

Daily Devotional



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■ day one

What is the bottom-line? Businesses are very aware of what their bottom line is. They go to great extremes to make sure they know how they got there and what it looks like. They count the cost, they evaluate and re-examine daily, quarterly, and yearly so they will know their business and be known by other business. Isn't that the way our walk with Christ is? Shouldn't we be aware of who we are in Jesus - what the bottom-line is? You can't know that until you examine and understand the real meaning of Christmas - until you get to know who God is. You see God knows you, He knows every thing about you - every laugh line, every freckle, even the number of hairs on your head, or lack there of. But the bottom line is that He knew your deepest sins and that they would separate you from Him. The price was high; He loved and loves us too much to be separated from us. So He came to earth to walk as a man. He hungered, He thirsted, He grew weary, and He felt pain, so that one glorious day we could be re-united with Him. **Read: Isaiah 9:6; Luke 1:26-38** **Today:** Know where your bottom line stands; know who Jesus is in your life.

■ day two

Have you ever wondered: "Why am I here? What is my purpose?" Do you find yourself feeling lost sometimes, like a ship in uncharted territory? Where do you believe these questions originate - that longing, the yearning to fill the gaping holes in your soul? Would you believe that God often times put those thoughts in your mind - stirring up a desire, a hunger that can only be fed through knowing Him? He knows you! He wants you to know Him. **Read: John 10:27** Take a moment and think about how you begin to know God more? What are some ways that you can? What happens when you begin to know God more? **Read: John 17:3** **Today:** Realize your purpose by spending time in God's word. Have conversations with Him and know Him.

■ day three

What does it mean to forgive someone? Have you ever had an argument with someone or had someone wrong you? How did you handle it when they asked for forgiveness? Forgiveness is the greatest gift. It restores ones soul, it regains ones trust, and it strives to walk a better path. Now think about the wrongs of your past - the rebellion that tormented you, the lies that you told. Do you remember those heart blackening moments?

Jesus doesn't. Once you come to Him with a repentant heart, knowing that you are in need of a Savior, He not only wipes your tears away; He wipes the slate clean. **Read: I John 1: 7-9** **Today:** Stop trying to save yourself, you will fail. Call upon the Creator of the Universe and accept His gift, the gift of forgiveness and eternal life.

■ day four

What is your greatest desire? As a child of God our greatest desire should be to know and to serve God; to grow in our relationship with Him. What does a relationship with someone look like? How is it different from someone who is single? A relationship with our Heavenly Father brings peace, joy and love. It surrounds you with the comfort and wisdom of a Best Friend. It brings you rest and relief. We are all in need of a Savior. **Read: Matthew 5:6** **Today:** Ask yourself what is my first and greatest desire? Do I love God more or the things of this world? Cast your burdens on God. He loves you. Thirst for His righteousness.

■ day five

What does it mean to die? For most of us our first response is the physical sense of death. We think of funerals and graves; family mourning and the body decaying. But what if I told you about another death; one that brings rejoicing and eternal life. What would you say? When we give our life to Jesus, we die to self. The rotting, decaying, sin that kills our spirit and robs us of our joy, dies and new life is given. You begin to find that you were born to die and can't really live until you die. Death requires surrender and once you surrender to Jesus, new life begins. **Read: Matthew 1:24 -27** **Today:** Know that Jesus surrendered His life for you. He was born a babe, brought to earth to suffer a horrific death, so that you could be free from the decay of sin and have new life - new life in and through Him. Today, won't you claim this new life? Won't you give your life to Jesus?

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