

Preparation for Prayer Summit

The Christ Church Prayer Summit will be on October 29 and 30 at Camp Sumatanga. We will seek and worship the Lord together as a church family.

You are invited to prepare your heart by using the "Guide to Falling in Love with Jesus" during your time with God this week.

Guide To Falling In Love With Jesus

You can experience personal revival by renewing your love relationship with Jesus. You can be changed, not just stirred, by returning to your first love of Jesus. Greeks came to Jesus saying, "We would see Jesus (*John 12:21*)."

No purer desire can compel men and women today. This is a guide for true seekers after Jesus—only Jesus, more of Jesus, all of Jesus. Picture yourself encountering Jesus face to face. Imagine that He Himself asks you these two questions: "Who is it that you are seeking? Have I been among you so long and you don't know Me? (*John 20:15, 14:9*)."

When you seek Him, you will find Him in the love letter God wrote just to you. Get alone with God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Listen as He speaks to your heart. Respond to Him.

1. Get still. Sit before Him to communicate with Him.

Psalm 46:10

2 Samuel 7:18.

Revelation 3:20 (Jesus speaking)

Habakkuk 2:20

Write a response here or in your prayer notebook:

2. Draw near His heart.

James 4:8

Psalm 42:1-2

Isaiah 55:1-3, 6

Psalm 65:4, 73:28

Psalm 84:1-4, 10

Hebrews 10:22

Write a response:

3. Seek His face.

Matthew 7:7-8

Psalm 27:4, 8

Psalm 63:1-8

Hebrews 11:6

Jeremiah 29:11-14

Write a response:

4. Spend time in His presence.

Exodus 33:14-15

Psalm 16:11

Psalm 89:15

Isaiah 29:13, 63:9

Lamentations 2:19

Jude 24-25

5. Get to know God. Spend time knowing Him better. You cannot love someone you do not know. Let God teach you who He is through His names and attributes. Each one reveals something about Him. Encounter Him in His word. Be impressed with who He is.

Read:

Matthew 11:29

Jeremiah 9:23-24

Philippians 3:8, 10

Tell Jesus that knowing Him is the most important thing in all the world to you. Is it? In your heart, sing Him a love song. For example, sing, "The greatest thing in all my life is knowing You... is loving You." Write a response of praise and adoration:

6. Having spent time with Jesus knowing Him better and loving Him more, tell Him all those things that you are willing to count as nothing compared with knowing Him and seeing His glory (Phi. 3:7-8).

your ministry
your personal strengths
your pride
your will
your relationships
your sins
your _____

your reputation
your intellect
your self-sufficiency
your ambition
your job
your failures
your _____ (Be specific.)

Say, "I give it all. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing (*1 Chron. 21:23, 2 Sam. 24:24*)." Give all that you know, and then open yourself up for God to show you new "all's". Know the times of refreshing from bringing everything to His presence (*Acts 3:19*). Write a response of surrender and commitment:

7. Be overwhelmed with the awesome Person speaking to you, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness (*Jer. 31:3*)." Receive His unfailing love. Let the Father hug you and pour His love into your heart by His Spirit.

Romans 5:5

Exodus 15:13

Psalms 143:8, 10, 6

Isaiah 54:10

Lamentations 3:22-25

John 17:23b

Romans 8:35-39

Respond in love to Him.

Here's a suggestion for another prayer time: Pray these verses for your husband, your family, your church, and your city to fall in love with Jesus.

Appendix A

You Are My God (II)

God is all this and more. He is who He says He is, He can and will do what He says He can and will do. Experience Him personally in all His fullness every day! Encounter the intimacy and glory of God through His names.

