

—MAX LUCADO,  
*GOD CAME NEAR*

Look back at Hebrews 1:3a and write it in your own words.

*"I am here trying to prevent anyone from saying the really foolish thing that people often say about him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is the Son of God; or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to!"*

—C.S. LEWIS, *MERE CHRISTIANITY*

Don't let anyone ever deceive you into thinking that Jesus Christ was just a man. He is truly God—don't ever forget it!

Be still before God today. Spend some time just worshiping at Jesus' feet. Thank Him for His love and willingness to put skin on to live and die for you.

Now go out and share this great news with someone today. Call or email a friend—maybe even write a letter. Just share it! It's the greatest news of all time.

**Apply it:** Today I will share the good news about Jesus! I will...

- ☐ email \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)
- ☐ call \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ talk to \_\_\_\_\_ in person.
- ☐ write \_\_\_\_\_ a letter.

**Review:** John 17:3,  
2 Chronicles 16:9a



## God Lives in You

God is one, yet he exists as three distinct persons—a mystery called the *Trinity*. This is hard to understand, but we see examples of it in everyday life. An egg is one object, but it consists of three parts—shell, white and yolk. Water is one, but exists in three states—solid, liquid and gas. While these examples are not perfect, they help us to understand God's threefold person—the Father, the Son (Jesus) and the Holy Spirit. We have already looked at God the Father and Jesus the Son. Today we will look at the Holy Spirit—God living in us!

**What do these verses say about God the Holy Spirit and His work in our lives?**

John 14:26—

John 16:13—

Romans 8:11—

1 Corinthians 2:13—

1 Corinthians 3:16—

2 Corinthians 3:6—

When Jesus left His disciples to ascend into heaven, He promised that He would send them His Spirit to live in them—they would not be alone. This is still true today. Jesus does not physically live among us anymore, but He does live in us through the Holy Spirit. When you accepted Jesus as your Savior, the Holy Spirit came to live forever inside of you to help, comfort and teach you.

**Look up Ephesians 5:18. What does the Holy Spirit do in our lives?**

We are to be filled with the Spirit rather than controlled by sin and disobedience. The spiritual breathing exercises you have been doing is an act of exhaling our sinful nature and inhaling God's Spirit to live in you and control you. Spiritual breathing is as important to your spiritual survival as respiratory breathing is to your physical health. Moment by moment, day by day, you must let go of your sin and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Have you been trying to control your own life instead of being filled with the Spirit? If you desire to surrender to the Holy Spirit in you, you may want to pray something like this:

*Dear Father, I have been controlling my life instead of letting you take over.  
Thank you for forgiving me, and giving me the Holy Spirit from the  
moment I turned my life over to you.*

Invite Him to control your life moment by moment. The Spirit-filled life is powerful—through it you can truly know God.

**Apply it:** Write a prayer telling God that you want to surrender to His Holy Spirit in you. Take some time to just worship Him for who He is! Be still before Him.

**Memorize:** Galatians 5:16



## You're a New Creation

*The royal parents of Princess Victoria felt she should be told early in life that someday she might become Queen of England. They instructed her governess to make this known to her when she felt the time was right. So she inserted in the girl's history textbook a list of the Hanoverian kings. At the end of the column she had written the name "Victoria." The tutor watched closely as the princess studied her lesson. When Victoria read down the page and came to her own name, she looked up and said, "Can it really be that I may become the Queen of England?" The governess replied, "Yes, in all probability you will." After a thoughtful pause the princess said, "Then I will be good!"*

—WINDOWS ON THE WORLD

The discovery of her "true identity" was both exciting and sobering to young Victoria. She knew that if she was to be Queen of England, she needed to prepare by being "good." Now that you are a Christian, you have a new "true identity" too—and like Victoria, it will radically change your life.

