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SESSION ONE

THE ANSWER TO LIFE'S CHALLENGES

OVERVIEW:

LIKE MOSES, WE ENDURE BY KEEPING OUR GAZE ON GOD AND HIS FUTURE FOR US; LETTING THAT VISION SHAPE HOW WE LIVE NOW.



KEYSCRIPTURES

- ¹ How joyful are those who fear the Lord—
all who follow his ways!
- ² You will enjoy the fruit of your labor.
How joyful and prosperous you will be!

PSALM 128:1-2 (NLT)



KEYPOINTS

Seeking God is the answer when life feels overwhelming.

We are called to seek God's face, not just His hand.

Loving God, humility, and obedience position us for joy.

There is a reward for seeking God: prosperity, happiness, and well-being.

God is for you, present with you, and near you in every season.

DISCUSSION

1 WHAT SITUATIONS IN YOUR LIFE HAVE DRIVEN YOU TO SEEK GOD MORE DEEPLY?

2 WHY DO YOU THINK PEOPLE OFTEN SEEK GOD'S HAND BEFORE SEEKING GOD HIMSELF?

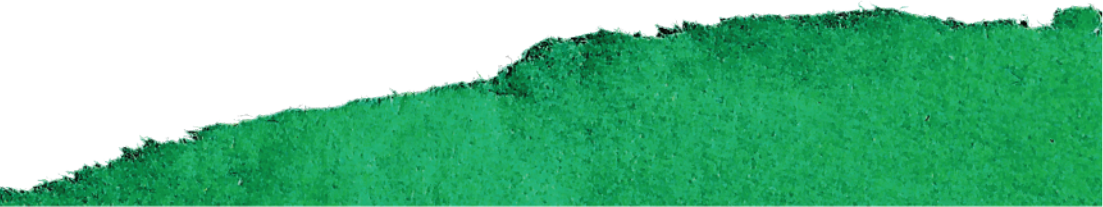
3 HOW DOES KNOWING THAT GOD IS "FOR YOU" CHANGE HOW YOU APPROACH CHALLENGES?

ACTION STEP:

EVERY DAY THIS WEEK, SET ASIDE A SPECIFIC TIME TO INTENTIONALLY SEEK GOD THROUGH PRAYER AND THE ONE YEAR BIBLE.

PRAYER FOCUS:

ASK GOD TO DRAW YOU CLOSER TO HIM AND HELP YOU DESIRE HIS PRESENCE MORE THAN ANSWERS.



SESSION TWO

DISCOVERING GOD'S *PLAN* BY SEEKING HIM

OVERVIEW:

GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOUR LIFE, BUT THAT PURPOSE IS DISCOVERED ONLY THROUGH SEEKING HIM WHOLEHEARTEDLY. WHEN WE SEEK THE GOD OF THE PLAN, HE REVEALS THE PLAN OF GOD.



KEYSCRIPTURES

- ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.
- ¹² In those days when you pray, I will listen.
- ¹³ If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me.

JEREMIAH 29:11-13 (NLT)



KEYPOINTS

- God has intentional plans for your life, filled with hope and purpose.
- Purpose is revealed through seeking, not striving.
- God responds when we seek Him with all our heart, not half-heartedly.
- Our choices today affect future generations.
- Seeking God brings clarity, direction, and meaning.

DISCUSSION

1 WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SEEK GOD “WITH ALL YOUR HEART”?

2 CAN YOU IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE YOU’VE BEEN SEEKING ANSWERS WITHOUT SEEKING GOD?

3 HOW DOES KNOWING GOD HAS A PLAN GIVE YOU PEACE ABOUT YOUR FUTURE?

ACTION STEP:

WRITE A PRAYER SURRENDERING YOUR PLANS TO GOD AND ASKING HIM TO REVEAL HIS PURPOSE.

PRAYER FOCUS:

PRAY FOR CLARITY, DIRECTION, AND COURAGE TO FOLLOW GOD’S PLAN WHOLEHEARTEDLY.