My Abba–Father, my Papa God — *Mark 14:36, Rom. 8:15, Gal. 4:6*
My all-able, almighty God — *2 Cor. 9:8, Eph. 3:20, Rev. 4:8, 19:6*
All-sufficient, my all-sufficiency (El Shaddai) — *2 Cor. 3:5, 12:9-10*
All-knowing — *John 21:17, 1 Cor 1:30*
My answer — *Jer. 33:3, Psa. 20:1, 6, 9*
My authority — *Matt. 28:18, John 17:2*
My banner of victory — *1 Cor. 15:57, Pro. 21:31, Zeph. 3:17, 1 Chron. 29:11*
Beautiful to me — *Psa. 27:4, Isa. 33:17*
Before all things that touch me — *Col. 1:17, Rom. 11:36*
My beginning and end, alpha and omega — *Rev. 21:6, 22:13*
My breach-mender — *Isa. 58:12, Rom. 5:10-11, Eph. 2:16, Col. 1:20-22, 2 Cor. 5:18-19*
My burden-bearer — *Psa. 55:22, 68:19; 1 Peter 5:7*
My cornerstone, sure foundation — *Isa. 28:16, 33:6; 1 Cor. 3:11, Eph. 2:20*
My cleansing — *1 John 1:7, 9; Isa. 1:8*
My comforter — *2 Cor. 1:4-5, Psa. 23:4*
Compassionate and gracious — *Lam 3:22, Exo. 34:6, Psa 103:8, 111:4, 116:5, 145:8*
My unshakable confidence — *Psa. 71:5, Pro. 3:26, 14:26; Heb. 4:16, 1 John 5:14*
My counselor, my friend — *John 14:26, Isa. 11:2, John 15:14-15, Luke 7:34*
My covenant-keeping God — *Deu. 7:9, Mal. 2:5, Heb. 8:6*
My creator — *Gen. 1:1, 1 Pet. 4:19*
My defender and defense — *1 John 2:1, Pro. 23:11, Jer. 50:34*
My deliverer — *Psa. 18:2, 144:2*
My desire, more precious than silver — *Isa. 26:8, Pro. 3:13-15, Psa. 73:25-26*
My endurance and encouragement — *Rom. 15:4-5, Phil. 2:1, Heb. 6:18, Dan. 6:26, Psa 112:3,9*
Ever-present with me, available, near — *Mat. 1:23, Psa. 139:7, Acts 17:27*
Everlasting I AM — *Exo. 3:14, John 8:58, Psa. 106:48*
Exalted — *Psa. 18:46, 148:13, 97:9; Acts 2:33, 5:31*
Faithful and true, trustworthy — *Rev. 19:11, 2 Tim. 2:13, 1 Thes. 5:24*
My precious Father — *Deu. 32:6, Psa. 68:5, Isa. 9:6, Mat. 5:48, 1 John 1:3, 3:1*
My forgiveness of sin, my pardon — *Eph. 1:7, Col. 1:14, Isa. 55:7, Mic. 7:18*
My fortress and stronghold — *Psa. 9:9, 31:2-3, 62:6; Jer. 6:19, Pro. 14:26*
Fullness, filling all things — *Col. 1:9-10, Eph. 1:23*
Gentle and kind — *2 Cor. 10:1, Tit. 3:4*
My giver of every good gift — *Jam. 1:17, Rom. 8:32, Luke 11:13*
My giver of life — *John 5:21, Rom. 4:17*
My glory — *Psa. 3:3, Heb. 2:7, John 1:14*
God of miracles who works wonders for me — *Psa. 72:18, Isa. 25:1, Gal. 3:5*

My God who is always there — *John 20:28, Rev. 21:7, Psa. 63:1, Eze. 48:35*
My good shepherd, good to me — *John 10:11, 14; Psa. 34:10, 85:12, 119:68*
My grace and truth — *John 1:14, 17; Eph. 2:7*
Great and awesome God — *Exo. 15:11, Psa. 99:3*
My guide and the way — *Psa. 73:24, 16:8, 48:14; John 14:6, Heb. 10:20*
Head of the church — *Eph. 1:22, 4:15, 5:23; Col. 1:18*
My healer — *Exo. 15:26, Psa. 103:3*
My heart surgeon — *Psa. 51:10, Jer. 24:7, Eze. 11:19, 36:26*
My very present help — *Heb. 13:6, Psa. 46:1*
My hiding place — *Psa. 32:7, Isa. 4:6*
Holy, holy, holy God — *Isa. 6:3, Rev. 4:8*
Holy Spirit — *Acts 2:28-29, John 1:33, 14:26*
My hope — *Col. 1:27, 1 Tim. 1:1*
I AM in all things — *Exo. 3:14-15, Psa. 119:91, Rom. 8:28*
My jealous God — *Exo. 34:14, Josh. 24:19*
My joy and song — *John 15:11, Rom. 14:17, Psa. 40:8*
Judge of all the earth — *Acts 10:42, 17:31; 2 Tim. 4:1, 8; Rev. 19:11*
My justification — *Rom. 5:18, 8:23*
My keeper — *Psa. 121:5, Isa. 26:3*
King of kings on His throne — *1 Tim. 6:15, Rev. 19:16*
King of glory — *Psa. 24:7-10, 1 Cor. 2:8*
My lamp, my light — *2 Sam. 22:29, Psa. 27:1, 18:28*
My liberty — *2 Cor. 3:17, John 8:32, Gal. 5:1*
My life — *1 John 5:1, John 11:25, Col. 3:4*
My living bread, living water — *John 6:51, 4:10, 7:37-38; Rev. 22:17*
Living God, living in me — *Psa. 42:2, Rom. 8:11, Isa. 12:3*
Lord of all — *Acts 10:36, Rom. 10:12*
Love, loving, lover of my soul — *Mic. 7:8, Rom. 8:35-39, 1 John 3:1*
Majesty — *Psa. 93:1, Heb. 1:3*
Marvelous — *Rev. 15:3, Job 37:5*
My master — *Col. 4:1, 2 Tim. 2:21*
Merciful and compassionate — *Deu. 4:31, Luke 1:78, 1 Pet. 1:3, Lam. 3:22, Exo. 34:6*
Most High God — *Psa. 78:35, Acts 16:17, Mark 5:7*
Name above all names — *Phil. 2:9, Eph. 1:21*
Never-failing — *Heb. 13:5, Deu. 31:6, 10*
None other — *2 Sam. 7:22, Isa. 45:21*
One whom I adore — *Song of Sol. 1:4, Jer. 31:3, Hos. 11:4*
Over all, overcomer — *Rom. 9:5, John 16:33*
Patient, long-suffering, slow to anger with me — *Rom. 2:4, Psa. 145:8, 103:8*
My peace — *Eph. 2:14, Phil. 4:7*
Perfect, my perfection — *Heb. 2:10, 7:28*
My portion, all I need — *Psa. 16:5, 73:28; Lam. 3:24, Col. 3:11b*
My potter — *Isa. 64:8, Jer. 18:6*
Precious to me — *Isa. 28:16, 1 Pet. 1:19, 2 Pet. 1:4*
My provider, my source — *Phil. 4:19, Psa. 34:10, 84:11*

