

# 20-2-SEEK

TWENTY DAYS TO SEEK GOD

Getting to know Jesus is a life-long journey that will never lack in mystery and adventure. 20-2-Seek will help you take your first steps in your journey to knowing Jesus and following Him. So much awaits you as you choose to pursue our amazing, loving God.

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## **What is 20-2-Seek?**

*"20-2-Seek" means twenty days to seek God. This guide is a great tool to help you spend time with God and learn more about Him. By using 20-2-Seek, you will learn what it looks like to have special times with God on a daily basis.*

*God wants to have a relationship with YOU and it is important to have personal time with God so you can understand what He is like. Once you have gone through the twenty days, you will either be able to branch off on your own with God, or find another book to help you along.*

*Each day of 20-2-Seek, you will be presented with a prayer to pray, verses to read, and a lesson. These are the basic essentials. If you want to go deeper into the topic presented you can read through the "Going Deeper" section. You will also be able to read about Christianity, as well as things that happen in church and why we do them.*

*If you have questions about anything, make sure you talk to your parents, small group leader or youth pastor. I hope this book helps you in your pursuit of knowing Jesus.*

*Blessings to you,*

*Joshua Knudsen*

## << Make The Connection - Day 1 >>

*"In this manner therefore pray..." Matt. 6:9*

Before reading the verse, ask the Holy Spirit to open your mind and heart to the truths found in these verses.

Read Matthew 6:5-13

No matter what church or youth group you go to, inevitably the topic of prayer will come up. People pray before they eat, before church, before taking a test, when they don't want to get in trouble. But what does it actually mean to pray? Is it knowing the right words to say? Is it talking into the air just hoping that God will hear you? What is it?

**>> Prayer is talking *with* God. Many people say prayer is talking *to* God, but that means we do all the speaking. We need to remember to take time to listen and hear what God is saying to *us*. <<**

Prayer is about having a relationship with God. Imagine having a friend who always wanted to talk at you but never cared to hear what you had to say. You have the King of all creation waiting to speak to you and listen to you every day! That's an amazing thing.

**Take a minute and thank God for hearing you and speaking to you. Ask Him to help you hear His voice more clearly.**

### **SAY WHAT?!**

Perhaps you're wondering what to say when you pray. Jesus gives you a great outline to follow in verses 9-13. Let's go through it and see what He says.

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### **What's my job?!**

Our job is to build our relationship with Jesus, obey His command to make disciples and live our lives excitedly waiting and expecting His return. As young people, we can often think, "I don't want Him to come back yet. I have things I want to do. I want to get married, have my career, and experience some things." That is understandable and natural. As you grow closer to Jesus you will desire more and more to see Him. Not only that, but when the Rapture does happen, you will see Jesus face to face and any thoughts of wanting to be on this earth will probably be overwhelmed by the greatness of seeing our King.

**So for now we live like the King will return any moment, plan like we have our whole lives ahead of us and get excited about seeing Jesus in all His power and awesomeness!**

**PRAYER TIME:** Ask Jesus to help you use your gifts and abilities to help the body. Pray for your relatives and family.

#### **Going Deeper**

Think about what it will be like to suddenly be sucked up from the earth to meet Jesus in the clouds. Picture the excitement and love in His eyes for you as He gets ready to show you all the great things He's prepared for you.

**TRY THIS OUT!**

**Ask Jesus to help you live like He is returning soon. How would things look different for you?**

## << Return of The King - Day 20 >>

“...I will come again and receive you unto Myself” John 14:3

**PRAY:** Take 3 minutes to sit quietly and ask God to speak to you. Listen.

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Jesus came to earth as a baby, became a man, died, rose again, commanded us to make disciples and went back to heaven. Why? What's He doing now? Well amongst other things, Jesus said in John chapter 14 that He was going to prepare a place for us in Heaven and that He would return to take us there! You see, we shouldn't be living this life like it's all there is. There is something still to come, and what we do now will have an impact on our eternal future.

**We are here on earth to obey our King and we will reap the rewards when we get to Heaven, and we will live there with Him forever.**

The return of Jesus to take us to Heaven is often called the “Rapture”. This word is not used in the Bible, but it is the common term used for Christ coming to get His followers.

**>>Paul told the Church of Thessalonica to remind each other that Jesus would return for them; that they should comfort each other with this. He wanted them to remember that even though life can be hard, there will be a day when Jesus comes and takes us up to Heaven to be with Him. When this happens everything will be ok.**

**Try This Out!**

**...DAY 1 Continued....**

**V. 9** *Our Father in heaven:* Remember He's your Father and He loves you like crazy!

**V.9b** *Hallowed be (Holy is) Your name:* Worship Him. Just tell Him how much You love Him and how awesome He is. You can put on a worship album if you want.

**V.10** *Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven:* Ask God to do whatever He wants with you and then ask Him to help you obey.

**V.11** *Give us this day our daily bread:* Thank God for providing for you and then ask Him for what you need naturally and spiritually.

**V.12** *And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors:* Tell God you are sorry for times you have disobeyed the LORD and He will forgive you. Ask Him to help you forgive anyone who has hurt you.

**V. 13** *And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one:* Ask Him to give you strength to make choices that make Him happy. Remember to do your part to leave when you are put in a situation you know is a bad one.

**V.13b** *For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen:* Praise God again because He is awesome and deserves it.

*This isn't a formula but simply a guide to help you spend time with Jesus. Don't feel like things must go exactly like this. All that is important is that you have your time with God listening and speaking to Him.*

### **Going Deeper**

Read Psalm 119:1-16

Think about the way David prayed.  
Do you want that to be your heart?  
Ask for it! (Luke 11:9)

### **Why do we do that?!**

\*Why do we sing at church? Singing has many purposes. It can build our faith (Col. 3:16), express our love (Ps. 139:14), defeat our spiritual enemy (2 Chron. 20), and God loves to hear it (Ps. 22:3)!

**<< Star Struck- Day 2 >>**

*"...Worship Him in spirit and truth." John 4:24*

**PRAY:** Ask God to show you what He wants you to see today and give you the power to obey.

Read John 4:21-24

I once saw a documentary about the life of Michael Jackson. It was amazing to see all the people going wild over this man. They screamed, fainted, cried and nearly trampled others to death trying to get close to him and touch him. They waved signs saying "Marry Me" and "I love you." I could hardly believe how crazy these people were acting and all because of this one guy.