You've probably heard, "What you don't know won't hurt you." That is simply not true! As a Christian, what you don't know will destroy you! Who you believe you are will, in the end, decide how you deal with what happens in life. You must understand who God says you really are to truly know God and accomplish the mission He's calling you to do.

God is Spirit and He created you in his image; so, you are a spirit being who lives in an "earthsuit," your human body. You will only occupy your present body for a little while—it will soon shrivel up and decay. Check it out.

**Read James 4:14. Write this verse in your own words.**

God is in control of all things. But when you were born, in your sin nature you immediately tried to take control of your own life and declared yourself "god" of your turf. But instead of truly being in control, you were really trapped by your sin, unable to live life the way that God intended. When you became a Christian, though, God changed your sinful nature.

**Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-17. Write down verse 17 word for word.**

Who are you?

God has made you a new, eternal creation in a temporary human body!

The ways you used to decide how valuable you are don't make apply to you now. Looks, brains, ethnic background, neighborhood, amount of money and "stuff" are all things the world uses to decide if you should be accepted and loved. But you are a new creation in Christ Jesus—He has set you free from the world's standards. God accepts you and loves you no matter what you or your life here looks like.

Ephesians and Colossians are full of verses that talk about the fact that you are "in Christ." You are now holy, blameless, righteous, accepted, loved, treasured, forgiven, a child of God, and much more, all because of the new identity God gave you! You do not need to do anything to become these thing—God gave them to you when you became a Christian.

What a thought! Just let it sink in for a few minutes. Who are you?

A \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ!

**Apply it:** How should your identity as a new creation in Christ change your life (i.e. what's important, what motivates you, how you think and act)? Ask God to help you live like a new creation.

**Memorize:** 2 Corinthians 5:17



# The Christian Life is Simple

What is the Christian life? How does it work? During the next three studies we'll discover the secret of the Christian life by looking at three principles for living "in Christ."

Paul used the phrase "in Christ" more than 170 times in the New Testament.

**Look up Colossians 1:27.**

What do you think it means to be "in Christ?"

Why does Paul use the words "in Christ" to describe our relationship with Jesus?

**Principle #1:** The Christian life is simple.

2 Corinthians warns us not to be led astray "from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Jesus Christ." But this does not mean that the Christian life is free from problems.

**Write down Colossians 2:6 word for word:**

Paul says that we are to walk in Jesus just as we received Him. How did you receive Jesus? Did you follow a checklist of thirty qualifications? No! Did you have to recite a specific prayer? No, of course not! You received Jesus Christ through an act of simple faith.

God loves us so much that he made it *simple* for us to know Him—so basic that many stumble over its simplicity (1 Cor. 1:18-31). We only need to respond in repentance and belief.

A simple faith saves us, so God intends a simple faith to guide our lives as Christians. Yet so often we complicate Christianity. Satan loves to make us feel confused, but our God is not a God of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33).

From the world's viewpoint, complexity is a sign of wisdom. Yet Jesus praised his disciples for their simple response to His question, "Who do you say that I am?" *God intended the Christian life to be simple*. Do you feel overwhelmed by being a Christian because it seems complicated?

**Apply it:** Write a note to God, asking Him to give you a simple, childlike faith.

**Memorize:** Colossians 2:6



# The Christian Life is Impossible

*I think I can! I think I can ! I think I can!*

Do you remember this famous line from the story about the little train? Today we are told from an early age that we can do anything if we only put our minds to it. This could not be any further from the truth.

**Read John 15:5. What can man do apart from God?**

**Principle #2:** The Christian life is impossible!

Understanding that the Christian life is simple is not enough. You must also understand this second principle. In fact, this is what makes it so simple. You cannot live the Christian life—God never intended you to! For many years I thought John 15:5 was really saying, “for apart from me you can do very little.” But it says I can do *nothing* apart from God.

Many people are surprised to discover that even Jesus said He couldn’t live the Christian life.