My redeemer — *Job 19:25, Psa. 19:14*
My refiner, purifier, consuming fire— *Mal. 3:2-3, 1 John 1:7, Heb. 12:29, 1 Cor. 3:13*
My refuge — *Psa. 46:1, 91:2, 4; Deu. 33:27*
Restorer of my soul — *Isa. 57:18, Psa. 23:3, Joel 2:25*
Revives me — *Psa. 19:7, 80:18, 85:6; Isa. 57:15*
My rewarder and my reward — *Heb. 11:4, Rev. 22:12, Isa. 40:10*
My true riches — *Rom. 9:23, 11:33; Eph. 1:7, 18, 2:7*
My righteousness — *Jer. 23:6, 1 Cor. 1:30*
My rock — *Psa. 31:2-3, 144:1, 61:2; 1 Cor. 10:4*
My salvation — *Hab. 3:18, Luke 1:47, 2:11, 30; Rev. 19:1*
Same yesterday, today, forever unchanging — *Heb. 13:8, Mal. 3:6*
My satisfaction — *Psa. 17:15, 63:5, 103:5, 36:8; Isa. 58:11, Mat. 5:6*
Searcher of my heart — *Psa. 139:1, 23; 1 Chron. 28:9, Rev. 2:23*
My security, stability, and stay — *Pro. 14:26, Deu. 33:12, Psa. 18:8*
My shade, my shelter — *Psa. 5:11, 61:4, 63:7, 91:1, 121:5; Isa. 25:4*
My shield and protector — *Psa. 91:4, Pro. 30:5, John 17:11*
Sovereign — *Dan. 4:35, Psa. 103:19, Hab. 3:19*
Spirit of truth — *John 16:13, 14:17*
Steadfast and sure — *Psa. 111:8, 19:9*
My strength — *Psa. 18:1, 59:9, 10a, 17; Isa. 12:2, Eph. 1:19, Phil. 4:13*
My sustainer — *Psa. 55:22, 89:21; Isa. 46:4, Ruth 4:15, Heb. 1:3*
My teacher — *John 13:13, Isa. 28:6, Psa. 32:8*
My strong tower — *Psa. 61:3, Pro. 18:10*
My unchanging One — *Mal. 3:6, Psa. 102:27, Heb 13:8, Jam. 1:17*
My understanding — *Psa. 147:5, Jer. 9:24, Isa. 11:2, 40:28; Eph. 1:8*
My vine, my abiding place — *John 15:1,5*
Worthy of all praise! — *Rev. 4:11, 5:12; Psa. 18:3*

Appendix B

Scripture Based Prayers – Praying for the Pastor

Lord, let _____ have a discerning mind to prioritize the precious minutes in the day. Let my pastor discern what is most important and be guarded against the tyranny of the urgent (2 Cor. 11:14 , 1 Jn. 4:1).

Father, allow my pastor to glory only in the cross (Gal. 6:14). Let the cross be his reason for ministry.

Renew my pastor in the Holy Spirit. Let my pastor wait and mount up with wings as eagles. (Is. 40:27-31). Quicken my shepherd's body with the Holy Spirit (Ro. 8:11). Renew _____'s vision and confidence (1 Jn. 5:13-14).