We see this all the time today. Movie stars get stalkers. Girls want to marry Chris Hemsworth. Guys fall all over themselves for stars like Scarlet Johansson. **Why?**

**This is worship.** These stars seem larger than life. They are more than human in the eyes of the fans. Everyone is looking for someone or something to worship that is bigger than them and the world finds it in these stars.

**>>>WORD<<<**  
WORSHIP: verb; to adore, to idolize

**> Based on what you read in the Bible, God is looking for people who will worship Him, people who will adore Him and put Him first. In the scripture (the Bible), there is a different view of what it means to worship. It means to bow, lie down on your face because you are in the presence of royalty. This is what it means for us to worship God. We realize that He is King and He deserves our adoration and love. <**

**...DAY 19 Continued...**

**Check This Out**

**Paul said in Romans 8:18 "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (NKJV) This isn't to say life with Jesus will only be hard and horrible. But we need to know that we have decided to follow Jesus wherever He may lead. He is our Lord, our Love and our Master and we will choose Him above all else.**

**TRY THIS OUT >>>**Tell God you are ready to follow Him no matter what. Trust that He will not give you more than you can bear. Don't be afraid. He loves you and will only do what's best for you!

**PRAYER TIME:** Pray for your family and relatives that don't know Jesus.

**Going Deeper**  
Think about your life and see if you are living life as a disciple or just a Christian by name. Where has God been asking you to follow Him that you have not listened? Repent and choose to do so now.

**Why do we do that?**  
What is "conviction"? This is when the Holy Spirit shows you when you have disobeyed God. He does this, not to make you feel bad, but so you can repent and be fully connected with God again. Once you repent, God forgives AND forgets! You don't have to worry about it again. Checkout 1 John 1:9

## << Do The Math - Day 19 >>

Then Jesus said to them all, "...follow me." Luke 9:23

**PRAY:** Ask God to help you follow. Tell Him you love Him.

**Read:** Luke 9:23-27; Luke 14:25-33

Have you ever met someone who claims to be a Christian but pretty much everything they do says they aren't? Sometimes these people know the Bible, go to church and have even said a prayer to become a Christian. Is God looking for these types of Christians? Is that what He died for?

In the verses you just read, Jesus clearly states what it means to be a disciple.

A disciple is someone who FOLLOWS someone who wants to be like their teacher. Jesus clearly states that we are to be disciples, not just Christians by name.

**The first thing Jesus tells us is we are to give up everything for Him. Does that sound extreme? It is! We are supposed to be extreme followers of Jesus and we will see Him do extreme things in our lives. The great thing is that God is patient with us and brings us little by little into a place where we can give it all to Him. Our job is to be willing to follow Him and obey Him.**

The second thing we see Jesus say in the verses you read is basically, "Do the math." He wants you to count the cost of being His disciple before you make your choice. **You need to realize you are surrendering your life to Him.**

**You also need to realize the cost of choosing to reject His gift of love and eternal life is far worse than any temporary discomfort or pain we may have now because we choose to follow Him. The truth is we may be ridiculed, made fun of and persecuted in different ways because we choose to follow Jesus, but He promises if we choose Him He will make it worth it.**

## ...DAY 2 Continued...

### HOW DO I WORSHIP?!

The key in John 4 is to worship **"in spirit and in truth"**. Worship is a conscious decision. We worship Him because He deserves it!

**DANCING** - joy, victory (even in a hard situation)

**HANDS RAISED** - surrender to God, or like a child raises his hands to his father to be loved

**KNEELING** - God is King and you honor Him

**LYING FACE DOWN ON THE GROUND** - God is King and He is holy

**SHOUTING** - victory, joy, love, excitement

**Worship is one of greatest things we can do. There is nothing we can give God that He needs, but we can give God what He wants. Don't you think He deserves it because of all He's done for you?**

Choose one of those ways to worship God now and then begin to tell Him how awesome He is and thank Him for His love. Keep going until you feel God's presence and then keep going just because you love Him!

### Going Deeper

Read these verses showing you ways to worship:

Ps. 33:3, Rev. 1:17, Ps. 95:6,  
Ps. 150:4, Ps. 32:11

### Why do we do that?!

\*Why do we touch people when we pray? Throughout the Bible, the blessing, power or gift that was being given in the spirit was connected to physical touch.

(Gen. 48:8-22, 2 Tim 1:6)

# << How He Loves Us - Day 3 >>

“...God is love.” 1 John 4:8

**PRAY:** Ask Holy Spirit to show you the truth about the Father’s love for you.

Read: 1 John 4:1-19

There’s an old song that says, “I was looking for love in all the wrong places, looking for love in too many places.” These lyrics perfectly describe so many people today. It might even describe you. We look for love and acceptance from friends, boyfriends, girlfriends, parents, teachers, pastors, leaders, culture, music and everywhere else you can think of. The problem is that it never ends up being what we hoped for. It leaves us wanting more and never feeling satisfied.

**It’s because the love we need is God’s. We are made to be in a relationship with Him and His love *will* fulfill us. God’s love is perfect and will never let you down.**

*Usually when we feel disappointed in God’s love it is because we have tried to find His love in something else and when that doesn’t work we blame God because we don’t feel fulfilled.*

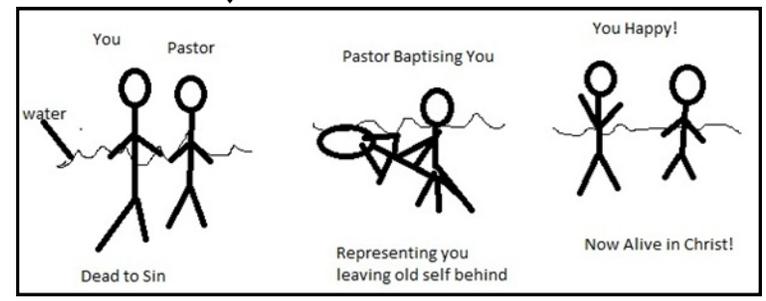
**God’s LOVE will fulfill your every desire because His LOVE is...**

# ...DAY 18 Continued....

**>>>Baptism is a sign, a public declaration of a new beginning, a new start. It says the old you is gone and new you is alive. Romans 6:1-7 says when we are baptized the old us goes under and we come out of the water new! It is a representation of Jesus going into the tomb dead and coming out alive and powerful. We get dunked in the water dead to sin and come out alive to Christ!**

This demonstration says to God, you, the world and the devil that you have chosen to be a follower of Jesus. A lot of Christians don’t do this because they don’t think it is necessary. It is true that it isn’t necessary to be saved, but Jesus commanded us to do it and it is a sign of our obedience.

