

# Developing A Dynamic Deepening Love Relationship With God

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# SUMMARY SESSION 1

GOD CREATED YOU FOR A UNIQUE  
DEEPENING LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM

1. WORD OF GOD
2. PRAYER
3. SABBATH
4. EVERY DAY LIFE AND THE ORDINARY



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# SUMMARY SESSION 2

WHEN CHRIST CALLS YOU TO HIM, HE SEND YOU TO OTHERS. A DISCIPLE ISN'T JUST A STUDENT, BUT THEY ARE ALSO MESSENGERS.

1. BEHOLDING GOD

2. STUDYING GOD'S WORD

3. SPENDING TIME WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

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# SUMMARY SESSION 3

## WE MUST SHARE THIS LOVE & GOOD NEWS

- a. We model it by the way we live (fruits of spirit)
- b. We respond to the needs around us
- c. We serve and love others sacrificially
- d. We connect with those who others will not
- e. We have to look and act differently it is part of carrying our cross and being a disciple.

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# SESSION FOUR

## Helping Believers Engage In A Transformational Devotional Life

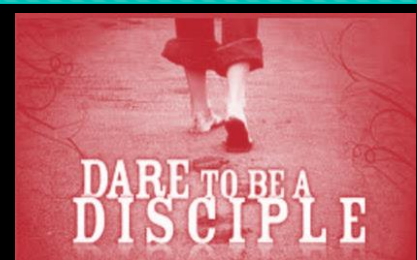
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**“Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.”  
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)**



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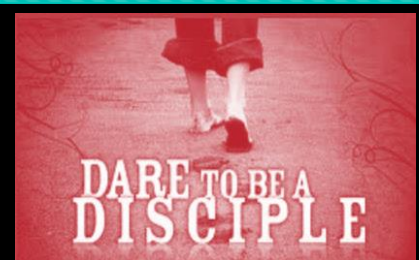
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**WHAT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT THING  
FOR YOU TO DO EACH DAY?**

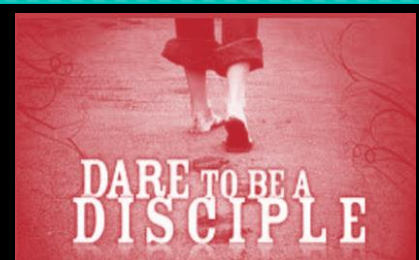


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# WHAT HABIT HAVE YOU HAD TROUBLE STOPPING OR STARTING?



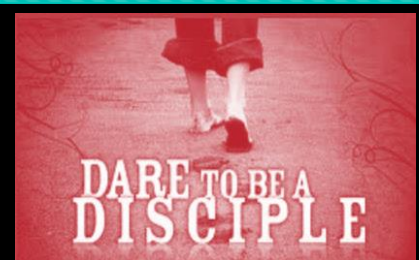
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# WHAT ARE PERSONAL DEVOTIONS?

OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD GROWS THROUGH BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER WHICH ARE THE BASIS OF PERSONAL DEVOTION.



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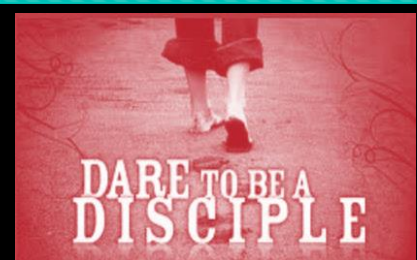
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# WHAT ARE PERSONAL DEVOTIONS?

## 1. BIBLE STUDY

- \*Read a one-year devotional bible
- \*Pick a book of the bible
- \*Read a devotional book
- \*Hook up with bible app and join others
- \*Choose a topic and study it (promises of God)



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# WHAT ARE PERSONAL DEVOTIONS?

## 1. BIBLE STUDY: EXAMPLE

Here is the passage: **Matthew 16: 24-27 NIV**

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If any of you want to come with me, you must forget yourself, carry your cross, and follow me. 25 For if you want to save your own life, you will lose it; but if you lose your life for my sake, you will find it. Will you gain anything if you win the whole world but lose your life? Of course not! There is nothing you can give to regain your life. For the Son of Man is about to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he will reward each one according to his deeds.

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# WHAT ARE PERSONAL DEVOTIONS?

## 1. BIBLE STUDY: EXAMPLE

Here is the passage: **Matthew 16: 24-27 LB**

Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

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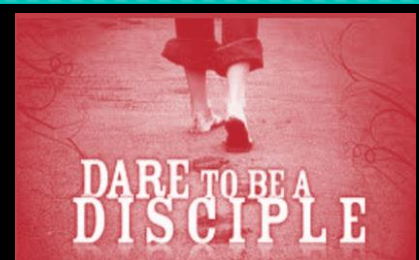
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## 1. BIBLE STUDY: EXAMPLE

- a. read the passage over and over for 5 minutes in silence.
- b. share 1 thing you observed.
- c. continue until you have shared all the observations.
- d. Write down 1 sentence that summarizes what you read.
- e. Share sentences.
- F. figure out how this applies to your life.



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# WHAT ARE PERSONAL DEVOTIONS?

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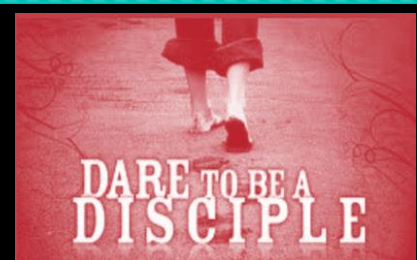
\*Write your prayers in a journal

\*Use a prayer book

\*Pray out loud

\*Pray scripture

\*Make a prayer room



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# WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

## HOW IS YOUR DEVOTIONAL LIFE?

1. COMMIT TO READING ONE PASSAGE THIS WEEK
2. COMMIT TO SHARING WITH ONE OTHER PERSON

## HOW IS YOUR PRAYER LIFE?

1. COMMIT TO PRAYING WITH A NEW SYSTEM THIS WEEK
2. COMMIT TO PRAYING FOR YOUR LEADERS FOR 1 WEEK
3. KEEP A PRAYER JOURNAL FOR ONE MONTH

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