SESSION THREE

DRAWING *NEAR* TO GOD

OVERVIEW:

**CLOSENESS TO GOD INCREASES TRUST IN GOD.
WHEN WE DRAW NEAR TO HIM, OUR FAITH GROWS,
OUR FOCUS SHIFTS, AND OUR PROBLEMS SHRINK IN
PERSPECTIVE.**



KEY SCRIPTURES

⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

JAMES 4:8 (NLT)



KEY POINTS

We initiate closeness with God; He responds by drawing near to us.

The closer we get to God, the more we trust Him.

Faith grows through fellowship with God.

What we focus on grows.

A prepared and humble heart positions us to hear God.

DISCUSSION

1 WHAT DISTRACTIONS KEEP YOU FROM DRAWING NEAR TO GOD?

2 HOW HAS FOCUSING ON PROBLEMS IMPACTED YOUR FAITH?

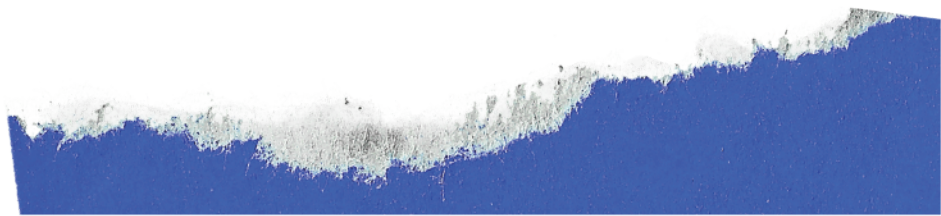
3 WHAT HABITS HELP YOU CONSISTENTLY DRAW CLOSER TO GOD?

ACTION STEP:

REMOVE ONE DISTRACTION THIS WEEK TO CREATE SPACE FOR FOCUSED TIME WITH GOD.

PRAYER FOCUS:

ASK GOD TO HELP YOU DRAW NEAR AND REPLACE FEAR WITH TRUST.



SESSION FOUR

SEVEN WAYS TO *SEEK* THE *LORD*

OVERVIEW:

SEEKING GOD IS INTENTIONAL. SCRIPTURE GIVES US PRACTICAL WAYS TO PURSUE HIM DAILY AND EXPERIENCE TRANSFORMATION, CLARITY, AND PEACE.



KEY SCRIPTURES

¹⁸ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted;
he rescues those whose spirits are crushed.

PSALM 34:18 (NLT)



KEYPOINTS

- 1 Put God first.
- 2 Make time for Him daily.
- 3 Prepare your heart.
- 4 Think about Him throughout the day.
- 5 Talk to others about Him.
- 6 Look for ways to honor Him.
- 7 Learn to be still and hear His voice.

Seeking God requires priority, consistency, and humility.

God speaks to those who prepare their hearts to listen.



DISCUSSION

1 WHICH OF THE SEVEN WAYS IS EASIEST FOR YOU? WHICH IS HARDEST?

2 HOW DOES DAILY TIME WITH GOD IMPACT YOUR MINDSET?

3 WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO HONOR GOD IN EVERYDAY LIFE?

ACTION STEP:

CHOOSE ONE OF THE SEVEN WAYS AND INTENTIONALLY PRACTICE IT THIS WEEK.

PRAYER FOCUS:

ASK GOD TO HELP YOU BUILD CONSISTENT HABITS THAT DRAW YOU CLOSER TO HIM.



SESSION FIVE

WHAT YOU *THINK* ABOUT, YOU *CONNECT* TO

OVERVIEW:

SEEKING GOD BEGINS IN THE MIND. WHAT WE CONSISTENTLY THINK ABOUT DETERMINES WHAT WE CONNECT TO. WHEN GOD FILLS OUR THOUGHTS, HIS PRESENCE FILLS OUR LIVES.



KEYSCRIPTURES

⁶ Only fools say in their hearts,
“There is no God.”
They are corrupt, and their actions are evil;
not one of them does good!

PSALM 14:1 (NLT)

⁶ Seek the Lord while you can find him.
Call on him now while he is near.

ISAIAH 55:6 (NLT)



KEYPOINTS

Thinking about God is a powerful way to seek Him.

What you put your mind on, you connect with.

Pride keeps people from seeking God.

God looks for those who intentionally seek Him.

Seeking God attracts His presence, strength, and peace.