It’s kind of like this: ↓



When are baptized there is a refreshing in your Spirit and a new power to follow Jesus. **Have you been baptized? If not, don't wait!**

**TRY THIS OUT:** If you have never been baptized, but have accepted Christ, talk to your pastor and parents about it. If you’ve been baptized before but didn’t know why, you might want to do it again. Talk to your pastor and parents about that also.

**Going Deeper**  
Read Romans 6:1-14 to learn more about baptism.

**Why do we do that?!**  
What is a spiritual language? This is a personal language given to you by the Holy Spirit that allows you to pray the exact words you need to even though it may sound like gibberish. It also makes you spiritually strong and helps you praise God better. (See 1 Corinthians 14:2,4; Jude 1:20)

## << Gettin' Dunked - Day 18 >>

"Repent...and be baptized!" Acts 2:38

**PRAY:** Take 5 minutes and listen. Ask God to speak to you. Believe that He is willing and wanting to speak to you.

**Read:** Acts 8:26-40

Many people have seen someone get baptized at church. Maybe it was a friend, relative, baby or even yourself. Isn't it funny how we do a lot of things but don't really know the reason why?

**Why do we get baptized?** What's the point? If you don't know, then it's time for you to find out and then make a decision on what you will do.

Baptize comes from the Greek word *baptizo* which means to immerse. This is getting dunked under the water.

**>>> Before Jesus started teaching and doing miracles, He was baptized (dunked in water) (Matthew 3). When He told His disciples to go and make disciples He told them to dunk them (Matthew 28:19). When thousands of people were saved they were dunked afterward (Acts 2). Why? <<<**

## ...DAY 3 Continued...

**Forgiving-** No matter what He will forgive you and take you back with just as much love as before.

**Giving-** God's love for you caused Him to send Jesus to die on the cross because of your sin. The Bible says if He gave His son, won't He give you other great things too? Of course!

**Forever merciful-** God is always giving more chances and not punishing us for our sin. He isn't an angry old man just waiting to crush your dreams if you mess up. He's merciful.

**Gracious-** God is always blessing us when we don't deserve it. He loves to! The Bible says that He draws us close with His loving kindness. (Jeremiah 31:3)

**Personal-** God meets with each of us as individuals. He doesn't treat us all the same. God knows exactly what you need to know Him more and to encounter His love just right.

**Perfect-** God's love is exactly what we need. He will discipline us when we need it, He knows when to give to us, when to take away what is bad for us, how to encounter us, how we can reach our destinies and everything else you can imagine. This knowledge should help remove any fears you may have from uncertainty, anxiety or feeling abandoned. God has your back! **How He Loves YOU!**

### Going Deeper

Read these verses to see where the Bible reveals God's Love:  
1 John 1:9, John 3:16, Ps. 118:11, Rom. 5:8, Acts 9:1-8, 1 John 4:18

### Why do we do that?!

\*Why do we tithe? Tithing is giving 10% of your income to God. In Malachi 3:10, God commands us to tithe and promises to bless us in our obedience. Jesus reaffirms tithing in Matt. 23:23. Tithing is a sign of trust in God's promises!

**<< U-Turns Allowed - Day 4 >>**

“...Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” Matthew 3:2

**PRAY:** Ask the Lord to show you what He wants you to see.

Read: 1 John 1:5-10 and 1 John 2:1,2

Sin is a weird word that has lost its meaning in today’s culture. What do you think of when you hear the word sin? Do you think of something so filthy, dirty and horrible that it caused the death of billions of people including Jesus? Do you think of something so terrible that it is the cause of cancer, hatred, wars and brutality worldwide? If not, you have not had a real understanding of what sin is.

**God isn’t just this super perfect guy who doesn’t like bad people. God sees sin as it is; a horrible disease that ravages the hearts and minds of His children ultimately leading to death.**

**WHAT IS SIN?!** >>Sin is disobeying God’s directions and commands. Romans 6:23 says the payment for sin is death. When you disobey God something will die. It could be the trust of your parents, or a friendship. This death also means a separation from God. We can’t have the relationship with Him that we want to have because of sin.

This is why **Jesus** died on the cross! The payment for sin is death. Jesus made the payment for us that we owed because of our sin and now we can have a relationship with God. When you accept Jesus’ gift of life and payment for your sin, you gain access to God again and you are now in relationship with Him!

**CHECK THIS OUT >>>** When Jesus died and shed His blood, He was the perfect Son of God and He made the final payment for mankind. That is why animals don’t have to be sacrificed anymore and why we can be cleansed from our sins. Ephesians 2:13 actually says the blood of Jesus brings us close to the Father!

**His Blood ...**

- ◆ **Is healing (Isaiah 53:5)**
- ◆ **Cleanses our sins (1 John 1:7)**
- ◆ **Makes us righteous (Romans 5:9)**
- ◆ **His blood is the KEY to our freedom!**

**PRAYER TIME:** Pray for God to show you just how much He loves you.

**Going Deeper**  
If you want to read about how Israel used animals as a payment for their sin read Leviticus 4. After reading this, aren’t you glad Jesus, the perfect sacrifice died so this isn’t necessary now?

**Why do we do that?!**  
\*Why do we dance, shout or act “crazy” in praise and worship? Psalm 150 and many other verses in the Bible commands us to dance. Dancing isn’t based on emotion but on our knowledge that God is good despite our circumstances. It is a sign of victory, even in the middle of a hard time.

## << The Blood- Day 17 >>

**PRAY:** Ask God to show you His secrets. As you listen and follow Him, He will show you.

**Read: 1 John 1:7; Hebrews 9:22; Ephesians 2:13**

Most of the pictures we see of Jesus on the cross show Him hanging with nails in His hands and some drops of blood on Him. But, in reality, the movie The Passion of the Christ is probably more accurate to how Jesus looked when He was crucified. Jesus' death was a brutal and bloody event and many people may wonder, "Why so bloody?" This is actually a very complex topic but we'll simplify it as much as possible.

