

THIRST

**seeking God through
scripture, prayer, and reflection**

MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR GOD, FOR THE LIVING GOD.

WHEN CAN I GO AND MEET WITH GOD? (PSALM 42:2)

The World offers so much! Unfortunately it takes time and pain to learn that the World's promises are empty. We are promised satisfaction and fulfillment, instead we are handed momentary distraction and self-deception. Even the best this world has to offer never satisfies the needs of our soul. Many of us have recognized a deep longing for something more: God's presence, the power of his Spirit, and the guidance of his Word.

The idea behind THIRST is simple: each day will have a single verse, a simple prayer, and a thought for reflection. Our encouragement and prayer for you is that you would "GO AND MEET WITH GOD," because he is the Living Water which ends our soul's thirst.

WHAT'S NEXT?

#1 Go slow. You may be tempted to read through every day at one time. Each day is short, it wouldn't take you long! The point is to slow down, think about what you read and talk to God about it. Talk to God about ANYTHING in your life. Nothing is too small for God. How do I know this is true? Everything is small in your life compared to God!

#2 Share this with a friend. It's difficult to have meaningful conversations with others! Share this devotional with them, and then ask them what they got out of it.

DAY 1

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Scripture: “But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” (Matthew 6:33)

Prayer: God, help me to look to you first and to understand what is fighting for my attention.

Reflection: The life God has planned for you is the best possible life—far better than anything you can achieve on your own. Are your priorities in the right order?

DAY 2

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Scripture: “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Prayer: God, thank you for your heart to reach the world, give me the same heart to influence my friends. Help me to see the opportunities you have for me today.

Reflection: Every believer has a story to share: a wonderful God-story of extravagant grace. Someone you know is waiting to hear what you have to say.

DAY 3

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Scripture: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.” (Romans 1:16)

Prayer: God, thank you for your incomprehensible power and love. Thank you for inviting me into your family.

Reflection: Everyone whom you’ve ever met is loved by God--even the people you don’t like! If it hasn’t happened already, someday someone will ridicule you for your faith and your lifestyle. We have nothing to be ashamed of! Christ died for all--even those who make fun of him and his followers.

DAY 4

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Scripture: “But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.” Hebrews 5:14

Prayer: God, reveal my blind spots. Give me your wisdom. Help me to know you more so that I may make better decisions.

Reflection: Your spiritual growth journey will last a lifetime--sometimes it is difficult because training is never easy! Movement forward means understanding God’s ideas about what is good and what is evil. For the world gets these things twisted, and we must unlearn our bad habits and inaccurate thoughts so we can think and act more like God.

DAY 5

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Scripture: “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)

Prayer: Lord, thank you for making me with a purpose. Help me today, to do the good things you want me to do.

Reflection: You are an original masterpiece. You are not a mistake and God is working in and through you to make an eternal impact in this world. If you copy someone else, the world is deprived of the difference God wants to work through you.

DAY 6

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Scripture: “Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other.” (Deuteronomy 4:39)

Prayer: God, you are the most important thing in my life. Forgive me for the times I forget to remember you and make you first in my life.

Reflection: Worship isn't just a Christian activity. It's not even just a religious activity. It's a human activity, because everyone worships something. The thing we worship is the thing that controls our thoughts, words, and actions. What you want is determined by what you worship. Consider carefully what you call good and great, for the thing you glorify will powerfully shape your life.

DAY 7

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Scripture: “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

Prayer: God, thank you for working in my life. Use the worship service at church today to help me see the good work you are doing in my heart.

Reflection: Don't give up! God hasn't given up on you, so you don't need to give up either. The Creator of the universe continues to create new life in you, helping you become more like Jesus. Today might be a difficult day, but God is still working in your life.

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DAY 8

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Scripture: “To live is Christ and to die is gain.” (Philippians 1:21)

Prayer: God, help me to make my life all about you, to make you more important than anything else I desire.

Reflection: Thinking about the end of our lives isn't normal for most of us. When we do, it can lead to feelings of fear and uncertainty. The truth is that considering the end of our lives on earth brings perspective. This life is preparation for the next. If we follow Jesus, death is gain--better than anything this life has to offer.

DAY 9

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Scripture: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:8)

Prayer: God, thank you for the power of your Holy Spirit, help me to represent you well to my world, show me how to care for those who are hurting.

Reflection: It is not difficult to be a witness, because all he or she has to do is share their experience. Everyone has a story. Allow God to write your story by living your life for him. Do the good things you already know he is calling you to do, and other people will notice. If being a witness for God seems out of reach for you, remember that his power is at work in your life!

DAY 10

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Scripture: “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

Prayer: God, thank you for the free gift of salvation. Forgive me for my pride and selfishness. Help me to seek your will with all of my heart.

Reflection: Pride is the self-sufficiency that says, “I’m good enough, I don’t need God or others.” On this side of eternity, your struggle against pride will be constant. Pride is also a choice, and you can also choose humility. Make it your habit to remember your relationship with God is a gift, not something you can earn.

DAY 11

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Scripture: “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)

Prayer: God, help me to resist the pressures of this world. Teach me what I need to know. Show me what I need to do.

Reflection: Every word you say and every action you take comes from the thoughts you think. Following Jesus is never merely a matter of changing what you do, it’s all about transformation from the inside out. Transformation comes from the truth, which is best found in God’s Word.

DAY 12

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Scripture: “Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.” (Matthew 4:1)

Prayer: Heavenly Father, protect me from temptation and help me to follow your Spirit like Jesus did.

Reflection: You choose, every day, who (or what) you’ll follow. When you decide to follow God, the devil wants to take you down by tempting you. Jesus was also tempted, and he resisted the devil by relying on Scripture he had memorized.

DAY 13

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Scripture: An offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel. (Proverbs 18:19)

Prayer: Lord, help me to be sensitive so that I don't offend others. Help me to be grace-filled so I'm not easily offended.

Reflection: Do you know if you are an offense person? Are you quick to judge others or be sarcastic? Consider your conversations with others, pay attention to how they respond to your words. We are quick to have our feelings hurt, but slow to consider the feelings of others.

DAY 14

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Scripture: “So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.” (1 Corinthians 10:12-13)

Prayer: Lord, when I am tempted today, help me to look to you for your unfailing strength. Thank you for your grace in the times that I stumble.

Reflection: If you aren’t struggling with temptation, it’s a sure sign that you aren’t growing spiritually. Overconfidence leads to careless decisions. Watch closely your thoughts, words, and actions. When you are tempted, avoid doing the wrong thing by relying on God’s power and his promise: there is a way out!

