

Food For Thought

For week of September 13, 2015

We all grow step by step.

Read the Bible

The Bible tells us:

- Who God is.
John 14:8-9
- Who I am in Christ.
Ephesians 2:10; Deuteronomy 33:12
- God's best way for me to live.
John 10:10; Joshua 1:7-8
- What God wants to do in me, for me, and through me.
2 Timothy 3:14-17

God's M.R.E.-you have to open it.
Deuteronomy 8:3, Matthew 4:4

Share my story

Your story is the bridge the Holy Spirit uses to reach other people. 1 Thessalonians 1:7-8; John 4:39-42

- It's a love story, a story of God's love for you
- It is a real story.
- Real life is not perfect and it is not all that pretty.
- God wants to use you as you are

30-day personal relationship with God Bible reading guide.

Follow the daily guide for reading the selected passages from the Bible.

1. Ask God to open your heart and mind as you read His word.
2. Share with others insights you gain from God's word.
3. Be consistent for 30 days, YOU can do it!

<u>Day</u>	<u>Passage</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Passage</u>
1	Gen. 15-17	16	John 17
2	Ex. 1-4	17	Rom. 4
3	Deut. 5-7	18	Rom. 8
4	Deut. 28	19	Rom. 12
5	1 Sam. 16-17	20	Rom. 13
6	Ps. 23	21	Rom. 14
7	2 Sam. 6-10	22	1 Cor. 13
8	Ps. 51	23	2 Cor. 8-9
9	Job 1-14	24	Eph. 1
10	Ps. 37	25	Eph. 2
11	Luke 5-6	26	Eph. 3-4
12	Luke 11	27	Eph. 5
13	John 10	28	1 John 1
14	John 15	29	1 John 2-3
15	John 16	30	1 John 4-5

MY Story

We all have our own stories of faith and obedience. We've shared some of those stories with you over the years, and if you have a story you haven't shared yet, we want to hear it! Over the coming weeks, though, we want to hear a particular kind of story: what you've learned from the Bible.

Maybe a particular verse got you through a difficult period in your life. Maybe you recently reread a verse that you've read dozens of times before and suddenly discovered new meaning in it. Maybe a verse spoke to you at just the right time. As you read your Bible over the next couple weeks, be open to sharing what you've learned with us! We'd love it if you got creative with it, too:

1. comment on our Facebook page!
2. write up something and email it to us!
(laura@seekreallife.com)
3. take pictures of the verse(s) you read and Instagram them!
Send us the link or tag us @seekreallife so we see it!
4. tweet us!
5. Need help contact Laura@seekreallife.com

These stories don't have to be long – just little observations about God's Word as it has applied to your own life. We focus so much on stories here at Real Life because stories help us learn best, so don't be shy! Your words can help someone else grow closer to Christ, and isn't that the ultimate goal?

We're excited to hear from you!

Check out the blog for more links.
<https://seekreallife.wordpress.com>

NEXT STEPS

at Real Life Church

All of us, no matter where we are in life, have a next step to take in order to grow. We want to help you recognize where you are in your life and help you to discover your Next Step.

Meet Jesus. Believing in Jesus is the first step on the greatest journey of your life. If you haven't then there's no better day than today!

Get Baptized. You've met Jesus and He's changed you on the inside. The natural next step is to get baptized at our next baptism celebration!

Join a Life Group. Our groups meet throughout the week to help you grow closer to Jesus and each other. They are free to join and connecting with a group will change your life!

Read Your Bible. Reading the Bible is essential to our lives because it is the main way God speaks to us. We want to help you get started with this life-changing book!

Start Serving. If serving others is your next step, we have some amazing opportunities at Real Life to do just that. Be a blessing to others and learn the joy that comes in living a life surrendered to serve!

Financial Success. Handling your finances can feel overwhelming. We want to help you become the generous person God created you to be. Take this step and move from frustrated to free!

Become an Owner. We believe every follower of Jesus should belong to a local church and take ownership of that church. This includes the privilege of serving, giving, and participating in biblical community.

Share Your Story. God has given us tremendous power in the life-changing stories we share. Taking this step allows your life to be a blessing and encouragement to others!