Jesus keep my pastor holy in every way (1 Pet. 1:16). Protect my shepherd especially when he is tired and hard-pressed. Give _____ comrades to help protect him, and to share with in personal holiness (Jas. 4:7).

As my pastor draws near to You, draw near to my pastor (Jas. 4:8).

I pray that the eyes of my pastor may be enlightened to know the hope to which we are called and know the riches of our glorious inheritance in the saints. Let my pastor know the incomparable great power which is in us who believe (Eph. 1:18-19). Let _____ see the full revelation of Jesus Christ (Gal. 1:12). Place in him a desire to know Christ and the power of His resurrection (Phil. 3:10).

Lord, as my shepherd spends quiet time with You, shed Your love abroad in his heart. Let my pastor know how much he is loved (Ro. 5:5). In Jesus' name let the love of God be my pastor's mainstay in ministry. So be it!

Lord, I lift up my pastor and his family. Place them in the shelter of the Most High to rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, You are their refuge and fortress. You will preserve their family time. You will cover their home. Your faithfulness will meet their financial needs in Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19). You will command Your angels to guard them as they travel and win the lost. You have said, "I will be with [them] in trouble, I will deliver [them] and honor [them]. With a long life, I will satisfy [them] and show [them] my salvation" (Ps. 91:15-16). In Jesus' name I cancel all assignments of the enemy against them.

Forgive those who hurt _____ and speak against him/her, and may my pastor walk in forgiveness (Eph. 4:32-5:1). Guard my pastor from futile thinking (Eph. 4:17) and a vain imagination. Let every thought be taken captive to obey Christ (2 Cor. 10:3-5).

In Jesus' name I bind the fear of failure and the fear of humankind (Jn. 14:1). Let _____'s confidence not be eroded by the daily resistance to the gospel or God's vision. Allow my pastor to fear God more than people.

Father, heal my shepherd's heart of any grief caused by ministry. Bestow on my pastor a crown of beauty instead of ashes and anoint him with the oil of gladness instead of mourning. Clothe my shepherd with a garment of praise instead of a spirit of depression. I call my pastor an oak of righteousness, a planting of the Lord to display Your splendor (Is. 61:3).

Jesus, You said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.... Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you" (Jn. 14:1 , 27). Apply these promises to _____. Let my pastor know the plans You have for him, plans to prosper, plans to give hope and a future (Jer. 29:11).

Keep my pastor in the midst of genuine worship. Keep my pastor from the traditions of men and religion which hold the form of godliness, but deny its power (2 Tim. 3:5). May his worship join the worship of heaven (Isaiah 6 , Revelation 4).

With my shield of faith I cover my shepherd's mind to quench all flaming darts of doubt or vain imagination or mental distractions (Eph. 6:16 , Col. 2:6-8). Let the mind of Christ be strong in my pastor (1 Cor. 2:16).

Lord, I stand against the enemies of my pastor's prayer life: "busyness" (Acts 6:2-4). Let nothing hinder _____'s time with You. Let my pastor rise up to seek You (Mk. 1:35), pray with other pastors (Acts 1:14), and pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17). Give my pastor the time, the desire, and the place to pray (Acts 16:16). I rebuke in the name of Jesus any distractions from my pastor's devotional life.

Send the spirit of prayer upon _____ (Acts 1:8 , Ro. 8:26). Send others to join us in praying for our pastor (1 Tim. 2:1-8).

God, I say that _____ will stand firm. Nothing will move my pastor (1 Cor. 15:58). May my pastor always give himself fully to Your work because my pastor's labor is not in vain.

Bless my pastor with rich study time (Acts 6:4 , 2 Tim. 2:15).

As _____ preaches, let him/her proclaim Jesus Christ (Col. 1:28). Let my pastor's preaching be in the energy of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, by Your Holy Spirit, anoint _____ to preach, and bring apostolic results (Acts 2:37). As my pastor speaks the Word, let signs and wonders follow confirming it (Mk. 16:20). Let the sick be healed; let the oppressed be set free. Anoint _____ with the truth (Mt. 16:17).

Lord, as You have promised, grant my beloved shepherd lasting fruit (Mal. 3:11 , Jn. 15:16). Bless my pastor with disciples who make disciples. Bless my pastor with disciples who grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Lord, keep my pastor in the fear of God. Let my pastor not fear people (Prov. 19:23). Give _____ boldness to confront sin and controlling spirits. Honor my pastor's stand for You. Come to my pastor's rescue. I claim Psalm 35 for my shepherd.

O Lord, take my pastor's hand so that he will not fear. Lead my pastor through difficult times. Let my pastor know that You are near and that You are his God. My pastor will not be dismayed. You will strengthen my pastor and help and uphold him with Your righteous right hand (Is. 41:10).

