

EXPERIENCING GOD
God Is At Work
John 15:5
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What do I need to know about God?

When is the last time you read Genesis 1 straight through? Listen to the flow and the picture it presents.

Genesis 1

God is still at work.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was with God in the beginning. ³ Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5 NIV

God Has Been At Work Along Time

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 NIV

That plan was two thousand years in the making.

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:26-27 NIV

Notice that Christianity is all about the relationship lost and the relationship restored.

We work with God to create a context where the Holy Spirit can move people in His time.

Ministry Is Knowing And Doing The Will Of God

For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. ¹⁴ Do all things without grumbling or disputing; ¹⁵ so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, ¹⁶ holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.

Philippians 2:13-16 NAS

Once we know the truth we live it out by loving people.

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6 NIV

The way we live this life is by knowing God's word and allowing the Holy Spirit to use that word to shape and transform our lives.

Our Memory Verse

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:5 NIV

What if we do not stay connected to Jesus?

Jesus says apart from Him we can do nothing.

Jesus is the way to lead others to the God who loves all of us and offers us eternal life.

Will you submit your life to God's love and direction?