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Many of you can relate to my testimony. I never really had anyone teach me how to read my Bible until I was in college. My “devotional life” was always up and down. I had a desire to grow in this area, but I didn’t know how. So I started asking myself this question: How do I get a desire to read the Bible

More? To be honest though, I started getting a little sidetracked by all the “how to’s.” I would feel so guilty about missing a day or... a month. It became more about me and less about my God. I was asking the wrong question. I should have been asking “What can I do to value God more?”

When we go to the Bible, our motivation should be to get to KNOW GOD.

Spending Time in God’s Word: The Purpose

1. Knowing God.

Luke 24:27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

Knowing God is not about your performance.

“The difference between Christianity and every other faith in the world is that all other religions are about man trying to reach up to God. Christianity is about God reaching down to man.”

2. Loving God

Matt. 22:37b-38 Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. **38** This is the first and great commandment.

Loving God is about your relationship!

The purpose is not to better our performance, but rather to better our relationship with our Heavenly Father.

So how do I cultivate a hunger to spend time in God’s Word?

Spending Time in God’s Word: The Pathway to _____

1 Peter 2:1-3 Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings, **2** As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby: **3** If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

Key phrase: “to desire the sincere milk of the word.”

How does Peter say we can cultivate a passion for the Word of God?

***Path 1: Remember your _____ (1 Peter 1:23-25)**

1 Peter 1:23-25 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. **24** For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: **25** But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

***Path 2: Eliminate your _____ (2:1)**

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***Path 3: _____ your _____ (2:2)**

Newborn babies eat every two hours. They are completely dependent on their mother.

***Path 4: Desire to _____**

2 Peter 3:18 says to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

***Path 5: Remember your _____ (2:3)**

Peter puts the desire for God’s Word in a Remembrance sandwich. If you remember what you have been saved from and what you have been saved to, you will have a strong desire to fulfill the purpose of spending time with God.

To get to...

1. _____ Him
2. _____ Him.