

5-Day Devotional: Grounded in the Knowledge of Jesus

Day 1: The Word Made Flesh

Reading: John 1:1-14

Devotional: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word became flesh." This profound truth anchors our faith—knowing God means knowing His Word. Just as you know your closest friend through time spent together, you know God through Scripture. The Bible isn't merely information about God; it's God's breath to us, revealing His character, His love, and His plan. Today, consider: How well do you actually know God? Not what you've heard about Him, but what you've discovered in His Word? Commit to spending intentional time reading Scripture, allowing the living Word to transform your understanding of who God truly is.

Day 2: Equipped for Every Good Work

Reading: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Devotional: Scripture is "profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness" so that we may be "complete, equipped for every good work." Your goals for this year—being a better spouse, parent, or overcoming persistent sin—find their fulfillment not in self-effort but in knowing God's Word. The Bible completes what's lacking in us and equips us for the work God has prepared. Bad theology creates wrong practice; good theology creates good practice. What you believe about God drives how you live for Him. Ask yourself: Is my understanding of God rooted in Scripture or shaped by culture? Let God's Word be your foundation today.

Day 3: Alive and Active

Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

Devotional: God's Word is "alive and active," not a dead collection of ancient writings. This living Scripture penetrates our hearts, exposing our true condition before a holy God. As we study Scripture, we discover we're far more sinful than we thought—but also far more loved than we imagined. The Word reveals both our desperate need and God's abundant grace. It humbles our pride while lifting our hope. Victory over sin doesn't come through willpower alone but through growing love for God's Word, which increases our hatred for sin. Today, approach Scripture expectantly, knowing the Holy Spirit uses it to transform you from the inside out.

Day 4: Learning to Pray

Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Devotional: Of all the miracles Jesus performed, the disciples asked Him to teach

them only one thing: how to pray. This reveals prayer's vital importance in knowing God. Reading Scripture shows us who God is; prayer allows us to commune with Him. Quick prayers throughout the day are good, but they're insufficient—like only texting your spouse without real conversation. Set aside distraction-free time to pray, whether walking outdoors or sitting in quiet. Talk to God honestly about your day, your struggles, your gratitude. Prayer isn't about perfect words; it's about relationship. How much time do you actually spend in conversation with God? Start today with intentional, unhurried prayer.

Day 5: Loved First

Reading: 1 John 4:7-19

Devotional: "We love because He first loved us." Your view of God often mirrors your earthly father—but Scripture reveals the truth. God doesn't require you to earn His affection through performance. He took on flesh, was born in a manger, and died on a cross while you were still a sinner. Heaven isn't something you achieve; it's something God brought to you through Jesus. Knowing this transforms everything. When you grasp how deeply you're loved, you're equipped and motivated for the ministry work God has prepared. Your knowledge of God's character drives your practice. Today, rest in this truth: God already loves you completely. Now grow in knowing Him so you can serve Him faithfully.