O God, allow _____ to enter Your rest (Hebrews 4 , Mt. 11:28). Put Your yoke on my pastor. When my pastor is heavily laden or burdened, may he find comfort and peace in You, refreshed and renewed by Your power in every aspect of his life.

Lord, make my pastor strong and filled with courage for every task (Joshua 1). Let my pastor lead us to inherit our city for You. Thank You for being with _____.

In Jesus' name, _____ shall fight the good fight of faith, fleeing from evil to God by pursuing righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness (1 Tim. 6:12). I praise You, Lord, that You have taken hold of this special shepherd in the personal experience of eternal life.

I thank You, Father, that Your eyes are on my shepherd and Your ears are attentive to my pastor's prayers and Your face is against those who plot evil against my pastor (1 Pet. 3:12). For I know that in all things You work for the good of _____ who loves You (Ro. 8:28). In all things my pastor is more than a conqueror (Ro. 8:37). Thank You, God.

Lord, I pray for discernment in exposing any schemes of the enemy against my pastor. Show our congregation how to pray against all powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of darkness in heavenly realms. And, Lord, protect us as we wage warfare on behalf of our pastor (Eph. 6:11-12).

Father, I thank You that no weapons formed against my pastor will prosper. Every tongue raised against my shepherd will be cast down. Rumors and gossip will be turned aside. For _____ will be still before the Lord and wait on You. My pastor will dwell in the shadow of the Most High God and will be delivered from terror, darts of doubt, and diseases (Ps. 91:5-6). Set Your angels about my pastor (Ps. 91:11) and no power of the enemy shall harm _____ (Lk. 10:19). Thank God forevermore!

Appendix C

Getting Alone With God

“If I want to please God, why does my spiritual life seem stale?” Don’t think you’re alone in wondering this. Sincere believers have been asking this question for years. Even back in 1882 some dedicated young students at Cambridge University wrestled with the same question. As they looked over their daily schedule, they discovered that their days were full of lectures, studies, and activities, but they had little time alone with God. To address this flaw in their spiritual walk, they dedicated themselves to spending the first minutes each morning alone with God in prayer and Bible reading to start their day with God’s perspective.

Call it what you want—the morning watch, quiet time, or devotional time—these precious moments at the beginning of each day are the secret of a life dedicated to Jesus. Every person who achieved great things for God had some form of quiet time as the foundation for all their priorities.

But you’re so busy—you just don’t have time. This is all the more reason to have a quiet time. David said in Psalm 57:7, “My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed.” A fixed and established heart produces a stable life. The world is so hectic. Isn’t it great that God has provided a way to have peace in the storms of day-to-day living? Many people do not enjoy daily peace, because they have not fixed their heart on our unchanging, faithful God. Plan time alone with Him to know Him day by day. If you don’t plan for quiet time, you will likely skip it, because other things eat up your time.

If this is new to you, start small—just seven minutes every morning. Are you willing to give God seven minutes of your day to seek Him? Great! First, set your alarm clock a little bit earlier than usual so you won’t feel rushed. Get up on the first ring. The snooze button is not your friend. Take care of your personal needs, and then find a quiet place to get with God and His word. Your bed is not an option. It is too tempting to crawl back in. The battle of the quiet time will never be won between the covers. So how do you spend these seven minutes?

Pray for guidance. Take the first thirty seconds or so to prepare your heart to listen to God. Thank Him for waking you up this morning and allowing you another day to serve Him. Pray that He would cleanse and soften your heart so that He can speak to you through His Word. Ask Him to open your mind, soul, and spirit to His presence with you during this time. Pray Psalm 143:8 as a prayer of dedication of your time with Him. “Let the morning bring me word of Your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in You. Show me the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.”

Read your Bible for the next four minutes or so. The whole point of quiet time is to hear a word from God. Allow God to work in your heart. Don’t rush through this time to check it off your list. Stick to reading God’s word until He speaks directly to you. God is always speaking, but are you listening? On the other hand, avoid stopping to do Bible study. This is personal devotional time with your Lord. Make a note of topics you want to study in depth later. You may begin reading the book of Mark, then John. Set a goal of reading the entire New Testament. The Psalms have great devotional nuggets. You don’t have to go in order. Listen to God’s leading and read where He leads you. God will open your eyes so that you can see wonderful things in His word (*Psa. 119:8*). Begin to seek Him and the wonderful things He shows you day by day.

Respond to God in prayer concerning what He has spoken. If His word to you demands a commitment or change, make that decision now. You now have two and a half minutes left for prayer. There is no one right way to pray, but one good basic guideline spells ACTS.

Adoration — Begin with praise and worship. You wouldn't barge into the presence of the Queen of England without a proper introduction and greeting. Tell the King of kings that you love Him. Reflect on His character. "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; You are exalted as head over all (*1 Chron. 29:11*)."