**This is an important topic because it's the blood of Jesus that cleanses us from sin. It is one of the most important parts of our salvation.**

When Adam sinned, death entered the world. The payment for sin is DEATH. (Romans 3:23) God didn't want to see the people He loved die, He commanded them to sacrifice animals as a substitute for them. **So what's with the blood?**

**Leviticus 17:11 says, "the life...is in the blood." The blood is the life of a person or an animal so in order for the life to actually be given, the blood must be present. Because animals are just animals, they could not actually cleanse and take away man's sin but simply cover them.**

## REPENTANCE WHO?

...DAY 4 Continued...

After we have asked Jesus to come into our lives, we begin the quest of becoming more like Him. We still have a desire to sin in us and a lot of times we disobey God and choose to do our own thing. (See **Going Deeper**) When this happens there is a separation between us and God. Remember you will not go to hell for this, but you do lose the connection with God that you once enjoyed. Now you can repent. To repent means to change your mind. That means you change your mind about your desire to do that sin. When you do that 1 John 1:9 says **God will always forgive you and make you clean like you never sinned!** You are free to have a perfect connection with God once again!

**If you need to repent do it now. Ask God to change your mind and fill you with His Spirit. Once you've done this, you're forgiven! Walk out the mind change by staying away from situations that might try to draw you back into sin.**

### Going Deeper

Read Eph. 4:17-24

The new man is the Spirit of God living inside of us that gives us power to do the right thing. Every day we must choose to take off the old man and put on the new man. Try this each morning: "LORD, I choose to take off my old way of thinking that wants to sin and I choose to put on Your Spirit and your way of thinking. Help me to choose you today."

### Why do we do that?!

\*Why do we put oil on people when we pray for them? Oil was used in the Bible to represent God's presence and power on people. Read these verses to see this: (James 5:14-15, 2 Kings 9:1-13)

## << His Lordship - Day 5 >>

“...that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is LORD.” Phil. 2:11

Read: Romans 12:1,2; Philippians 2:5-11; John 15:9-17

When we accept Jesus Christ into our life and ask Him to forgive us of our sins, He becomes our savior and gives us access to heaven. But in Romans 12:1 Paul tells us there is more to it than that. We are to give ourselves as a **“living sacrifice”**. A sacrifice is something that is given up completely usually to benefit something or someone else. Paul is telling us, because Jesus died for us, we should live completely for Him. In other words, Jesus is to be the Lord of your life.

**A Lord is someone usually of royal ancestry who is over and owns lands and servants. He is the highest level of rule in that land. What He says goes, no questions asked. Am I saying that is how we should act towards Jesus? YES! He is the King of the world. He created everything. He died for you and me. Because of that we should make Him not just our Savior, but our Lord, also.**

**What He says goes. It's true that we can now call Him friend and He desires a personal and intimate relationship with you. But it does not mean He stops being God. It only means He allows us through His love and mercy to come close to Him. When He tells us to do something or not to do something, we should say, “Yes sir”, and that's it.**

## ...DAY 16 Continued....

**Wait...there's more! >>** If I offer you a gift, you don't actually have the benefits of it until you accept and take it. This is the same way with our gift of eternal life. Romans 10:9, 10 says in order to be saved, we must accept the gift by:

- 1) CONFESSING with our **MOUTH** the Lord Jesus
- 2) BELIEVING in our **HEART** God the Father raised Him from the dead.

**Without Jesus' payment on the cross, we would be doomed to hell and separated from the love of God, but because He died we can have life now and in Heaven! This is why Jesus had to die.**

**Action >>>** If you have never accepted this gift of eternal life, do it now. Confess with your mouth and believe with your heart just like Romans 10 says. Tell your parents and pastors about it!

**PRAYER TIME:** Pray that you can be bold and begin to share the good news of Jesus with your friends. Ask Holy Spirit for boldness and courage.

### Why do we do that?!

\*What does it mean to be “saved”? This is just a statement saying we've accepted Jesus' gift of eternal life and are now saved from Hell.

### Going Deeper

Read Hebrews 9 and see more about the importance of Jesus' death.

## << Why Jesus Had To Die - Day 16 >>

"I am the Way, the Truth and the Life..." John 14:6

**PRAY:** Thank God for sending Jesus to die for you. Thank Him for His great love for you.

Read: Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; Romans 5:8-10; Romans 10:9,10

**The picture of Jesus hanging on the cross is everywhere. If there is one thing people know about Jesus, it's that He died on a cross. The sad thing is that many people, even Christians, don't really know why! In the verses you just read, you get a very basic outline of why Jesus had to die.**

*Prepare yourself to take in the truth of what Jesus did for you. Read with gratitude and love for your King.*

**Romans 3:23** brings to our attention that everybody has sinned. No matter how good you may be or how much worse someone else is than you, you have sinned and can't measure up to God's awesomeness and perfection.

**Romans 6:23** shows us the good and bad news about our condition of sin. First the bad news. The payment for sin is Death! AAAAHHHH! What does this mean? Not only do our bodies die on this earth, but when we do, we are separated from Jesus, eternal LIFE, in Hell for eternity. This isn't a scare tactic or a joke, it's the truth. Want the good news? God has the gift of eternal life for us! All we have to do is take it and accept it.

**Romans 5:8-10** tells us that even though we were sinners and didn't deserve to be in a relationship with our perfect Creator, Christ Jesus died for us in our place.

**Remember 6:23** says the payment for sin is death, so Jesus' death paid the price for you and me! It continues to say that Jesus' blood (see **Going Deeper**) makes us righteous. This allows us to be in God's presence now and forever! Jesus' death rescues us from hell on earth and in eternity! The best news is after Jesus died, He rose again and conquered sin, death and hell! (Acts 2:32) Praise God!

...DAY 5 Continued....

### Whose life is it anyway?

In John 15 Jesus tells us what a friendship with Him looks like. "You are my friends if you do whatever I command you." (v.14) It's not your normal friendship, but it's the best one you can ever have. He loves you with an everlasting love.

**>> Will you choose to say, "Yes, LORD. I will do what you say because you are King"? If so the Bible says that you can abide in His love and in His presence. Stop trying to run your own life and say, "Jesus, You're in control." <<**

### Going Deeper

Go online and go to [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com) and search "Lord" and "Jesus". Read different verses where Jesus is called "Lord". Think about what this tells you as far as Who He really is now that you know what it means to be Lord.

