



Daily Devotion – The Pursuit of Him, The Pursuit of His Presence (Part 3 of 3)
Sunday February 19, 2023

In the first sermon in this series on Daily Devotion, we discussed the “how to” have a time of daily devotion. We shared simple practices we could engage in during our time of devotion.

- 1, Confession, Cleansing and Casting Cares Aside
- 2, Thanksgiving and Worship
- 3, Prayer - Pray in tongues. Pray for specific matters.
- 4, Confession of the Word
- 5, Memorize Scripture
- 6, Meditative Bible Reading

We emphasized that our daily devotion is not relegated to a set time of day or a set place in our prayer closet.

Our life of daily devotion is really lived out through a consecrated lifestyle and the practice of His presence throughout the day.

In Part-2 of this sermon series on Daily Devotion we spoke about the consecrated life and the practice of His presence.

A life of daily devotion is a consecrated life.

Our goal is to be consecrated in all things and at all times, to the Lord.

Another important aspect of a life of daily devotion is to practice the presence of God, at all times. What would I do if the Lord Jesus was with me here, standing next to me?

Today

In this concluding sermon in this series on Daily Devotion, we will talk about “The Pursuit of Him” to stir up our desire of pursuing God. Many of the things we share here is actually a repeat of a message we shared in August 2019 and at earlier times. But it is good to be reminded of these things.

The goal of our life of daily devotion is to know Him intimately and glorify Him entirely.

To know God intimately...

...is to know who He is - His character, His nature.

...is to know His heart - what pleases Him, what does not.



...is to know His ways - how He works, His love, His justice.
...is to know His power - how great He is, how powerful He is.

Our daily devotion is really a pursuit of God Himself. And this is a continuous, ongoing pursuit. A daily pursuit. He meets us each time we seek Him. And after we have met with Him, we want to meet with Him again. We long for more of Him.

TO KNOW HIM, WE MUST PURSUE HIM

to know who He is, pursue Him!
to know His heart, pursue Him!
to know His ways, pursue Him!
to know His power, pursue Him!

Jeremiah 29:13

And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

We pursue Him by reading and meditating His Word.
We pursue Him by being with Him in prayer, praise, worship, in quietness listening to Him.
We pursue Him by living in obedience to Him.

Here is HOW to pursue Him:

#1) TO KNOW HIM INTIMATELY, PURSUE HIM PASSIONATELY

Psalm 63:1-3

1 O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.
2 So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory.
3 Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You.

Pursue Him with zeal, with enthusiasm.

Think about kids who go out to play (say soccer). They are so excited, so passionate. Playing soccer is not a boring thing for them.

#2) TO KNOW HIM INTIMATELY, PURSUE HIM WHOLEHEARTEDLY



Mark 12:29-30

29 Jesus answered him, "The first of all the commandments is: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One.

30 and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment.

We engage in pursuit with our entire being - spirit, soul and body.
We choose to bring our mind, thoughts and emotions to be on Him.

#3) TO KNOW HIM INTIMATELY, PURSUE HIM INTENTLY

Psalms 27:4,8

4 One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple.

8 When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek."

We pursue Him with focus. We turn off all distractions.
We say no to all things that make a demand on our thoughts and affections.

#4) TO KNOW HIM INTIMATELY, PURSUE HIM SINCERELY

John 4:23-24

23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.

24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

We must be sincere and genuine in our pursuit of Him.
We are not doing this out of obligation, to fulfill a requirement, or out of fear to pacify His 'wrath', etc.
We are not doing this to impress anyone else, or to look good in people's eyes.

#5) TO KNOW HIM INTIMATELY, PURSUE HIM SACRIFICIALLY

Matthew 14:22-23

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away.

23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there.



There are times we intentionally say 'no' to other things, so we can have that time to pursue the Lord.

Philippians 3:7-8

7 But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.

8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ

#6) TO KNOW HIM INTIMATELY, PURSUE HIM EXPECTANTLY

Hosea 6:3

Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.

We expect to encounter Him and His presence.

TO KNOW HIM INTIMATELY, WE MUST PURSUE HIM PASSIONATELY, WHOLEHEARTEDLY, INTENTLY, SINCERELY, SACRIFICIALLY AND EXPECTANTLY.

Strength and Fruitfulness in life and ministry come through knowing God intimately and desiring to glorify Him entirely.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

If we abide in Him, and He in us, we will bear much fruit.

The people that know their God, will be strong and do exploits.

The Asbury Revival 2023

Since 10am Wednesday February 8, 2023, Asbury University has been experiencing a wonderful move of the Holy Spirit. Revival broke out Wednesday morning after an ordinary chapel service. Students along with faculty, staff, and visitors have been gathering in Hughes Auditorium for a continuous time of worship, prayer and seeking God. Other colleges are seeing a similar outbreak of revival!

CONCLUSION

Key take aways from this sermon series on “Daily Devotion”:

DAILY DEVOTION IS A LIFE OF DISCIPLINE WHERE WE ENGAGE IN PRACTICES OF PRAYER, WORSHIP, MEDITATION AND STUDY OF GOD'S WORD.



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OUR LIFE OF DAILY DEVOTION IS LIVED OUT THROUGH A CONSECRATED LIFESTYLE AND THE PRACTICE OF HIS PRESENCE THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

THE GOAL OF OUR LIFE OF DAILY DEVOTION IS TO KNOW HIM INTIMATELY AND GLORIFY HIM ENTIRELY.

PURSUE HIM PASSIONATELY, WHOLEHEARTEDLY, INTENTLY, SINCERELY, SACRIFICIALLY AND EXPECTANTLY.

SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

**Daily Devotion – The Pursuit of Him, The Pursuit of His Presence (Part 3 of 3)
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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#) . Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *Jeremiah 29:13; Psalm 27:4,8; Psalm 63:1-3; Hosea 6:3*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, The goal of our life of daily devotion is to know Him intimately and glorify Him entirely. Is it possible that some believers may “do their daily devotions” faithfully, but miss out on the primary goal of knowing Him intimately, and glorifying Him entirely? How do we ensure we do not make that mistake?



2, To know Him intimately, we must pursue Him (a)passionately, (b)wholeheartedly, (c)intently, (d)sincerely, (e)sacrificially and (f)expectantly. Discuss each of these expressions, what these implies in the daily life of the believer.

If time permits, each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

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SERMON OUTLINE

The goal of our life of daily devotion is to know Him intimately and glorify Him entirely. To know Him intimately, we must pursue Him (a)passionately, (b)wholeheartedly, (c)intently, (d)sincerely, (e)sacrificially and (f)expectantly. In this sermon we explore what it is to pursue Him and His presence.

A life of devotion is a life of discipline. We maintain a life of daily devotion because our desire is to deepen our personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. The more we know Him, the more we can love Him, worship Him, trust Him, obey, and honor Him in our lives. Another important reason we maintain a life of daily devotion is to grow or mature spiritually, in our inner person. This results in our person transformation into Christlikeness and brings about our spiritual equipping to serve God effectively.

KEYWORDS



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