

5 Days of Devotion

Day 1

Seek!

My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.” And my heart responds, “Lord, I am coming.” (Psalm 27:8, NLT)

It has been so from the very beginning of creation. God’s desire for us is that we are intimately connected to him. That we know Him just as we are known by Him. His invitation to you is to come and talk with Him. It’s not complicated or complex. It’s simple...just come ... and then keep coming. Allow yourself to bask in His love for you. He loves you without qualification or fine print. Rest in that. Every sin has been paid for. There is nothing in the way to prevent you from seeking Him. Do it today.

More Scripture:

1 Chronicles 16:11

Psalm 34:4-5

Psalm 70:4

Proverbs 8:17

James 4: 7-8

Day 2

Turn!

So change the way you think and act, and turn to God to have your sins removed. Then times will come when the Lord will refresh you. He will send you Jesus, whom he has appointed to be the Christ.. (Acts 3: 19-20, GW)

Any time is a good time to turn. We perhaps do that readily when we feel good about how we are doing. But we especially need to hear that when we sin, when we mess up, when we are far away from God, when we have drunk deeply at every other well that the world offers instead of God. Turn to God then. The Bible calls that repentance. Perhaps you think that if you turn now what you will receive is God’s censure and judgment. That is not the case! His promise is that He will restore you. He will send times of refreshing and release. Go ahead and turn!

More Scripture:

2 Chronicles 7:14

Psalm 51:17

Proverbs 28:13

Joel 2:13

Day 3

Renew!

Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds,
Lord. Repeat them in our day, in our time make them known...
(Habakkuk 3:2a, NIV)

The history is clear and indisputable. God has done some amazing things. He created the world from nothing. He rescued an entire nation from captivity and then miraculously kept them alive in a desert for 40 years. He sent Jesus on a mission of love and rescue for a group of people (the world) who were separated from Him due to sin and rebellion. Countless other miracles, signs and wonders. God self describes himself as the same yesterday, today and forevermore (Malachi 3:6a, Hebrews 13:8). There are situations in your life and in the people around you which are calling for you to cry out like Habbakuk: Lord, I know the marvelous, amazing things that you have done in the past. Jesus, please DO. IT. AGAIN.

More Scripture:

Job 5:8-9

Luke 18:27

Acts 3:16

Ephesians 3:20-21

Day 4

Fill!

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. (Col. 3:16, NLT)

Your life is God designed to be filled with something. You can fill it with entertainment, food, pleasure, sin, and other urges of the flesh. Not that there's anything wrong with all of that. Our bodies certainly need the nourishment of food if they are to function at their peak efficiency. Even in our very wayward culture, there are some forms of entertainment that remain wholesome or at the very least neutral. God wants more for you though. He wants you to be filled with Him - with His richness, and His fullness. Filled to such an extent that we overflow words and acts of thanksgiving and praise. What is the message of Christ that you need to be filled with more fully? Let God speak to you and drink deeply at the well of God.

More Scripture:

Job 23:12

1 Thessalonians 2:13

2 Timothy 2:15

Hebrews 4:12

Day 5

Abide!

Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "...If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit... (John 15:4-5, NIV)

There is a popular christian song from a long time ago that says these words: *Prone to Wander Lord I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love, Here's my heart Lord, take and seal it. Seal it for your courts above.* The first part of the song illustrates this truth: it is difficult at times, to simply remain in the place that we are supposed to be. That is, right in step with Jesus. Unfortunately we have the tendency to wonder and to get distracted with lesser things. If we let this persist, we might even get in our minds that we can do life on our own. That is a dark and windy path to be on that will lead to depression and decay. So instead, let us choose to hear this word in due season: Abide! This means to remain, to dwell, to continue. Don't get weary or discouraged but stay in the presence of God. Stay in step with Him. Abide!

More Scripture:

John 8:31

Galatians 2:20

Colossians 2:6

1 John 3:24