### Why do we do that?!

Why do we go to church? The church was setup by God so people could encourage each other in their faith and belief in God. It is extremely important to be part of a church and attend regularly. This is where you can find hope in the middle of hard times and be fed by interacting and learning from God's people. It's also important for you to find a place to serve within the church so you can encourage others also. When you serve others you are serving God also. Read: Heb.10:23-25 and Rom. 12:3-8

**<< Holy Spirit Who? - Day 6 >>**

**...DAY 15 Continued...**

“...the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father...” John 15:26

**PRAY:** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you who He really is.

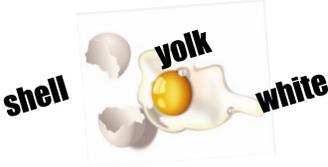
Read: John 14:15-18; John:16:5-15

You may have heard of the Holy Spirit or the Holy Ghost but never really had an understanding of who or *what* He is or does. 1 John 5:7 Says, “... there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word (Jesus), and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.” *(parentheses mine)* This union is called the Trinity or the Godhead. Sounds weird, right? This means there is God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit and they are One. We do not believe in three Gods, but in One God in three persons.

**3=1**

**God the Father + Jesus + Holy Spirit = 1**

**What?!** I know it’s kind of crazy to understand and there isn’t a perfect way to describe it, but an example would be an egg. You have the shell, the yolk, and the white. They all are different in texture, feel and taste but yet they make one egg. So, we have three persons but one God.



**The Holy Spirit is not just a power or a force, He is God. He is divine in every way and worthy of our love and praise just as the Father and Jesus are.**

**>>>When you go to church and use your abilities to help others you are doing your part in the Body. When you bail on church or decide to be selfish and not use your gifts for others, we miss out on what you have to offer. In the same way, you may need help from someone but because they are not helping the Body, you may lose out on getting the help you need.**

Suppose you have a great personality and are good at making people feel welcome and accepted. When you go to church and talk with people and make them feel great or talk to the new kid at church so they feel welcome, you are helping the body of Christ get stronger.

**TRY THIS >>** In what ways can you use your abilities to help the Body of Christ at church or outside of church? If you can’t think of anything talk to your youth pastor, pastor, or parents and get some ideas.

**PRAYER TIME:** Ask Jesus to help you use your gifts and abilities to help the body. Pray for your relatives and family.

**Going Deeper**  
Think about people you’ve seen who use their abilities at church. What do they do? What do you think you can do to help also? Think outside the box. Talk to someone in leadership about it.

**Why do we do that?!**  
\*What is a “revelation?” A revelation is something new God has shown you or “revealed” to you about Him, life, the Bible, or yourself.

## << Why Church?- Day 15 >>

"...dwell together in unity.." Psalms 133:1

**PRAY:** Take 3 minutes to sit quietly and ask God to speak to you. Listen.

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

**Have you ever seen a giant ear walking down the road?** Have you ever seen a giant eyeball driving down the street? Unless it was someone in a costume, I'm sure you haven't. Did you know our body parts were made to work together? The ears need the legs to get around. The hands need the eyes to see what to grab or pick up. When the body doesn't work together, it makes everything harder or impossible to accomplish. This is why it is important to go to church.

I know what you're thinking. "I need to go to church so my body works right?" Not exactly, but sort of. You see, the way God made people is to be in relationship with each other and He gave people abilities so that we could help each other in life and to grow in God.

**The Bible tells us that we are the Body of Christ. This means that God wants us to work together so that we can help accomplish His goals on earth. Everyone uses their abilities to help others and it works beautifully.**

## What's His role?

## ...DAY 6 Continued...

**The role of the Holy Spirit is exciting for you and I.** Jesus was so excited for us before He returned to heaven (see Going Deeper) because He knew what the Holy Spirit would do for us. When Jesus went to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit to live with us and inside of us. The Holy Spirit came to be our helper!

When you accept Christ into your life, it is the Holy Spirit that comes to live inside of you! The Spirit inside of us is what makes us new and children of God. (Romans 8:15-17) You are a child of God!

According to John 16:5-15 and John 14:15-18 which you read, the Holy Spirit is here to:

**Guide us-** He also shows us the plans and the desires of the Father. He also teaches us what is right and what is wrong and shows us who Jesus is.

**Convict us-** He shows you when you have disobeyed God so that you can repent and have right relationship with the Father again.

**Help us-** He helps us by giving strength, comfort, power and by never leaving us. He is the answer to loneliness!

**TRY THIS OUT >>>** Thank the Holy Spirit for being there with you. Think about the fact that He's there with you NOW. Thank Him for loving you and speaking to you. Ask Him to help you hear His voice more clearly. When you begin to sense God touching you, thank Him!

**PRAYER TIME:** Pray for your parents, teachers, and pastors. Ask God to bless them and give them wisdom to lead.

### Going Deeper

Read John 7:37-39, Num. 11:25, Ezekiel 36:26

See what a great role the Holy Spirit plays in the lives of people!

### Why do we do that?!

\*Why do we take communion?? In Luke 22:14-20 Jesus did the famous "Last Supper" with His disciples. The bread represented His body and the wine His blood. He told the disciples to take communion in remembrance of His sacrifice. When we take it, we remember His death and that through Him we have true life.

## << Baptized in the Holy Spirit- Day 7 >>

"...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit..." Matt. 3:11

**PRAY:** Ask Holy Spirit to speak to you and open your eyes to the truth.

Read: Matthew 3:11; Joel 2:28; Acts 1:4,5

Many heroes from comic books are ordinary people who became extraordinary because of some outside force. The Green Lantern had the ring, Spiderman was bitten by a radioactive spider, and Daredevil was blinded but gained heightened senses.

**>>>The Holy Spirit has been giving people the power to do supernatural things for thousands of years. Hundreds of years before Jesus came, God was telling the people of a time when the Spirit would be available to everyone. They would be filled and empowered to do great things for God.**

In Acts 2, the fulfillment of the promise was finally given. Jesus told the disciples to wait in the city of Jerusalem until **THE PROMISE** of the baptism of the Holy Spirit came to them. (Acts 1)

**When the Holy Spirit came, the disciples were given great power to do supernatural things like miracles, healings, speak in a spiritual language and, most importantly, tell people boldly about Jesus! The great news is that the Promise is for**

**YOU** also!

**Say What?!** >>> **Baptize** comes from the Greek word *baptizo* which means to submerge or overwhelm. God wants to completely cover you with the Holy Spirit and give you power you need to reach the destiny He has for you and, more importantly, to glorify God and bring people to Jesus.