Confession — After reflecting on how awesome God really is, be sure that all your sins are confessed. The word "confession" means to agree together with God. Don't water down your confession time. Don't say that you exaggerated—agree with God that you lied. Don't call it strong language—agree with God that you were swearing. Don't say that you were telling the truth about somebody in your school or church—agree with God that you gossiped. God warns us that if we regard sin in our hearts, He will not hear us (*Psalm 66:18*). But He also says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (*1 John 1:9*)."

Thanksgiving — Thank God for specific things, because He is in control of the smallest details. Thank Him for your family, your school, your church, areas in which you can minister to others. Thank Him for your trials and your troubles because He is teaching you through each one. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you (*1 Thes. 5:18*)."

Supplication — Humbly ask God to meet the needs of others and then your own. This is the time to talk to Him about what's going on in your world, your victories and your needs. Ask Him for your smallest need, because He cares about all the details in your life. Ask God to plan your day. Ask Him what He thinks is important. Since He sees the past, present, and future, His plan for today is best. "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you (*Mat. 7:7*)."

This is only a guide. Soon you will find that it is easy to talk with your Father, and your heart will overflow with things to share with Him. Begin the quiet-time habit because God is prompting you to fellowship with Him. Make a commitment to Him to guard and maintain your time with Him. Ask a friend to hold you accountable. Plan to meet once a week and share what God has been teaching you. This will help you to practice a more stable walk with Him each day.

This practice of daily devotion allows God to be fresh and effective in our lives. Isn't it time for this generation to kindle the fire of an intimate relationship with Jesus? Don't put it off. Get started now. Set a definite time, a definite place, develop a plan, and ask God to give you a committed heart to going deeper into His heart. Soon, before you know it, you will be giving God much more than seven minutes. He is worthy of your best devotion.

**As the Spirit of the Lord works within us,
we become more and more like Him.**
(*2 Cor. 3:18, Living Bible*)

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Appendix D

The Father Heart of God

The Lord says: Do you know my heart towards you?

I have set a place at My table for you and a feast is waiting. Eat the bread of life and drink the living water. It breaks my heart that so many of you are seated at the table (in church, in bible study, serving in my name) and are still starving. I want to call you son or daughter. I want to embrace you with My love and acceptance. I want to wrap you in the robe of My Identity- you are mine, My beloved. I want to stamp you with the image of Christ to signify to the world that you are My treasured possession. I am Yours and you are Mine. I am your Father, your Friend, your first love. I stand ready to give you everything that I AM and everything that I purchased for you by My precious blood.

Ask and you will receive anything according to My will.

This is a staggering promise- The Scriptures are clear. It is My will that you **know** that you are loved. It is My will that you have joy and peace in the Holy Spirit. It is my will that you walk in freedom and power. I am not withholding *anything* from you. "Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing." (Psalm 34:10) Not those who seek my hand only (what I can do for them) but those who seek ME. Seek Me. Require Me as your vital necessity. "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you and will bring you back from captivity." (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

You have confused trying to experience my blessing, pursuing a life of trying to please Me, looking for my benefits (peace, joy, righteousness, security, power for living...) as a pursuit separate from Knowing ME. I am calling out to you: Spend time with Me, get to know ME, not about me. That's how you have a relationship.

A husband, wife, or friend does not say "I'm going to leave you a study guide about me. You read it and answer the questions while I'm away and then you'll know me." No one would be satisfied with that, yet this is what you often settle for. Come and talk with me- pour your heart out to Me. Listen to Me and receive comfort, encouragement, and wisdom. Hear what I have to say about you. My heart is that you know how much I love you. Rest in My presence.

Appendix E

Alphabet Of The Father Heart of God

How exciting to get to know the One who Fathered you before you were born! (*Psa. 139:13-16*). With an open Bible, meditate on your awesome Father. This is the ultimate revelation of His heart. Let the One who is Holy Love re-parent you in His love, so that you see all that He does in your life through the filter of His love (*1 John 4:16*). These verses were taken primarily from the "My Heavenly Father" handout of Mary Lance Sisk, Charlotte, NC, with her permission. All the children of the Father are grateful.

Your Father wants you to know Him, love Him, and enjoy Him!

-A-

My Father is my Abba, Papa-God. I am His beloved child
(*Rom. 8:15, Gal. 4:4-7, John 1:12, Jam. 1:18*).

My Father totally and unconditionally accepts me in the Beloved (*Eph. 1:4-6*).

-B-

My Father bears all my burdens because He cares (*Psa. 55:22, 1 Pet. 5:7*).

My Father blesses me with every heavenly gift (*Eph. 1:3*).

-C-

My Father is compassionate (*Psa. 103:13*).