**Write down what Jesus said about living the Christian life:**

John 5:19—

John 5:30—

John 8:28—

Some people would encourage you by saying, You can do it! You think, I’ll just try harder, go to church more, pray more, read my Bible more, study more, commit more, and I can do it!

Instead, God wants you to understand that you can't do it by yourself! You desperately need Jesus living in you and through you to be who God intended you to be. "Christian" means Christ One. Christ *in* you wants to live *through* you. This is the Christian life.

Living this way may involve more Bible study, more prayer and a deeper commitment. But doing these things in themselves do not make you a better Christian. Instead, they allow you to know God better and depend on Him more so that Jesus can live through you.

Have you been trying to live the Christian life on your own strength? Write down any ways in which you have been "trying" instead of depending on God to live through you.

### My Try Harder List

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Talk to God about living the Christian life. Ask him to live through you and to control everything you think, say and do.

**Apply it:** Choose one item on your "Try Harder" list and write a note to God, asking Him to take control of that area of your life.

**Memorize:** Romans 8:8



## Jesus Lives Through You!

*"Once a person becomes a Christian, he is faced with one monstrous dilemma. He is supposed to live, love, walk and talk like Christ. He is commanded to love his enemies, abstain from the very appearance of evil, and grow in grace... We are ordered to rejoice always, deny ourselves, accept the fact of our death, and follow Christ every day of our lives. We are to set our affection on things above and not on things on the earth. Added to these and dozens of other demands made on us, we are supposed to be of good comfort, cheerful, and kind in the midst of an unkind world. This is our dilemma." —JACK TAYLOR*

Living as a Christian seems impossible! What a discovery when we find that we can't live the Christian life on our own!

*"There is a simple secret to the Christian life. It is, in fact, so simple that millions miss it... True Christianity is simply Christ-in-you-ity and Christ-in-me-ity." —JACK TAYLOR*

**Principle #3:** The Christian life is Jesus living through you!

**Check out what these verses say about Christ living in you.**

**Galatians 2:20—**

**Colossians 1:27—**

**Ephesians 3:20—**

Paul called this secret a "mystery." The mystery was that Jesus was now going to live in all those who put their faith in Him. But *how* does Christ live through us? Three steps will help you begin the adventure of living "Christ-in-you-ity":

### **1. KNOW**

**What does Romans 14:23 say about faith and sin?**

First you need to know that you can only live the Christian life through dependence on God. Romans 14:23 says that everything that does not come from faith is sin! Faith means depending on God even when you have doubts.

## 2. YIELD

**Look up Romans 6:13. To whom are we to offer ourselves?**

Yielding to Christ means letting go of what you want to do, giving every moment of your day to God for His use.

## 3. RESPOND

**Look up Romans 6:16. How should we respond to Jesus when we commit our lives to Him?**

You need to respond to whatever Christ wants you to do, depending on Him to give you the ability and strength to do it.

Living as a Christian is exciting, but everything we do comes from our yielding to Christ. If we “do” without yielding first, we will be frustrated and get caught up in doing the right things rather than simply knowing God.

This is my prayer as I begin each day of my life:

*Father, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, search me today and see if there is any wickedness in my life. (Then I pause in stillness before God. If He brings anything to mind, I agree with Him that it is sin and continue this way.) Cleanse me from all my sin and create in me a clean heart. I want to exchange my life for the life of Your Son, Jesus. I yield myself to You today. I want You to live in me and through me today to touch this world with your love.*

If you pray this from your heart, God will not disappoint you. Be prepared to meet someone today whom you can show God’s love. Be on the lookout!

**Apply it:** Take a few moments to thank God that you don’t have to try to live the Christian life on your own power!

**Memorize:** Galatians 2:20

## We're at War!



*"In its simplest meaning prayer has to do with a conflict. Rightly understood it is the deciding factor in a spirit conflict. The scene of the conflict is the earth. The purpose of the conflict is to decide the control of the earth and its inhabitants. The conflict runs back into the misty age of the creation time." —S.D. GORDON*

An invisible spiritual battle is raging all around us. Sadly, most Christians either don't know it or are so afraid that they ignore it. But be assured, it is real!

