

## **Day 1 – A deep thirst and hunger for the Lord**

**Are you thirsty and hungry for more of God? If you are, the good news is he wants to give you more of himself. If thirst and hunger are lacking, the good news is all you must do is ask. God is gracious and generous. God promises us that as we draw near to God, He will come near to us. He welcomes you with open arms.**

**Read:** Psalm 42: 2, James 4:8

**Reflect:** Do you have a longing to know God more? Reflect on an area of your life where you would like to draw closer to God...Are you struggling to spend time with God? Is it a challenge to make room? If so, tell God and ask him to help you.

**Let's Pray:**

Heavenly Father thank you for wanting to be near to me. There are times where I might feel (alone, isolated, lonely, etc.), but I am thankful that you want to be with me. Lord increase my hunger for you. Help me to wake up earlier or make space in my day to spend with you. And Lord when we meet, speak to my heart. I am listening. I want all you have for me and then I want to share it with others that need you. Amen.

Write out your prayer to God. Lean into your praise and worship of God, be intentional about what you are asking of God and trust that He hears you, sees you and will respond on your behalf.

## **Day 2 – We draw near with confidence**

**We draw near to God with confidence that He will meet us. The God of the universe, the One that spoke the world into existence, the One who holds it all together; wants you to draw near to Him so that He can spend time with you. I am confident that in the time you spend with the Lord He will affirm who you are in Him and will remove the lies the world has told you. He desires to hear the things on your heart, and He wants to tell you what is on His.**

**Read:** Hebrews 4: 15-16 and Hebrews 11:6

**Reflect:** In the verses above we are reminded that we can draw near to God and receive mercy and grace and help when needed. What is keeping you from drawing near to God? If you are drawing near, what promise are you holding onto from your time with Him?

**Let's Pray:**

God thank you for confirming that we can have confidence that you will meet us. Thank you for removing every barrier, even the barrier of ourselves. God, thank you that you are willing to help us. Bring to mind the deep places of our spirit that need help. The places that at times we would rather not discuss. Thank you for your grace and mercy. We love you Lord and thank you for Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

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## **Day 3 – Jesus prays for us**

In John 17, Jesus prays (intercedes) for us to the Father. He encourages us to draw near to God, prays for our protection, and prays for us to be united with Him like He is united with God. Additionally, he prays for his disciples that they would believe in Him and then prays for us when he prays for all future people that would put their belief in Him. I am deeply moved when I think about our savior praying for me and for you. In our moments of weakness, in our moments of strength, in all moments; Jesus Christ Himself is lifting us up before God the Father. How much more then should we pray for each other?

**Read:** Hebrews 7:25, Romans 8:34

**Reflect:** Jesus not only died for us and rose for us; but now He is interceding to His Father in Heaven for us. How do you process this? Jesus is praying the Father's will for you. That is enough!

**Let's Pray:**

Jesus thank you for interceding on our behalf. Thank you that when you had done it all you still do more. May the truth of you rooting for us and praying for us spur us on to draw closer to you. To know that as we come near this is God's heart. In your name, Amen.

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## **Day 4 – Nothing can separate us from drawing near to God**

**We can have confidence and boldness when we approach God because of what Jesus has done for us. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we have a new way of life. By the blood of Christ, we are clean. If you are holding back from drawing near because of sin or thoughts of being unworthy know this...Only Jesus is worthy, and He died for you. He now lives for you. If you have accepted Jesus as your savior, you are covered by the blood. God sees you as he sees his son. So go boldly before the Lord and draw near because He is faithful.**

**Read:** Hebrews 9:14, Hebrews 10:19 - 22

**Reflect:** Our confidence is in Jesus Christ and him alone. How does this encourage you to want to go deeper and draw nearer to God? Guilt, sin, failure – they don't define you. Through Jesus we have a new way to live, and God sees us covered, redeemed and clean.

**Let's Pray:**

Abba Father, we are so moved that you have given us confidence, not of our own but because of Christ. We ask that you help us to draw near with a sincere heart and full faith knowing that the blood of Christ has made us clean! Thank you for new life. Thank you for Jesus! Amen.

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## **Day 5 – It is good to be near God**

**It's so good to be near God! To be in His presence. God's presence makes all the difference. When we encounter God, when we spend time with God, when we seek his heart; he shares himself with us. We find renewed purpose; renewed priorities and we get back on track with the things that truly matter. It is good to be near God. He redeems our soul and satisfies our desires.**

**Read:** Psalm 73:28, Isaiah 55:6

**Reflect:** This week we have studied and focused on drawing nearer to God. The verse today affirms that it is good to be near God that He is our refuge. What has been your experience this week?

**Let's Pray:**

Dear God, it is good to be near you. God thank you for being our refuge. I want to embrace you more Lord and I know you want the same. Father, as I learn and grow in being closer to you, instill on my heart an encouragement to share what you are teaching me and to praise you for all that you are doing. Thank you for doing and showing me great things in our time together. In Jesus' name. Amen

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