My Father gathers me in His arms and carries me all my life (*Isa. 40:11, 46:3-4; Deu. 1:31*).

My Father chose me from the foundation of the world (*Eph. 1:4-6*).

My Father crowns me with tender mercies (*Psa. 103:4 KJV, Eph. 2:4-5*).

-D-

My Father disciplines me with love and justice

(*Pro. 3:11-12, Heb. 12:6-11, Deu. 32:4, John 5:30*).

-E-

My Father exults over me with joy (*Zeph. 3:17*).

My Father executes vengeance for me so I can rest in peace (*Deu. 32:35, Heb. 10:30*).

-F-

My Father is father of the fatherless (*Psa. 68:5*).

My Father fights my battles for me and wins all of them

(*Deu. 1:30-31, 1 Sam. 17:45-47, Neh. 4:20, 2 Tim. 4:17-18*).

-G-

My Father has given me an everlasting kingdom and made me His own possession
(*Dan. 7:18, 1 Pet. 2:9*).

My Father has given me a spirit of love, not fear (*Rom. 8:15, 2 Tim. 1:7*).

My Father has given me an inheritance, making me a fellow heir with His Son Jesus

(*Rom. 8:16-17, Gal. 3:29, Eph. 1:11-14, Col. 1:12-14*).

My Father guards me as the apple of His eye (*Deu. 32:10, Psa. 17:8*).

-H-

My Father honors me and cherishes me (*Isa. 43:4*).

-K-

My Father keeps all His promises to me
(*Josh. 21:45, 23:14; 1 Kings 8:56, 2 Pet. 1:4, 2 Cor. 1:20*).
My Father keeps me from evil
(*Psa. 121, John 17:12, 15; 2 Thes. 3:3, 1 Pet. 2:25, Psa. 31:7-8*).
My Father knows all my needs (*Mat. 6:8*).

-L-

God my Father is love (*John 3:16, 1 John 4:8-10, 18; 1 Cor. 12:31b, 13:4-7a*).
My Father loves me with an everlasting love (*Jer. 31:3*).
My Father loves me with the same intensity that He loves His Son Jesus
(*John 17:23, Eph. 2:4-5*).
My Father leads me as a gentle shepherd (*Psa. 23:1-2, Isa. 40:11*).
He lavishes me with His grace (*Eph. 1:7-8*).

-M-

My Father meets all of my needs according to His riches in Christ Jesus
(*Psa. 23, 36:8; Phil. 4:19, Pro. 3:9-10*).

-N-

My Father will let nothing separate me from His love (*Rom. 8:35-39*).
My Father does not remember my sins and iniquities (*Heb. 8:12, Psa. 103:10-12*).
My Father will not abandon me. He will never, no never, leave me nor forsake me
(*Heb. 13:5, Deu. 4:31, 31:6, 8; Jos. 1:5, 1 Sam. 12:22*).
My Father will not fail me (*1 Chron. 28:20, Psa. 89:33-34, Deu. 4:31*).
My Father will never lie to me (*Heb. 6:18, Num. 23:19, 1 Sam. 15:29, Tit. 1:2*).
No one can pluck me out of my Father's hand (*John 10:27-29*).
My Father will not take His love from me (*Psa. 89:33*).
My Father will never betray me (*Psa. 89:33*).

-P-

I am precious in My Father's sight (*Isa. 43:3*).
I am My Father's own possession, His special treasure (*Deu. 4:20, 7:6; Exo. 19:5-6*).
My Father takes pleasure in me (*Psa. 149:4, Zeph. 3:17*).
My Father gives peace and doesn't want me to be anxious or worried about anything
(*1 Cor. 14:33, Gal. 5:22, Phil. 4:7, Col. 3:15, 2 Thes. 3:16*).
My Father will present me faultless before His presence with exceeding joy
(*2 Tim. 4:8, Jude 24*).
My Father was pleased to make me His own (*1 Sam. 12:22*).
My Father is perfect (*Mat. 5:48*).

-R-

My Father's name is Redeemer, and He redeems my life from all my past (*Isa. 63:16*).
My Father is responsible for governing my life (*Isa. 9:6*).
My Father rejoices over me with singing (*Zeph. 3:17*).
My Father gives me rest (*Mat. 11:28-30, Heb. 4:9-11, Psa. 23:2*).
My Father revives me when I am weary and exhausted
(*Psa. 68:9, 119:107; Isa. 40:28-31, 57:15; Mat. 11:28-30, Rom. 8:11*).
My Father rewards me (*Mat. 6:4*).
My Father is well pleased to reveal His secrets to me as His child (*Mat. 11:25*).

-S-

My Father is absolutely stable. He never changes (*Mal. 3:6, Jam. 1:17, Heb. 13:8*).
My Father set His affection on me (*Deu. 10:15*).

