



## DEVOTION

# GOD THE SON

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**Devotion to God is a commitment to continually deepen our relationship with God and orient our lives around that priority.**

**We can grow in our devotion to God when we embrace Him as the Son, who created the universe but draws near to us.**

### JOHN 1:1-5 ESV

<sup>1</sup> “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. <sup>4</sup> In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

### HEBREWS 4:15-16 ESV

<sup>15</sup> For we do not have a High Priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup> Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

### COLOSSIANS 1:16-17 ESV

<sup>16</sup> For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup> And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

### JOHN 3:16-17 ESV

<sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

### JOHN 1:14 ESV

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**We can grow in our devotion to God when we remember Jesus’ presence, death on the cross, and resurrection are expressions of God’s great love.**

## PURPOSE

**LIVE OUT OUR FAITH IN JESUS AND INVITE OTHERS INTO LIFE WITH HIM**

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## HEBREWS 12:1-2 ESV

<sup>1</sup> “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

## HEBREWS 12:1-3 THE MESSAGE

Do you see what this means—all these pioneers who blazed the way, all these veterans cheering us on? It means we’d better get on with it. Strip down, start running—and never quit! No extra spiritual fat, no parasitic sins. Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we’re in. Study how He did it. Because He never lost sight of where He was headed—that exhilarating finish in and with God—He could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now He’s there, in the place of honor, right alongside God. When you find yourselves flagging in your faith, go over that story again, item by item, that long litany of hostility He plowed through. That will shoot adrenaline into your souls!

**We can grow in our devotion to God when we look to follow Jesus as our guide and running partner.**

## DEVOTIONAL CHALLENGE 2: LECTIO DIVINA

- Continue to journal
- This week, just jot down some notes as you do each step:
  1. Read - a short passage of Scripture (John 3, a paragraph per day)
    - a. What stands out to you as you read through it a few times?
  2. Meditate - Consider what is being said in the context in which it was written.
    - a. Imagine the scene. Like a forensic scientist, use your senses to explore key pieces.
  3. Pray - Ask God to guide you in how this applies or anything you are missing.
    - a. Write down your questions and any answers you believe you hear or discover.
  4. Live - Bring this into your daily life.
    - a. Based on the truth in the passage, how does this affect your life?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. When we consider that the God who made the universe has drawn near to us in the Son, how does that feel? What difference does it make that God’s primary movement is toward you, versus having to be “good enough?”
2. How do you “look to Jesus” in your day-to-day life? How does knowing that He is the founder and perfecter of our faith help us to view things rightly?
3. What step in Lectio Divina are you most excited to try? Why does it make sense to read the Bible differently than other books?

## NOTES

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