**Read Ephesians 6:12 and write it down word for word.**

Who is the battle *not* against?

Who is it against?

Since we're at war, it's important to understand the enemy and his strategy. The Bible describes the enemy with many names—most commonly *Satan*, which means "accuser" or "opponent," and *devil*, which means "slanderer."

**Look up these passages to find out more descriptions of the enemy:**

1 Peter 5:8 ..... Your \_\_\_\_\_, like a roaring \_\_\_\_\_

Revelation 20:2 ..... The great \_\_\_\_\_ and the old \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 4:4 ..... The god of this \_\_\_\_\_

John 12:31 ..... \_\_\_\_\_ of this world

Luke 11:15 ..... \_\_\_\_\_, the prince of \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 11:14 ..... Satan masquerades as an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

John 8:44 ..... He was a \_\_\_\_\_

..... He is a \_\_\_\_\_ and the father of \_\_\_\_\_

Isaiah 14:12-14 ..... Morning \_\_\_\_\_, son of the \_\_\_\_\_

Now that we know a little about the enemy, let's take a closer look at the battle:

### Enemy Report

The Enemy: Satan

His Story: Fallen angel

His Weapon: Fiery darts

His Mission: To devour the people of God and destroy His kingdom.  
Will stop at nothing.

His Strategy: Appeals to the lusts of the body and mind  
and to human pride in order to drag us into sin. Expert  
deceiver. Makes temptation look like a good idea  
when it's actually a big ripoff.

Satan's goal is to keep you from having a close relationship with God by making you fall into sin. His strategy is temptation, which means making you think that sin is exciting and fun so that you will think it's okay. But Ephesians 5:11 warns us to "have nothing to do with the evil deeds of darkness."

**Look up 1 Corinthians 10:13. What does God say about temptation?**

Satan is powerful, but he doesn't stand a chance against God. God promises that no matter what Satan throws your way, He *won't* give you anything you can't bear and He *will* give you a way to escape. Christ's power will defeat the enemy for you. But where do we get this power?

**Read Hebrews 4:12. What is our weapon against Satan's attacks?**

God's Word is like a "double-edged sword" because it cuts through the deceit and lies the enemy feeds you. The Bible exposes truth, so if you know God's Word you will be able to know the difference between truth and the devil's lies.

**Apply it:** Spend some extra time this week reading your Bible. Ask God to speak to you through His Word. Look for His promises and truth, and claim them in defense of the enemy's attacks.

**Memorize:** Ephesians 6:12



## Live With No Regrets

### Did you know:

- 85% of all people who become Christians do so before they are 18 years old.
- You may never know more non-Christians than you do right now.
- Your years in school are probably the last time you will see 95% of these people.

Right now you are at an incredibly important time in life! During your years as a student, you will probably see more people each day than you will ever again in your life. What you do while you are in school could change the destiny of many people. Let's look at what kind of student God wants you to be.

### Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-25.

How does Paul say we are to run the race?

Many people race to get a medal or cash prize. Why do we run the race of the Christian life?

Right now the race God has placed you in is at your school. How are you running that race?

Let's look at the testimony of a man who ran well and had no regrets.

### Read 2 Timothy 4:6-7.

What does Paul mean when he says, "I have finished the race"?

What does he mean by "I have kept the faith"?

The race that Paul ran was to preach Christ to a lost and dying world. Paul is saying that he has run hard, and at the end of his life he has no regrets. He remained close to God and accomplished all that God asked him to do.

**Read 1 Timothy 6:11-12 and write it down word for word.**

This is Paul's challenge to Timothy and my challenge to you!