...DAY 14 Continued....

## Shout it out! Let the world know!

There are different ways to tell people about Jesus. You can invite them to church, pray for them in times of need, tell them what God has done for you and how He wants to help them too, show them God's love and kindness even if they aren't kind in return. One of the most important things you can do is to let people know that you love God by how you live and how you talk. This is the best way you can show people who God is and what He has done in you.

**One of the greatest privileges we have as Christians is to make Jesus happy by helping other people come to know Him. Let's get out there and make Jesus happy!**

## TRY THIS OUT

Write down 2 people you want invite to your church or youth group and invite them!

**PRAYER TIME:** Ask God to give you an opportunity to share your story. Pray for more of a desire to know God and obey Him.

## Going Deeper

Write down what God has done for you and why you follow Jesus. Write it in a way you can remember so you can tell someone who doesn't know Jesus. Be ready to share your story with someone this week! Watch as God uses YOU to change someone's life!

## Why do we do that?!

\*What is my "soul." Your soul is part of who you are. You have your body, spirit and soul. Your soul is your mind, will and emotions.

## << Tell Your Story - Day 14 >>

"...Go...and preach the gospel..." Mark 16:15

**PRAY:** Ask God to show you the truth in His Word and to speak to you through it.

**Read:** Matthew 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-20

If you were given a million dollars and knew how to get other people a million dollars, would you tell them? Of course you would! I'm sure some selfish people would keep this great news to themselves, but most people would be excited to tell people how they can get their instant fortune. Do we do the same thing about Jesus? Having accepted His gift of salvation do you now tell others about what an awesome thing that is?

I know talking about a million dollars isn't as hard as telling someone about Jesus, but do you even want to? If so, you're on the right track. One of the last things Jesus told the disciples and us was to go and teach others how to be a follower of Jesus.

Telling people about Jesus is called "witnessing" or "evangelism". Jesus' command to make disciples is called "The Great Commission".

**>>Jesus didn't just suggest or ask us to help people become His followers. He commanded us to. There are two reasons to tell people about Jesus: Jesus commanded us to, and we care for the people Jesus loves and want them to know Him too.<<**

## ...DAY 7 Continued...

### Holy Spirit gives you POWER to....

**Defeat sin-** He gives us the strength to overcome temptation! Romans 8:2,13

**Strengthen others-** Holy Spirit gives you special gifts that you are to use to encourage others. Read about these different gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. Ask your parent, pastor, or youth pastor to explain them to you if you don't understand what they are.

**Strengthen ourselves-** The Holy Spirit will give you power when you feel weak. Ephesians 3:16

**Tell people about Jesus-** Holy Spirit gives you boldness and courage to tell people about the love and greatness of Jesus. Just ask Him for the help. Acts 1:8

**Miracles!**- God has called us to heal the sick, raise the dead and free people from demonic forces. YOU have authority to heal people. Pray for people that need it and watch what happens! Matthew 10:8

**PRAYER TIME:** Ask the Holy Spirit to baptize you and empower you. (Ask your pastor, youth pastor or parent to pray for you if you would like.) Pray for your friends who don't know Jesus that they would come to know Him. Ask God for a better understanding of His love for you and others.

### Going Deeper

Read Joel 2:28; John 7:37-39;  
Acts 1:4-5 to see the promise of  
the Holy Spirit.

### Why do we do that?!

\*Why do we tell people  
about Jesus?

(1) Jesus commanded us to  
in Matthew 28:18-20.

(2) Jesus saved us from Hell  
and we should love people  
the way Jesus does enough  
to help them escape Hell  
also.

(3) Jesus commanded us to  
and we love Jesus and do  
what He says.

## << Walk It Out - Day 8 >>

"...Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." Gal. 5:16

**PRAY:** Ask God to speak to you from His Word, the Bible.

Read: Galatians 5:16-26

In the movie, The Emperor's New Groove, Kronk, the villain's minion, is deciding on whether or not he should kill Emperor Kuzco. Suddenly, a tiny angel and devil that look exactly like him appear on either shoulder and begin to try to influence him on what he should do. The devil is saying to kill him and the angel is saying not to. Back and forth they argue about what he should do until poor Kronk is overwhelmed with their bickering and tells them both to "Be gone!" Often this is how we feel when we are trying to make the right choice about something but we have the desire to do the wrong thing.

**>>The Holy Spirit who lives inside of you can and will empower you to defeat your desire for sin and to help you love God more than anything else.<<**

**How do we defeat this horrible villain we call sin? It tempts us at every turn! Fortunately, you have been enabled with power because you have been filled with and baptized in the Holy Spirit! With His help you can fight off the urges and pressures you feel to do what you know is wrong and enjoy the benefits of doing what is right. BUT HOW?!**

What did Galatians 5:16 say? "Walk in the Spirit and you will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh." The Holy Spirit is constantly speaking to you. You may feel that discomfort of the Spirit saying, "Don't do that" or the push from inside saying, "Yes, do that!" This is the Spirit of God inside of you. When this happens, ask the Holy Spirit to give you the ability to obey and keep asking until you do.

...DAY 13 Continued...

**>>>How do I get wisdom?**

1. **Read the Bible-** God's Word will make you wiser!
2. **Learn to listen-** Listen and learn from people successes and failures.
3. **Take correction well-** learn from your mistakes and correction from others.
4. **Umm... Learn!-** Don't be a slacker when it comes to learning. This is important!
5. **Hang around wise people-** not just smart people, but people who make good decisions.
6. **Listen to good advice-** talk to people you respect and learn from their advice.
7. **Honor God-** live your life to honor God.

**TRY THIS OUT >>>** Pick out two things from the list that you can practice today. Put more into practice over the week. How does it make you feel?

**PRAYER TIME:** Ask God to help you to be wise. Pray for the President and government officials. Take two minutes to be quiet and ask God to speak to you. Listen for His voice.

