

## Jumpstart Your Devotional Life

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### Get A \_\_\_\_\_

(Luke 10:41-42; Exodus 16:4-7,13-26; Deut. 8:3; Matt. 4:3-4; Psalm 19:7-11)

### Get A \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

(Proverbs 21:5)

### A \_\_\_\_\_ Plan

Explore:

<http://www.thegoodbook.com/daily-devotional-reading/explore>

Encounter God:

<http://www.scriptureunion.org/devotional.php?devotional=encounter>

Faithwalkers Journal:

<http://gccweb.org/scripts/gccweb/journal>

### A Place and A Time

### A Bible Version You Can Understand

## A Plan For Your Time:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ for understanding and insight.  
\_\_\_\_\_ for God's Word to speak to your heart.  
(Psalm 119:18, 34; Psalm 25:4-5; Job 34:32)

2. Read the Bible Passage for the Day

3. \_\_\_\_\_ to the Word of God

Ask the following questions of the Bible passage you read...

### S.P.A.C.E.P.E.T.S.

#### Does This Passage Bring Up...

A Sin to Confess

A Promise to Claim

An Attitude to Change

A Command to Obey

An Example to Follow

A Prayer to Pray

An Error to Avoid

A Truth to Believe

Something to Thank God For

4. \_\_\_\_\_ what God shows you AND \_\_\_\_\_  
with someone  
(Colossians 3:16-17; Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Thess. 4:17-18)

# Knowing Jesus

▶ **Reading:** Philippians 3 v 7-11

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## Thoughts from Your Reading

**H**ere's a curious piece of gospel mathematics. **Question:** If Paul loses everything—what does he have left? **Answer:** Everything!

### Everything is loss...

▶ **Read v 7-9**

- ❓ *What are the things that Paul considers worthless (remind yourself by looking back at v 4-6)?*
- ❓ *How does he now view them? Why (see v 9)?*

Notice that he is not saying: "The Jewish law and life were good, but when the gospel came along, I realised it was better, so I left these other things behind". He is saying that he considers these things to be a load of rubbish! The whole way of thinking led him to be an *enemy* of Jesus, and trust in a system that could never deliver righteousness.

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Are you someone who has a "religious" background? If so, how do you look at that whole episode of your life? Do you have warm feelings for it, or do you recognise it for what it really is—a death trap that could never deliver where it truly counts.

### ...compared with knowing Christ

▶ **Read v 8-11**

- ❓ *Paul says that he "knows Christ" (v 8), but also that he "wants to know Christ" (v 10). Why does he say both these things?*

We say we "know someone" if we have met them, or been introduced to them. But when we are in a relationship with someone, we learn more about them as time goes on. This is the same with our life in Christ. If you are a Christian, you can say that you "know Christ". But you will want to spend your life (and eternity!) getting to know Him better.

- ❓ *But what particularly does Paul want to know about Jesus more intimately (v 10)?*

Perhaps you want to know more about Jesus—His character and thoughts and passion. And perhaps you want to experience His resurrection power in your life. But what about knowing more intimately and deeply the "fellowship of sharing in his suffering, becoming more like him in his death"?

- ❓ *What do you think this means?*
- ❓ *And where does this life of growing knowledge of the Lord Jesus lead (v 10)?*

pray them

Jesus left glory to suffer and die, and be glorified in His resurrection (2 v 5-11). It must be the same for everyone who follows Him—everyone who is "in Christ". Resurrection glory only comes through the experience of suffering and service.

- ❗ *Talk to the Lord about how this thought makes you feel.*

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