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Sunday

DAILY DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: Known by God

Daily Reading: Psalm 139:1-18

Devotional

In today's passage, we see the intimate knowledge God has of each of us. He knows our thoughts, our actions, and even the words we'll speak before they're on our tongues. This level of knowing might seem intimidating, but it's actually a profound source of comfort. God knows us fully, yet loves us completely.

Application

Today, reflect on what it means to be truly known by God. How does this change your perspective on your struggles, your joys, and your daily life? Ask God to help you embrace His loving knowledge of you, and to live openly before Him, hiding nothing.

Day 2: Becoming Less, So He Becomes More

Daily Reading: John 3:22-30

Devotional

John the Baptist's words, "He must become greater; I must become less," echo throughout today's passage. This counter-cultural idea challenges our natural desire for recognition and importance. Yet, it's at the heart of what it means to follow Jesus.

Application

Today, consider areas in your life where you're seeking your own glory rather than God's. How can you step back and allow Christ to shine more brightly through you? Pray for humility and the courage to decrease so that Jesus might increase in your life and in the lives of those around you.

Day 3: Transformed by Knowing God

Daily Reading: Philippians 3:7-14

Devotional

Paul's passionate desire to know Christ more deeply is evident in this passage. He considers everything else as loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus. This kind of knowledge isn't just intellectual – it's transformative. As we truly come to know God, we become more like Him.

Application

Today, examine your own pursuit of knowing God. Are you as passionate as Paul? What might be holding you back from a deeper knowledge of Christ? Ask God to ignite in you a burning desire to know Him more, and to be changed by that knowledge.

Day 4: Called to Shine

Daily Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

Devotional

Jesus calls us the light of the world, a city on a hill that cannot be hidden. This imagery speaks to our purpose as followers of Christ – to shine His light into the darkness around us. But notice that Jesus doesn't say we need to create this light ourselves. We simply need to let it shine.

Application

Today, consider how you might be hiding the light of Christ in your life. Are there areas where fear, complacency, or busyness are keeping you from shining? Pray for courage and opportunities to let your light shine brightly, pointing others to the source of that light – Jesus Himself.

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Day 5: Known to Make Him Known

Daily Reading: Acts 4:13-20

Devotional

Peter and John, described as "unschooled, ordinary men," amazed the religious leaders with their boldness. The key? They had been with Jesus. Their intimate knowledge of Christ compelled them to share what they had seen and heard, despite the risks. This is the natural progression of truly knowing God – we can't help but make Him known to others.

Application

Today, reflect on your own journey of knowing God. How has it changed you? How has it compelled you to share with others? If you find yourself hesitant to share, ask God for the same boldness that Peter and John displayed, remembering that it comes not from our own abilities, but from our time spent with Jesus.