

Monday: Psalm 73:28

We can spend a lot of time doing things for God without actually drawing close to God. Church, serving, giving, and learning are all good—but they were never meant to replace relationship with Jesus. God’s invitation is not simply to work harder for Him. It is to come near. Sometimes that begins by slowing down long enough to become aware of His presence. You don’t need impressive words or a perfect spiritual mindset. Simply begin: “Jesus, here I am.” Bring Him the real you—the distracted you, worried you, grateful you, frustrated you. Closeness begins by showing up.
Prayer: Jesus, here I am; help me draw close to You today.

Tuesday: Psalm 139:23-24

We’re usually pretty good at seeing what’s happening in everyone else. We notice their attitudes, mistakes, and shortcomings. David chooses a much more courageous prayer: “Search me.” That requires humility. What if Jesus sees something in you today that you haven’t recognized? Maybe anger is covering hurt. Maybe criticism is hiding insecurity. Maybe busyness is helping you avoid something deeper. Jesus doesn’t reveal these things to shame us. He loves us too much to leave us trapped by what we cannot see. Ask Him today: “What’s happening inside me? What do You want me to see?”
Prayer: Jesus, give me the humility to see what You see in me.

Wednesday: Proverbs 12:15

One of the greatest obstacles to spiritual growth is the certainty that we already see things clearly. We can become so convinced of our perspective that we stop listening—to others and even to Jesus. Humility doesn’t mean believing you’re always wrong. It means recognizing that you could be missing something. Jesus sees what you cannot see and understands what you cannot understand. Wisdom begins when we become teachable enough to listen. Instead of asking Jesus to confirm what you already believe today, try asking a different question: “Jesus, is there something here that I’m not seeing?”
Prayer: Jesus, keep my heart humble, open, and teachable today.

Thursday: Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust becomes difficult when what we see doesn’t make sense. Our instinct is to rely on our own understanding, control the situation, or determine what needs to happen next. But closeness with Jesus teaches us another way. We can trust His perspective even when ours is incomplete. Surrender doesn’t mean we stop thinking or asking questions. It means we stop demanding that God see everything our way. We can say, “Jesus, I don’t understand this, but I trust You.” There is tremendous freedom in no longer needing to see everything clearly because you are walking closely with the One who does.
Prayer: Jesus, help me trust what You see when I cannot see clearly.

Friday: Ephesians 1:17-18

Paul prays for Christians to see differently. Not with better eyesight, but with enlightened hearts. Closeness with Christ gradually changes how we see everything. We begin seeing difficult people with greater compassion. We recognize our own motives more honestly. We notice God at work in places we previously overlooked. We discover hope where we once saw only problems. This is part of becoming like Jesus—learning to see what He sees. Today, pay attention to your first reactions and assumptions. Then pause and ask: “Jesus, how do You see this? Is there something more You want me to see?”
Prayer: Jesus, open the eyes of my heart and teach me to see as You see.

Saturday: Isaiah 26:3

Peace doesn’t require having every problem solved. It doesn’t require everyone agreeing with you or life unfolding according to your plans. Biblical peace grows from trust. The closer we live to Jesus, the less we need to control everything around us. We can stop fighting to prove ourselves right. We can stop carrying outcomes that belong to God. We can listen, surrender, and trust. Closeness with Jesus begins changing us from the inside out. So take a quiet moment today and simply pray: “Jesus, here I am. What’s happening inside me? What do You want me to see?” Then trust Him enough to listen.
Prayer: Jesus, draw me close and teach my heart to rest in You.



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Today’s Scripture

Luke 10:38-42 (NLT)

As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to what he taught. But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, “Lord, doesn’t it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.”

But the Lord said to her, “My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Acts 28:25-27 (NLT)

And after they had argued back and forth among themselves, they left with this final word from Paul: “The Holy Spirit was right when he said to your ancestors through Isaiah the prophet,

‘Go and say to this people:

When you hear what I say,
you will not understand.

When you see what I do,
you will not comprehend.

For the hearts of these people are hardened,
and their ears cannot hear,
and they have closed their eyes—

so their eyes cannot see,
and their ears cannot hear,
and their hearts cannot understand,
and they cannot turn to me
and let me heal them.’

James 4:7-8a (NLT)

So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you.



Week 2

Do You See What I See?

You’re made for more than religious activity -
you’re made for closeness with Jesus

Write down what you hear God saying to you:

What to remember:

- We draw close to Jesus so we can see what he sees.
- Humility is admitting Jesus may see something I don’t
- The goal is not self-examination. The goal is Jesus.

Pray: Jesus, here I am. What is happening in me?
What do you want me to see?

Further Conversation

1. What does being “close to Jesus,” look like to you? How is closeness different from simply being active in church?
2. **Read Luke 10:38-42.** What do you think was really going on inside Martha? What might Jesus have seen that Martha wasn’t seeing?
3. Martha essentially asks, **“Jesus, do You see what I see?”** Why do we often ask Jesus to validate our perspective rather than change it?
4. Why does humility matter so much if we want to grow closer to Christ? What makes that kind of humility difficult?
5. **Read Acts 28:26-27 and James 4:7-8.** How can we become “hardened” without knowing it? What practices or attitudes can help keep our hearts open and teachable?
6. **“Jesus, here I am. What’s happening inside me? What do You want me to see?”** What can change if this was a regular part of your prayers?

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