

# "Do you Know Me?: Journey of Relationship, and Renewal" Devotional

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## Main Focused Scripture:

**"Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent."**

**— *John 17:3 (NIV)***

## 1. Seeking Relationship, Not Just Religion

### Deeper Insight:

Many people confuse knowing *about* God (religious knowledge) with knowing God *personally*. The Pharisees in the Bible, for example, knew Scripture well but missed the heart of God (see John 5:39–40).

Getting to know God means:

- Moving beyond rituals, rules, or tradition
- Developing a living connection
- Talking to God as a Father (Romans 8:15)

### Reflection:

Do I see God as distant or close? Am I engaging with Him as a living person or treating Him like a religious concept?

### Verse:

*"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."* – James 4:8

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## 2. Learning Who God Is

### Deeper Insight:

God reveals His character throughout Scripture and in creation. He isn't unknowable—He *wants* to be known. Here's how:

- **Through the Bible:** Scripture shows us God's heart, His promises, and His dealings with humanity.
- **Through Jesus:** Jesus is the clearest picture of who God is (Colossians 1:15).
- **Through the Holy Spirit:** He leads you into truth, convicts, comforts, and reveals God's will (John 14:26).

Knowing His attributes helps you trust Him:

- **He is Love** – not just loving, but love itself (1 John 4:8).
- **He is Holy** – pure, set apart, and worthy of awe (Isaiah 6).
- **He is Just** – fair and righteous in all His ways (Psalm 89:14).
- **He is Faithful** – even when we falter, He remains (2 Timothy 2:13).

### Reflection:

Which part of God's character am I most drawn to—or most struggling to believe?

### Verse:

*"Let not the wise boast of their wisdom... but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord..."* – Jeremiah 9:23–24

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## 3. Responding to God's Invitation

### Deeper Insight:

God initiates the relationship—He calls us first (John 6:44). Getting to know Him starts with recognizing this invitation.

Jesus is the bridge between us and God. Without Him, sin separates us. But through Jesus:

- We're reconciled to God (2 Corinthians 5:18–19)
- We're invited into a life of grace, forgiveness, and purpose
- We are not condemned, but welcomed (Romans 8:1)

This requires repentance—not just feeling sorry, but turning toward God—and faith in Christ as Savior and Lord.

### Reflection:

Have I responded to God's invitation with my whole heart? Am I following Jesus with surrender or just curiosity?

### Verse:

*“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in...”* – Revelation 3:20

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## 4. Walking With God Daily

### Deeper Insight:

Once you begin a relationship with God, it becomes a **daily walk**, not a one-time event. Like any friendship, it thrives with:

- **Communication (Prayer):** Talk to God honestly, like a child talks to a loving parent.
- **Listening (Scripture):** God speaks through His Word. Consistent reading helps you grow.
- **Obedience:** Not out of fear, but love. You trust He knows what's best.
- **Community:** Fellow believers encourage, correct, and support you.

God becomes your daily companion—not just your Sunday visit.

### Reflection:

What areas of my life have I kept separate from God? What does it look like for me to walk with Him, moment by moment?

### Verse:

*“What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”* – Micah 6:8

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## 5. Transformation Through Relationship

### Deeper Insight:

Getting to know God transforms who you are—not by force, but by love. As you spend time with Him:

- Your desires shift from temporary to eternal
- You begin to reflect His character (2 Corinthians 3:18)
- You find healing from wounds and clarity for your calling

This transformation is the work of the Holy Spirit. He shapes you into the likeness of Christ—not overnight, but progressively.

You don't change to *earn* God's love—you change *because* of it.

### Reflection:

What parts of me are changing as I walk with God? Where is He inviting me to grow?

### Verse:

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is here!" – 2 Corinthians 5:17*