



## 30 Day Challenge

Did you know that we were created to know God intimately in a healthy relationship with Him in time and for all eternity? Do you have some questions for God? I'm not talking about being deceived or confused by the multitude of false gods in our world that emphasize traditions and false teachings. I'm talking about connecting with the source of life—the person of God Almighty, His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit! When you connect with the One True God of the Bible—YOU WILL BEGIN TO KNOW HIM!

*“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” (John 17:3 NKJV - Bible)*

There's just one condition for this 30 day challenge—you must be sincere. The prophet Jeremiah says, “And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord,..” (Jeremiah 29:13-14a). If you are a skeptic that's okay. God loves skeptics too and knows why you are a skeptic. But just be a sincerely seeking skeptic.

1. **READ** from your Bible 15-30 minutes daily for thirty consecutive days. I suggest your start in the New Testament book of the Gospel of John or Hebrews. Read at least fifteen minutes a day slowly. On your second day continue where you left off from the first day. Try to read the same fifteen minutes everyday whether in the morning, afternoon or evening. Read in a quiet place away from distractions. Do not feel like you have to rush to complete any portion of material. We are not rushing. We are honoring God with our quiet contemplation of His Living Word to us.
2. **ENGAGE** the material and God as the author. Think about what you are reading without rushing through the content. Learning and education requires your attention and discipline. Allow God to highlight some truth to your mind and heart. It may be something that is interesting to you, it may be something that is supernatural, it may be something that is loving, or it may be something that you have never thought about before. You may also put yourself in the story as you read it and ask how you would respond to a question or situation. Look for God's promises that are open to all who would choose to believe. The more you engage with God's Word and God, the more you will gain in knowing God. We do reap what we sow! Allow God's promises to be planted deeply in your heart!
3. **ASK** God your questions and expect Him to speak to your heart and mind. God wants to speak to you and answer you. The Bible says ask and receive. We can ask and we can receive from God! Journal your thoughts, questions, insights, and creative ideas that you believe that God has given you. If your thoughts and journaling line up and agree with God's Word, then you are on the right track!
4. **DRAW NEAR** to God and God will draw near to you (James 4:7 see also: John 14:26,8:32,10:37, 17:3). God does love you and He waits for you to come to Him. God does bless those who come to Him in faith believing. Everyday grab hold of something of value in order to receive spiritual nutrition for your day! Make sure you get something from God! Put something good from God in your memory. Then as you go about your daily activities remind yourself of the truth, love, peace, joy, and guidance that God has spoken to you during your reading. Share your experiences with a mature Bible believing friend and follower of Jesus Christ. Stay open to creative ways in which God speaks to you. Pray that God would reveal His love, truth, power, wisdom and Spirit to you in your life. God will transform you from death to life giving you new holy desires from God's Holy Spirit. Your faith is proved by your action. Start your challenge today! **(R.E.A.D)**