### **Going Deeper**

Read these verses to learn more about wisdom. Psalm 19:7; Proverbs 1:5; Proverbs 9:8; Proverbs 8:33; Proverbs 10:19; Proverbs 13:20; Psalm 111:10

**Why do we do that?!**  
**\*What is "being intimate with God?"**  
**Intimacy with God is knowing God closely, like a best friend. You know God because you have spent time with Him.**

## << Gettin' Wise - Day 13 >>

"Get wisdom!..." Proverbs 4:5

**PRAY:** Ask God to make you wise and to show you His truth.

Read: Proverbs 1:20-22; Proverbs 3:13-24

Imagine you are walking down the street and suddenly you see a lady on top of a roof yelling to all the people passing by, "How long will all you foolish people continue to be foolish?" How would you feel? Besides thinking the lady on the roof is nuts, would you consider her question? Would you stop and think, "Am I foolish or am I wise?" I hope so. It is very important to think about the decisions you are making in your life. Are they wise decisions or are they foolish ones?

**Wisdom > Foolishness** The book of Proverbs is 31 chapters of teaching you how to be wise. Why is this important? Because the Bible says, whoever lives wisely will be safe, secure and will live without fear of harm. (Prov. 1:33)

**>>>God wants you to live a life where you don't have to fear the consequences of the decisions you're making, but actually look forward to them.**

If you choose not to do your homework for a whole week because all you have been doing is "Facebooking", texting, gaming, or just being lazy, you will end up fearing the results of that decision. But if you wisely complete your homework every day, you won't be afraid of the consequences of this action.

**Wisdom is having knowledge and knowing how to use it in a good and beneficial way.**

Wisdom is one of the most important things you can have. You can learn a lot of facts and gain knowledge, but if you don't know how to use that knowledge in the most beneficial way, it doesn't do any good. God has great plans in store for you. He wants you to make decisions that propel you toward your destiny and future. In order to do that you must have wisdom.

## ...4 Ways To Walk It Out...

...DAY 8 Continued...

Here are 4 ways to help you walk in the Spirit:

- ◆ **E**very morning and throughout the day ask Holy Spirit to fill you and empower you to obey Him. Ephesians 5:18 says to be filled with the Spirit. The thought here is to be filled over and over and over and over and over and...you get it.
- ◆ **R**ead your Bible daily to learn about what God thinks about things so you can figure out what is right and wrong. (The Holy Spirit will never tell you to do something different than the Bible, so you must know what the Bible says to determine if what you're hearing/feeling is Holy Spirit.
- ◆ **E**ach day ask Holy Spirit to speak to you and teach you how to hear His voice.
- ◆ **F**ill yourself with good things. (Read Philippians 4:8) If you fill your heart and mind with the world you will be more likely to walk in the flesh than in the spirit.

**PRAYER TIME:** Ask God to help you walk in the Spirit. Pray for wisdom for our state and national government officials. (Romans 13)

### Going Deeper

Romans 8:1-17. Notice how, through the Spirit, you have power over sin.

**Why do we do that-**  
What is my "flesh"? When you accept Christ, the Spirit comes to live inside of you. This is the real you. You are a new creation. (2 Corinthians 5:17) But also inside of you are the old desires to do wrong. This is what the Bible calls your "flesh" because it your natural nature instead of your supernatural spiritual nature.

## << Everyone Loves Gifts - Day 9 >>

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren,  
I do not want you to be ignorant:" 1 Corinthians 12:1

**PRAY:** Ask the Spirit to reveal His gifts to you.

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Everyone likes gifts. When I was little I wanted a pony... well, a stallion, actually. A black one with four white socks and a white star on his forehead...I never got him. As tragic as that is, the good news is that I have been given gifts even better than a horse! The Bible tells us that the Holy Spirit gives us gifts so that we can help others and so we can show the power of God to a world that needs to know Jesus.

In the section of scripture you just read, Paul the Apostle tells the Corinthians many of the spiritual gifts we can receive.

**>>A spiritual gift is not the ability to do natural things better, but it is the supernatural ability given to us by the Holy Spirit. It is the manifestation or evidence that the Holy Spirit is working. As we learn to walk in the Spirit, listen to His voice, obey Him and give ourselves to Him more fully, we can be used by God more effectively.<<**

Supernatural means: beyond the visible or observable universe. It is above and beyond what we can see. The Holy Spirit gives us supernatural power and abilities; power that is beyond what we can do in the natural.

## Check these gifts out!

...DAY 12 Continued...

## ...GOD SPEAKS IN MANY WAYS...

Here are some ways God speaks to us:

**The Bible-** Reading the Bible tells you about God, And yourself, guides you and helps you in decision making

**Leaders-** Pastors, parents, prophets and other wise people of God are often used by God to speak to us.

**Circumstances-** What's happening in your life can tell you the direction God wants you to go.

**Signs-** These are usually used to help you know you really heard God.

**Audibly-** You may not hear it a lot, but God can still do it!

**In your spirit-** You may feel an urge or impression to do or say something. This is often the voice of God speaking to you in your Spirit! Sometimes, all you may hear is, "I love you." And that's enough.

**Peace-** One of the most important things to consider is if there is peace inside of you. You may be nervous but there should be peace even beneath the nerves.

**Dreams-** God will often speak to us in the night. He loves to talk to us. Ask Him. Talk to a parent or pastor about this.

**Angels-** God has used these messengers many times and still does.

**PRAYER TIME:** Pray for your parents, teachers and pastors. Ask God to give them wisdom. Ask God for wisdom for yourself.

### Going Deeper

Read these verses to see how God Speaks to us. Psalm 119:105; Ephesians 4:11-12; 2 Kings 19:11-13; Judges 6:36-40; Exodus 3:1-5; Colossians 3:15; John 14:26; Acts 10:1-16; Matthew: 2:13

**Why do we do that?!**

Why do we close our eyes when we pray? This isn't really found in the Bible. Mainly we do it so we are not distracted. So open or close eyed, your prayer still counts.

## << Hearing God's Voice- Day 12 >>

"...they will hear My voice..." John 10:16

**PRAY:** Ask Holy Spirit to speak to you and open your eyes to the truth.

Read: John 16:13

**News Flash- GOD WANTS TO TALK TO YOU! Does this surprise you? Do you doubt this? Why? Doesn't it make sense that a God who created people to have relationship with them, and would send His Son to die for them would communicate with them?**

Take a moment and think about that. Say this to yourself out loud, "God wants to speak to Me. He does speak to me. I can hear Him."

Once you know God wants to speak to you and does, then you can start listening for His voice and training yourself to hear Him. Learning to hear the voice of God is important to any Christian because this is one of the

**One of the things you have to realize is, not only does God *want* to speak to you, but He *does* speak to you. The questions you have to ask yourself are, "Am I listening" and, "Do I recognize His voice when He speaks."**

ways we are able to experience His love, get direction for our lives and have relationship with Him.

