

# SEEK AND FIND TODAY

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### I. REVIEW

**You will not know the value of today until tomorrow.**

**Ephesians 5:15-16 (ESV)** Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, 16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

### II. SEEKING GOD TODAY

#### *A. Today is the day to seek God.*

- *All you have is today.*
- *Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow is not promised. All you have is today.*
- *Today is the day.*

**Isaiah 55:6** Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.

#### *1. Seek Today and Find God*

- *Seeking God begins with a moment.*

**Isaiah 65:1** “I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, ‘Here am I, here am I.’”

**Isaiah 55:7** Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

#### *2. Seek Today and Find Forgiveness*

- *Seeking forgiveness begins with repentance.*

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

**Isaiah 55:8-11** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, <sup>11</sup> so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

### **3. Seek Today and Find Purpose**

- *Seeking purpose begins with faith.*

**Hebrews 11:1 (NLT)** Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

**Isaiah 40:8** The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.”

**Isaiah 55:12** You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.

### **4. Seek Today and Find Joy and Peace**

- *Seeking joy and peace begins with hope.*

**Romans 15:13 (NLT)** I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Isaiah 55:13** Instead of the thornbush will grow the juniper, and instead of briars the myrtle will grow. This will be for the LORD'S renown, for an everlasting sign, that will endure forever.”

### **5. Seek Today and Thrive**

- *Seeking to thrive begins with trust.*

**Jeremiah 17:7-8** “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. <sup>8</sup> They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

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