

Wired for Worship
"Knowing God Fuels Our Worship"
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"Worship is our response, both personal and corporate, to God- for who He is and what He has done. Expressed in and by the things we say and the way we live"- Louie Giglio

Getting to know God can seem like climbing a mountain; a huge, impossible or intimidating task, but remember you climb a mountain one small step at a time!

Scriptures that show us the invitations and promises from God:

Acts 17:27

James 4:8

Psalms 14:2

John 15:4

Luke 19:10

Psalms 9:10

Revelation 3:20

Jesus described those who follow him as being those on the narrow road.

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it. **Matthew 7:13-14 (NIV)**

Steps to help us climb the mountain of knowing God

Step 1- Take the first step toward God/Get on the Trail

¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

Step 2- Keep him in view daily/ Keep your eyes on the goal

⁸ **I have set the Lord always before me.** Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. **Psalms 16:8 (NIV)**

Step 3- Rest in his presence alone/ Take breaks

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught.

³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a **quiet place and get some rest.**" ³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a **solitary place.**

Mark 6:30-32 (NIV)

Step 4- Feast on his word/ Eat and drink

¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways. **Psalms 119:15 (NIV)**

Step 5- Take him with you/ Keep your food in your stomach

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:11 (NIV)

Step 6- Follow the path he shows you/ Follow the map and trail

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways acknowledge him, and **he will make your paths straight.**

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

¹¹ **You have made known to me the path of life;** you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. **Psalms 16:11 (NIV)**

Going Deeper on Your Own:

- Pick a Psalm
 - Before you read it, ask God to reveal Himself to you
 - As you read, have open eyes for one attribute of God that grabs you
 - Write the attribute & verse down
 - Meditate on it
 - Write your own thoughts about it
 - Write a song or sing a song (Make it personal, intimate & honest)
 - Take it with you all day
 - Thank God for who he is and what he has done and for revealing himself to you
- (Examples: In Psalm 33 God is Creator, Psalm 34 God is Refuge, Psalm 3 God is Defender)

Some Recommended Devotionals:

David Nassar: "A Call to Die", "Glory Revealed", "A Call to Grace"

Mike Yaconelli: Devotion: A Raw-Truth Journal on Following Jesus

Maggie & Duffy Robbins: "Enjoy the Silence: A 30 Day Experiment in Listening to God"

Charles Swindoll: "Intimacy with the Almighty"

Online Thirsty Journal:

<http://storage.cloversites.com/fellowshipchurch2/documents/Thirsty%20Journal.pdf>

The Big Idea: Knowing God Fuels Our Worship