

PRESSING ON TO KNOW JESUS



IF PEOPLE SAT OUTSIDE
AND LOOKED AT THE STARS
EACH NIGHT, I'LL BET THEY'D
LIVE A LOT DIFFERENTLY.



HOW
SO?


WELL, WHEN YOU LOOK
INTO INFINITY, YOU
REALIZE THAT THERE
ARE MORE IMPORTANT
THINGS THAN WHAT
PEOPLE DO ALL DAY.



WE SPENT OUR
DAY LOOKING
UNDER ROCKS
IN THE CREEK.

I MEAN
OTHER
PEOPLE.



A person wearing a blue puffer jacket and dark pants is walking away from the camera on a dirt path. The path is surrounded by tall, dry grass and some small evergreen trees. In the background, there are more trees and a hazy sky. The overall scene is a natural, outdoor setting.

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In the Every Day

I press on toward the goal to win
the prize for which God has called
me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

-Philippians 3:14

And this is eternal life, that they
know you, the only true God, and
Jesus Christ whom you have sent.
-Jesus (John 17:3)

The Question:

How can I press on to
know Jesus
in the Every Day?

Answers from Philippians 4

1 • Stand Firm in the Gospel

Philippians 4:1

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*Therefore, my brothers, whom I love
and long for, my joy
and crown, stand firm thus
in the Lord, my beloved.*

Know it.

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SAY YES

Admit

Believe

Choose

The Gospel is not how people
get to heaven. The Gospel is how
people get to God.

-John Piper

Believe it.

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You believe that God is one; you
do well. Even the demons
believe—and shudder!

-James 2:19

You never know how much you really believe anything until its truth or falsehood becomes a matter of life and death to you.

- C.S. Lewis

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." -Jesus (John 8:31-32)

Abide in me... -Jesus (John 15:4)

- Live in me...
- Stay with me...
- Continue in me...
- Stay joined to me...
- Remain united to me...

Live it.

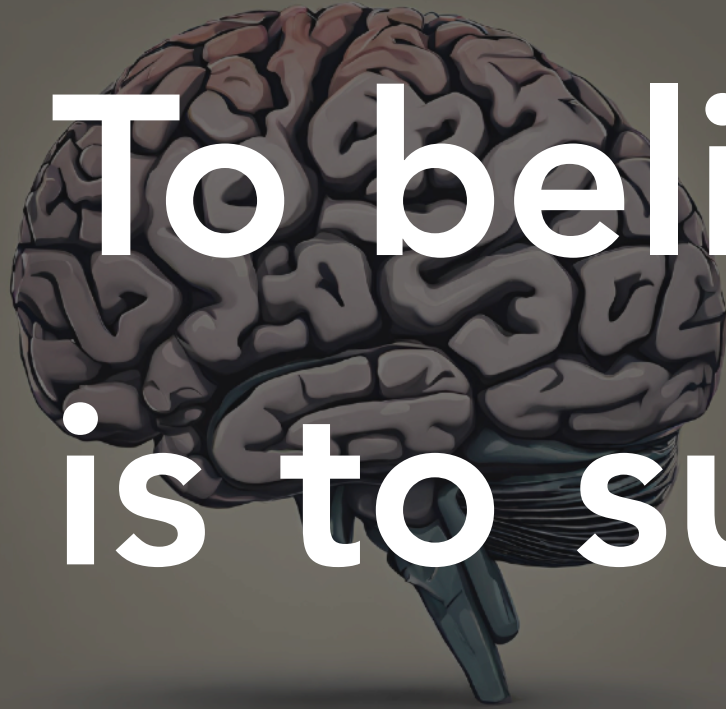
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If you keep my commandments,
you will abide in my love...

-Jesus (John 15:10)

You shall know the truth, and the
truth shall make you mad.

-Aldous Huxley



To believe
is to surrender.

2. Don't Worry

Philippians 4:6-7

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6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



Thought Experiment:

**What are you
thinking about?**

The power
of prayer.

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

The peace of God!

3. Bloom where
you're planted.

Philippians 4:11b-13

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*for I have learned in whatever
situation I am to be content.*


*12 I know how to be brought low,
and I know how to abound. In any
and every circumstance, I have
learned the secret of facing plenty
and hunger, abundance and need.*

*13 I can do all things through him
who strengthens me.*





**Learning contentment
What's the secret?**



The real

HAVE.

All Things!

A person is walking away from the camera in a field, their back to the viewer. The person is wearing a dark jacket and light-colored pants. The background is a hazy, open field with some trees in the distance.

What He calls me to do,
He strengthens me to do.

4 • Acknowledge the WITH

Philippians 4:23

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*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
be with your spirit.*

Bethlehem was God with us,
Calvary was God for us,
and Pentecost is God in us.
-Robert Baer

Closing Verse

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

-Isaiah 41:10

Closing Quote

The most holy and important practice in the spiritual life is the presence of God - that is, every moment to take great pleasure that God is with you.
-Brother Lawrence.

3 Closing Questions

1. What is your next step in responding to the Gospel?
2. What is God saying to you about how to destroy anxiety?
3. How are you going to continue to bloom where you are planted?

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