DISCUSSION

1 WHAT OCCUPIES MOST OF YOUR THOUGHTS DURING THE DAY?

2 HOW DOES THINKING ABOUT GOD CHANGE YOUR EMOTIONS AND DECISIONS?

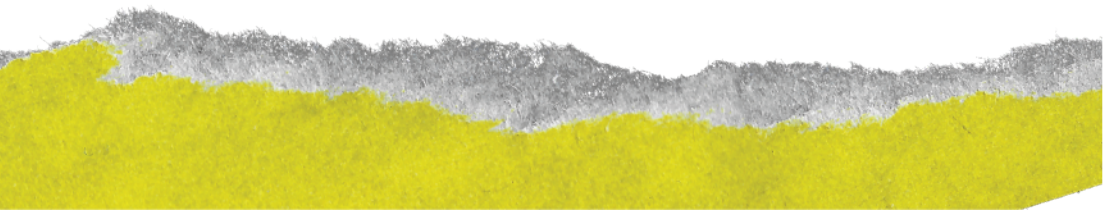
3 WHAT PRACTICAL REMINDERS HELP YOU KEEP GOD ON YOUR MIND?

ACTION STEP:

SET THREE DAILY REMINDERS ON YOUR PHONE FOR THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS. WHEN EACH REMINDER GOES OFF, PAUSE, INTENTIONALLY THINK ABOUT GOD, AND ACKNOWLEDGE HIS PRESENCE.

PRAYER FOCUS:

ASK GOD TO RENEW YOUR MIND AND ALIGN YOUR THOUGHTS WITH HIS TRUTH.



SESSION SIX

DISCOVERING *WHO YOU ARE BY SEEKING GOD*

OVERVIEW:

WHEN WE SEEK GOD, WE NOT ONLY DISCOVER HIM—WE DISCOVER OURSELVES. IDENTITY, PURPOSE, AND SIGNIFICANCE ARE REVEALED IN HIS PRESENCE.



KEY SCRIPTURES

- ⁶ Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near.
- ⁷ Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong.
Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.
- ⁸ “My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,” says the Lord. “And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine.
- ⁹ For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

ISAIAH 55:6–9 (NLT)



KEYPOINTS

God’s thoughts and ways are higher than ours.

Seeking God involves exchanging our thoughts for His.

God’s Word transforms our thinking.

In seeking God, we discover:

- Our identity
- Our calling
- Our “why”
- Our purpose
- Our significance

God’s Word always accomplishes what He intends.

DISCUSSION

1 HOW HAS SEEKING GOD SHAPED YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF WHO YOU ARE?

2 WHAT CHANGES WHEN YOU SEE YOURSELF THROUGH GOD'S PERSPECTIVE?

3 HOW CAN RENEWING YOUR MIND TRANSFORM YOUR FUTURE DECISIONS?

ACTION STEP:

COMMIT TO DAILY BIBLE READING AS A WAY TO EXCHANGE YOUR THOUGHTS FOR GOD'S.

PRAYER FOCUS:

THANK GOD FOR REVEALING YOUR IDENTITY AND PURPOSE AS YOU SEEK HIM.





SEEK HIS FACE ALWAYS

**⁸ GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD, PROCLAIM HIS NAME;
MAKE KNOWN AMONG THE NATIONS WHAT HE HAS
DONE.**

**⁹ SING TO HIM, SING PRAISE TO HIM;
TELL OF ALL HIS WONDERFUL ACTS.**

**¹⁰ GLORY IN HIS HOLY NAME; LET THE HEARTS OF THOSE
WHO SEE THE LORD REJOICE.**

**¹¹ LOOK TO THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH;
SEEK HIS FACE ALWAYS.**

**¹² REMEMBER THE WONDERS HE HAS DONE, HIS
MIRACLES, AND THE JUDGMENTS HE PRONOUNCED,**

**¹³ YOU HIS SERVANTS, THE DESCENDANTS OF ISRAEL,
HIS CHOSEN ONES, THE CHILDREN OF JACOB.**

**¹⁴ HE IS THE LORD OUR GOD;
HIS JUDGMENTS ARE IN ALL THE EARTH.**

**¹⁵ HE REMEMBERS HIS COVENANT FOREVER, THE
PROMISE HE MADE, FOR A THOUSAND GENERATIONS,**

1 CHRONICLES 16:8-15



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