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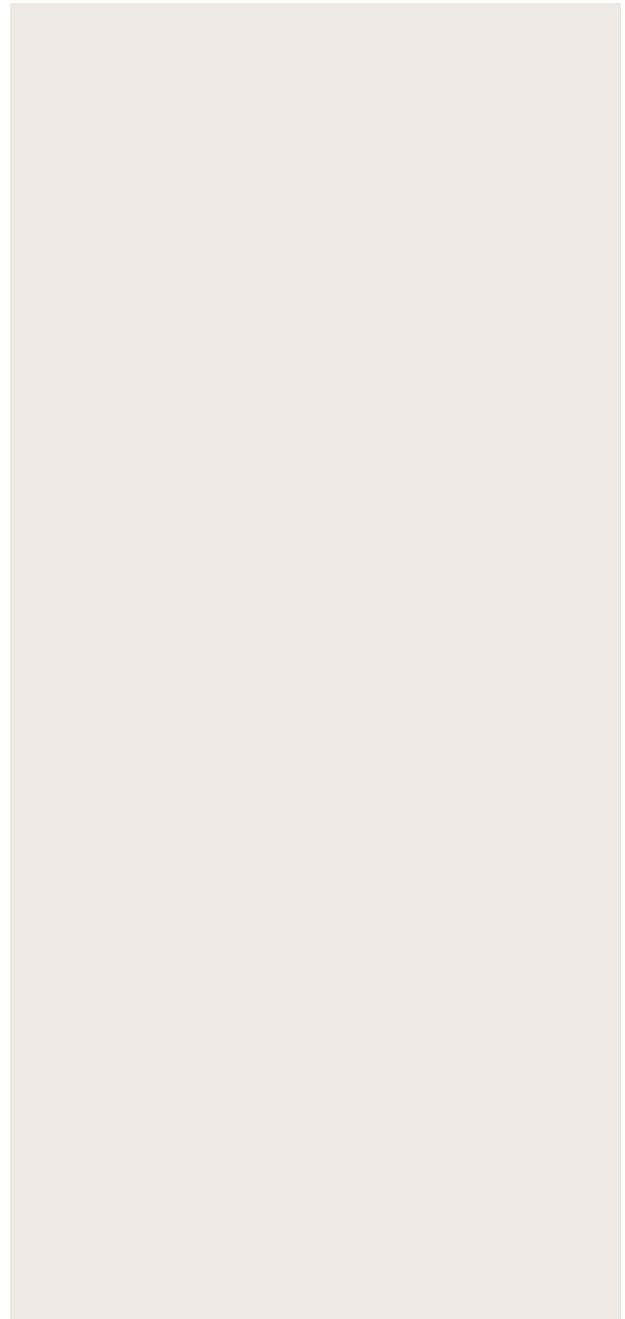
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"You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me."

John 5:39

The bible is so much more than a book, so much more than a story, so much more than merely information, it is the revelation of Jesus! He is the Word of God and He is revealed throughout the word of God.

He not only reveals Himself but He calls us to abide in Him (John 15:4). But how do we do that? What can we do to grow in intimacy with God and abide in Him in every area of your lives.

This resource is an easy and enjoyable way to go deeper into relationship with God by simply taking the bible and turning it into prayer. Whether you have 10 minutes, an hour, or more, you can use this to learn, grow, speak to God and hear His voice.

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The best way we can know God is through reading scripture, we learn what He's done, what He's promised He'll do, what He says about Himself and how He feels about us. Even the books we often avoid tell His story.

Read a chapter, or maybe 2 or 3 depending on how much time you have. You may find it helpful to work through a bible reading plan to help you commit to daily reading.

Having read your chapter or passage, go back through and highlight any verses that stood out to you, that moved you, that surprised you. It maybe that many verses jump out or maybe only one or two. Be honest and only highlight the verses that spoke to you on this reading.

We will use these highlights in a moment, but having these verses highlighted will help you begin to learn scripture that you can draw on throughout life but will also make it easier to find them when you are looking through your bible in future.



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Just reading and knowing scripture is not enough, we need relationship, a conversation. Scripture is meant to be a conversation starter. Take the verses that you just highlighted and use them to begin to talk to God. Ask Him questions, "What was going on in Your heart when this happened?", "Do You feel this way about me?".

Begin to relate them to your circumstances. This is when scripture moves from being head knowledge to becoming heart knowledge. Now what you know of God becomes part of who you are and begins to effect the way you live your life (2 Cor. 3:17-18).

When we pray, we are agreeing with God's heart and we only know God's heart through Scripture!

Take each verse and pray them over yourself, your friends and family and then over different situations that are current around the world.

This is as simple as placing yourself and others into the verses and speaking them to God.

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“ Jesus, I want to be with You where You are, that I may behold Your glory. I want to know the depth of Your love. ”

John 17:24

“ God, would You give **me/my family/my church** a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You. ”

Ephesians 1:17

“ Do I really ravish Your heart with one glimpse of my eye? ”

Song of Solomon 4:9

“ Lord, would You bless **my children** and keep **them**;
Lord make Your face shine upon **them**,
And be gracious to **them**;
Lord lift up Your countenance upon **them**,
And give **them** peace. ”

Numbers 6:24-26



Listen

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This last step is critical and yet often overlooked. Our lives and minds are used to moving at such a fast pace that we move on so quickly.

If we don't make time to listen to God then we aren't having a conversation, we're delivering a monologue. It doesn't build relationship. The words that God speaks to us through ideas or pictures or dreams is what breathes life into our bones and that is what is going to give us the strength to face each day. He will give you direction and encouragement for whatever you are facing.

Make sure you give plenty of time to this, just resting in His presence. Write down or draw whatever God speaks to you or shows you. If you don't, you probably won't retain it. These words that God speaks to you will serve as real encouragement when you read them back at a later time, reminding you of God's words and promises over you.

We hope that this resource helps strengthen your prayer life as you grow in your knowledge of Him and learn to engage with His word and listen as He speaks.

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