



MON 4-4

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:7-8
- ✓ THOUGHT "He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding." [NLT] God wants us to know the wonders of the perfect love that is revealed to us in Jesus! We can know God by learning more about the life of Christ and following in his footsteps.
- ✓ PRAYER God, thank you for showing me a glimpse of you in the life of Christ. I want to grow in my understanding of your ways, and I ask that you would help me adjust my life according to the example of Jesus. Amen.

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TUES 4-5

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Proverbs 20:12
- ✓ THOUGHT "Ears to hear and eyes to see—the LORD made them both." [CEB] God gives us the ability to observe people and situations with an open heart, looking for ways we can learn and grow. Make an effort this week to increase your awareness of what is happening around you and pray for wisdom and insight about how God is leading you.
- ✓ PRAYER Almighty God, forgive me for when I get too focused on myself and fail to look around me. I want to make a difference for others, continually growing into a more mature follower of Christ. Thank you for your guidance. Amen.

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WED 4-6

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Psalm 63:1
- ✓ THOUGHT "You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water." [NIV] What a great prayer to start off your day! If you have ever truly been thirsty, you can understand David's analogy. The presence of God in our lives can quench our deepest thirst for acceptance and love. Let's not forget our source!
- ✓ PRAYER Loving God, what a relief that you are always there for me, ready to meet my deepest needs. Forgive me when I turn elsewhere. Help me as I move through my day to stay connected with you. Amen.

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THURS 4-7

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:18
- ✓ THOUGHT "I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance." [NLT] God wants us to have confident hope! What are ways you can flood your heart with light today? Could you reach out to someone for encouragement, spend extra time in prayer, or maybe start reading a new book that would strengthen your faith?
- ✓ PRAYER Great and mighty God, you are so good to me. Thank you for giving me sources of encouragement and insight when I am feeling doubtful or discouraged. Help me to remember to seek your light. Amen.

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FRI 4-8

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Matthew 7:7-8
- ✓ THOUGHT "Ask, and you will receive. Search, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Whoever seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door is opened." [CEB] Jesus taught that God longs to connect with us, as a parent longs to connect with a child. When you are feeling confused or uncertain, ask God for wisdom and peace.
- ✓ PRAYER Loving Father, though I can't understand at times how you are working in my life, I trust that you love me. I ask for peace that surpasses understanding, which I know I can only receive from you. Amen.

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SAT 4-9

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Ephesians 3:19
- ✓ THOUGHT "May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God." [NLT] How wonderful to remember that the love of Christ is too great to fully comprehend! It is bigger than we can fathom and more than we need.
- ✓ PRAYER Christ Jesus, thank you for your great love. Though I can't understand how wide, how long, and how deep your love is, I can show gratitude for it. Help me to do that every day with each decision that I make. Amen.

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DIGGING DEEPER

✓ **Intro** There are many products we buy, use, and put our confidence in without having all the information or fully understanding how they work. In the Gospel of John, we see a man begin to follow Jesus based on limited information. This man, who was born blind, said he only knew one main thing--and that one thing was enough to make him curious about who Jesus really was.

✓ **Reflect**

- What are some things people put full trust in without having all the information?
- Give some examples of proof people would like to have before believing in God.
- Read John 9:1-20, where the apostle John recounts the story of Jesus healing a man who was born blind.
 - What are some details about this story that would lead a reader to believe this actually happened?
 - In verse 2, there was an assumption that sin and suffering were connected. Were you raised to believe that?
 - Similar to the sign from John 5, Jesus seems to violate the Sabbath tradition held by the Pharisees. Why does John continue to mention this?
- Read John 9:24-25, where the formerly blind man focuses on the main thing--he could now see! How does what the man said remind you of something that happened in your own life?
- Think of a season of your life that was difficult through no fault of your own. You may be in one currently. Is there something about that season God used (or could use) to shape your faith? If so, what?
- In which of these aspects of your faith journey would you like your "eyes opened" more: hope, love, joy, forgiveness, contentment, peace, understanding, patience? Explain.

✓ **Consider** It's okay to be wrong. It's okay not to know. But it's not okay not to look if there is something to be seen.



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✓ What did I learn? _____

✓ How might it apply in my life? _____

✓ What is a next step I can take? _____