So what will you do? God is calling you to share Christ with your world. When the cap and gown go on and you walk out those school doors for the last time, will you be able to say, "I've shared Christ with those who are here. I have no regrets."?

**Apply it:** What would a life with no regrets look like for you? Write a note to God about living your everyday life—at school, at home, at work, with your friends—with no regrets.

**Live with no regrets! Go and win your world for Jesus Christ!**

**Review:** Your 8 memory verses!



## No Regrets

He sat alone as he always does  
The hardest hour of the day  
As boisterous talk filled the room—  
For him there was nothing to say.

Another day at a table for six  
And yet he sits alone.  
While names are rocketing 'round the room,  
He still remains unknown.

You walked right by him again today,  
You didn't have the time.  
The crowded table **needed you**—  
You're the **man with the clever line**.

He is **not the star**, and **he's never been**;  
For him **nothing's ever new**.

I know you don't even know his name,  
It seems **that very few do**.

**But you walked by** high school revival today,  
And it **wasn't the table crowd**.  
**A life could have been changed today—**  
If you **hadn't been so proud**.

How long will you pursue the trivial—  
Take the easy way out?  
You have the crowd's approval,  
But not heaven's, there's no doubt!

You have thought by being a nice guy,  
Being popular and cool,  
That you could turn the school around  
Instead you've played the fool.

You'll never touch one person  
While trying to please the crowd.  
**But when one life is lifted,**  
**It will echo long and loud.**

You only get **one shot** at it  
As school's **sinking sun** now sets.  
When your tassel is moved to the other side,  
may you say, "Father, no regrets!"

# Key Memory Verses



Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.  
—John 17:3

For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.  
—2 Chronicles 16:9a

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of your sinful nature.  
—Galatians 5:16

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!  
—2 Corinthians 5:17

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him.  
—Colossians 2:6

Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.  
—Romans 8:8

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.  
—Galatians 2:20

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.  
—Ephesians 6:12



## 30 Days in the Gospel of John

Now that you've learned how to begin deepening your relationship with God, studying the Gospel of John is a great next step for discovering more about God and His Son Jesus. This one-month plan will help you dig into God's Word each day. You may want to keep track of what you learn from your study in a notebook. A great way to study John (or any book in the Bible) is to do it with a friend or small group, so you can learn together and hold one another accountable to reading each day.

- ☐ Day 1: **John 1**
- ☐ Day 2: **John 2**
- ☐ Day 3: **John 3**
- ☐ Day 4: **John 4**
- ☐ Day 5: **John 5**
- ☐ Day 6: **John 6:1-29**
- ☐ Day 7: **John 6:30-71**
- ☐ Day 8: **John 7**
- ☐ Day 9: **John 8**
- ☐ Day 10: **John 9**
- ☐ Day 11: **John 10:1-21**
- ☐ Day 12: **John 10:22-42**
- ☐ Day 13: **John 11**
- ☐ Day 14: **John 12**
- ☐ Day 15: **John 13**
- ☐ Day 16: **John 14:1-14**
- ☐ Day 17: **John 14:15-31**
- ☐ Day 18: **John 15**
- ☐ Day 19: **John 16:1-15**
- ☐ Day 20: **John 16:16-33**
- ☐ Day 21: **John 17**
- ☐ Day 22: **John 18:1-14**
- ☐ Day 23: **John 18:15-27**
- ☐ Day 24: **John 18:28-40**
- ☐ Day 25: **John 19:1-15**
- ☐ Day 26: **John 19:16-30**
- ☐ Day 27: **John 19:31-42**
- ☐ Day 28: **John 20:1-18**
- ☐ Day 29: **John 20:19-31**
- ☐ Day 30: **John 21**

# My Spiritual Journal

What is my Spiritual Birthday? \_\_\_\_\_

How have I gotten to know Christ better since that day?



What's helping me to know God more?

Who are my friends who need to know Jesus personally?

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(Take some time to pray for them right now.)



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