-T-

When I am afraid, I can trust my Father (*Psa. 56:3-4, 11*).

My Father took away the fear of death. I will never die (*Heb. 2:14-15, John 11:25-26*).

My Father is absolutely trustworthy

(*Psa. 9:10, 30:20-22; Pro. 28:25, Isa. 12:2, Jer. 17:5-8, Mat. 12:17-21, Heb. 13:8*).

-V-

My Father will vindicate me (*Deu. 32:36, Psa. 7:8*).

-W-

My Father only wants the highest good for me

(*Psa. 31:19, 103:5, 107:8-9; Zec. 9:16-17, Rom. 2:4, 2 Thess. 1:11*).

My Father is always with me (*Mat. 18:20, 1 Chron. 28:20, Zeph. 3:17*).

My Father is a GRACIOUS LOVING PARENT!

Exo. 22:27, Psa. 111:4, 1 Pet. 2:3 (KJV), Psa. 103:11-14, Isa. 9:6, 1 Cor. 6:16-18.

Appendix F

You Are My God (I)

God is all this and more! He is personal to you in all His fullness every day. If you were the only person on earth, He would be all this just for you. Encounter His glory through His names.

My Abba, Father; Papa God
My all-able, almighty God
My all-sufficiency (El Shaddai)
All-knowing
My answer to prayer
My authority

My banner of victory
Beautiful to me
Before all things that touch me
My beginning and end, alpha and omega
My breach-mender
My burden-bearer

My cornerstone, my sure foundation
My cleansing
My comforter
Compassionate and gracious
My unshakable confidence
My counselor, my friend
My covenant-keeping God
My creator

My defender and defense
My deliverer
My desire, more precious than silver to me

My endurance and encouragement
Ever-present with me, available, always near me
Everlasting I AM
Exalted

Faithful and true, trustworthy
My precious Father
My forgiveness of sin
My fortress and stronghold
My fullness, filling all things
Gentle and kind

My giver of every good gift
My giver of life
My glory
God of miracles
My God who is always there
My good shepherd, good to me
My grace and truth
Great and awesome God
My guide

Head of the church
My healer
My heart surgeon
My very present help
My hiding place
Holy, holy, holy God
Holy Spirit
My hope

I AM in all things
My jealous God
My joy and song
Judge of all the earth
My justification

My keeper
King of kings on His throne
King of glory

My lamp, my light
My liberty
My life
My living bread, living water
Living God, living in me
My Lord of all
My love, lover of my soul
Majesty

Marvelous
My master
Merciful
Most High God

Name above all names
Never-failing
None other

One whom I adore
Over all, overcoming One

Patient, long-suffering, slow to anger
My peace
Perfect, my perfection
My portion, all I need
My potter
Precious to me
My provider, my source

My redeemer from every curse
My refiner, purifier, consuming fire
My refuge
Restorer of my soul
One who revives me
My rewarder and reward
My true riches

My righteousness
My solid rock

My assured salvation
Same yesterday, today, forever
My satisfaction
My salvation
Searcher of my heart
My security, stability, and stay
My shade and my shelter
My shield and protector
Sovereign
My Spirit of truth
Steadfast and sure
My strength who never tires
My sustainer

My teacher
My strong tower

Unchanging one
My understanding

My vine, my abiding place
Worthy of all praise

Hallelujah! What a Savior!!

Appendix G

Prayer Postures **Into His Presence**

Before His Throne

Rev. 4:10, 7:11

Ascending As A Lifestyle

Ps. 24:3, Col. 4:2a, 1 Thes. 5:17

Dancing, Praising

Exo. 15:20, Ps. 149:3, 150

Running

Heb. 12:1-2, 1 Cor. 9:24-26, Phil. 2:16, 3:13-14

Singing

Ps. 95:1-2, Rev. 14:3

Shouting

Ps. 100:1, Rev. 19:1

Lifting Hands

Neh. 8:6, Ps. 63:4, 134:2; Lam. 3:41

Clapping

Ps. 47:1

Walking In Obedience

Micah 6:8, Col. 2:6, 1 John 1:6

Standing

Neh. 9:3, Eph. 6:13,14, Rev. 7:9

Sitting, Listening

1 Sam. 3:10b, 2 Sam. 7:18, Ps. 46:10, Luke 10:39

Kneeling

Ezra 9:5, Eph. 3:14, Phil. 2:10, James 4:7, Isa. 45:23

Bowing

Neh. 8:6, Ps. 95:6, Phil. 2:10, James 4:10, 1 Chron. 29:20, Ps. 138:2

Prostrate, On Your Face Before God

Job 1:20, Ps. 51:17, Rev. 1:17, 7:11, 4:10, 5:8