

Day 1: The Treasure Worth Everything

Reading: Matthew 13:44-46

Devotional: Paul counted his most impressive credentials as worthless compared to knowing Christ. The parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price capture exactly this reality. The man who finds the treasure does not grieve what he sells. He runs. He is overwhelmed by what he has found, not burdened by what he is leaving behind. Christianity is not primarily a religion of giving things up. It is the discovery of something so surpassingly valuable that everything else loses its grip. What are you still gripping that the treasure is waiting to replace?

Day 2: Found in Him, Not in Your Resume

Reading: Philippians 3:4-9

Devotional: Paul's religious credentials were extraordinary by any standard. Yet he moved every achievement out of the gain column the moment he encountered Christ. The danger is not in having accomplishments or good habits. The danger is in allowing those things to answer the question of where you stand before God. A checklist cannot establish righteousness. A strong reputation cannot earn what only grace can give. To be found in Christ means your standing is not built on what you have done but on what He has done. Stop presenting your resume. Rest in His.

Day 3: Knowing Him, Not Just Knowing About Him

Reading: Matthew 7:21-23

Devotional: Jesus warns that some who performed remarkable works in His name will hear the most devastating words imaginable. The issue was not their activity but their intimacy. They knew facts about Him. They did not know Him. There is a profound difference between knowing the biography of a person and sharing in their life. Paul longed not merely for information about Christ but for a relationship so deep it reshaped his entire identity. Examine your own walk honestly. Are you accumulating knowledge about Christ, or are you actually pursuing Christ Himself?

Day 4: The Fellowship of His Suffering

Reading: Romans 8:16-18

Devotional: No one naturally wants suffering. Yet Paul lists sharing in Christ's suffering as part of what it means to truly know Him. This is not a call to seek pain for its own sake. It is a recognition that when suffering comes, it is not a sign that God has abandoned you. It is an invitation into deeper fellowship with the One who suffered most. The resurrection power Paul longed for cannot be separated from the cross that preceded it. Joy follows suffering. Life follows death. When you are in the middle of hardship, you are not far from Him. You may be closest to Him there.

Day 5: The Ongoing Pursuit

Reading: Philippians 3:10-14

Devotional: Paul was already a believer, already declared righteous, already belonging to Christ when he wrote that he longed to know Him. Knowing Christ is not only the doorway into the Christian life. It is the road itself. There is no point at which you have arrived and can stop pursuing. Every season of life, every trial, every moment of humility and surrender is another step deeper into the knowledge of the One who gave everything for you. Do not look down at the rocks along the path. Lift your eyes to Him. The pursuit of Christ is the whole point. Keep running.