God speaks to us in many ways. The key is knowing that He's speaking, asking Him to speak clearly, and walking in faith when you believe you have heard God.

**REMEMBER >>>** 1.) Learning to hear God's voice is a process and takes time.

2.) God will never tell you anything that goes against what the Bible teaches. If what you hear goes against the Bible, it's not God.

## ...DAY 9 Continued...

Below are *some* of the gifts God gives us to encourage and help others.

V.8- **Word of Wisdom:** the Holy Spirit shows you the mind and desire of God for a specific situation. Also, showing you what to do in a specific situation.

- **Word of Knowledge:** When God shows you information about a person or an event so that you can pray for them or help in their situation.

V.9- **Healings:** the ability to pray and see people healed of sickness and disease. God wants to do this through His children.

- **Faith:** the ability to believe God for something despite many obstacles.

V.10- **Miracles:** the Holy Spirit working beyond what is natural for God's glory. (Like when Jesus fed over 5,000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish.)

- **Prophecy:** the Holy Spirit shows you the heart (thoughts and desires) of God so that you can comfort someone, strengthen them or help them.

- **Discerning of spirits:** God gives you insight into the spirit world to understand what is happening in a situation or a person's motives.

- **Different tongues:** the Holy Spirit speaks through you in a language you have never learned. It can be for everyone to hear and be helped when there is an interpreter, or just for you to speak to God and to make your spirit stronger. Remember it is what the Holy Spirit speaks through you, not what you make up.

- **Interpretation of tongues:** when the Holy Spirit tells you what is being said when someone speaks in tongues in a public setting so that everyone can be blessed by what God is saying.

### Going Deeper

Finish reading 1 Corinthians 12. Think about how the body of Christ has to work together. Unity is a big deal to God. Also, you will see more of the gifts given to us by our Loving King. If you want to learn what gifts you may have, talk with one of your leaders at church!

**PRAYER TIME:** Pray for God to show you more of Him. Pray for the ability to be bold and help telling people about Jesus.

### Why do we do that?!

\*Why do we say "Hallelujah?" What does "Hallelujah" mean? It means "Praise the LORD!"

## << Fresh and Fruity- Day 10 >>

“But the fruit of the Spirit is...” Galatians 5:22

**PRAY:** Sit quietly for 1 minute and ask the Holy Spirit to let you feel His love. (Go longer if you want.)

Read: Galatians 5:16-26

There is a meal at IHOP called the “Rooty Tooty Fresh and Fruity.” It has bacon, eggs, and pancakes topped with your choice of blueberries, strawberries, apples or bananas. In my personal and professional food eating opinion, it is delicious. I love the fruit topping...I’m getting hungry. In the verses you just read the Bible describes what it looks like when we live by the flesh: hatred, jealousy, selfishness and much more. The Word also tells us what it looks like when we walk in the Spirit and allow Him to change us. Verse 22 and 23 say that the fruit of the Spirit is **“love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control”**.

**Fruit is commonly known as the tasty, juicy plant that we eat and drink. Here the word fruit means something that is produced. Like “the fruit of your labor”.**

**The fruit of the Spirit - these are the character traits produced in you by the Spirit. Holy Spirit will develop them in you over time as you partner with Him. How does this work?**

>>Timeline<<

...DAY 11 Continued...

- a. Tell Him how much you love Him
- b. Turn on worship music and worship
- c. Read your Bible. Ask God to teach you about who He is while you read.
- d. Talk to God about your problems and ask for help and guidance.
- e. Just talk to God about your life and what’s going on.
- f. Sit quietly in His presence enjoying the fact that He’s with you.
- g. Listen for His voice. This is one of the most important things you can do.
- h. After you speak or ask a question, listen for an answer.
- i. Ask God for more of a desire to know Him.
- j. Pray for others. Ask God to bless and help them.
- k. Talk to God like you would with a friend. He’s right there with you.

**TRY IT >>Find time to spend 10 minutes with God every day. As time goes on, increase your time.**

**PRAYER TIME:** Pray for the ability to make time for God. Ask God for help with your needs in your life.

### Going Deeper

Read Psalm 141 and see how David spends time with God. See how he tells God how he feels, asks for help, worships and a lot more! Try this out in your times with God.

**Why do we do that?!**

\*What is a “word from God?”  
Some people say they have a “word” from God. This is simply something the Lord has told them about a person or situation.

## << Quality Time - Day 11 >>

"Call unto me and I will answer you..." Jeremiah 33:3

**PRAY:** Just tell God you love Him a couple times, then sit and listen for His voice.

Read: Psalm 40:1; Psalm 119:148; Jeremiah 29:13

How do you know your best friend? Do you talk to them? Spend time with them? Facebook them? Guess what... God wants you to know Him like this, too!

**God wants you to know who He is, what He's like, how much He loves you, what He's thinking and so much more!**

Psalm 25:14 says God wants tell you His SECRETS. Now *that* is a best friend.

How do we get to know God this way? **You have to spend time with Him.** Set aside time each day or night to spend time with God and get to know Him. I've heard some students say they don't know what to do when they spend time with God.

**Hopefully this will help.**

## ...DAY 10 Continued...

>>>Let's say you struggle with anger and when things don't go your way you explode in anger. Now that you are walking in the Spirit, you ask Him to help you and show when you have sinned in this area. The next time you have an explosion of anger and you feel the conviction of the Spirit telling you that you were wrong, you repent and ask Him for strength and self-control. The next time you feel an outburst about to happen you ask the Holy Spirit to help you have SELF-CONTROL.

**Over time you will see the Holy Spirit produce the fruit of self-control in you. Don't give up! It is the Spirit's job to make you all that God has called you to be. He will do it.**

**TRY THIS >>** Ask God to show you where you need more fruit of the Spirit in your life and ask Him to do it.

### Going Deeper

Read Philippians 1:6. What does it mean to you to know that God will continue to work on you until He returns to take you to heaven? Read Romans 8:39. What does it say God predestined you to? To be like Jesus! Ask Jesus to make you more like Him.

### Why do we do that?!

\*Why do we hold hands when we pray? This is a sign of unity. God loves unity. In John 17 Jesus' prayer was that we would be unified. We hold hands to show this.