



Day 1

READ 1 John 5:13.

What's the difference between knowing someone and knowing ABOUT someone?

Which best describes your relationship with God?

The vast majority of people say they believe in God or in a higher power, many would even say they believe in Jesus.

You believe that there is one God.

Good! Even the demons believe that – and shudder. James 2:19

Clearly the kind of belief that John writes about is a belief born from something much more than a confession or statement.

READ 1 John 3:24 and 1 John 5:10.

What's the difference between a commonly held belief and a belief that produces a changed life worthy of giving us confidence and assurance? Do you believe and know God in this way?

WRITE your thoughts and PRAY them in praise/thanksgiving to God.

Day 2

READ John 14:15-20, 26, and John 15:26.

What kind of relationship is described in these verses?

Is this a relationship we can know by experiencing?

Are we aware of the relationship? Why or why not?

Are we described as active participants in this relationship? If so, how?

I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;

I know that He is living, whatever men may say;

I see His hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,

And just the time I need Him He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and He talks with me, along life's narrow way.

He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!

You ask me how I know He lives: He lives within my heart.

Day 3

READ 1 John 3:1-3 and John 15:13-15.

As you read these verses, what stands out to you? Why?

What does the Father/Child of God relationship mean to you?

What does being called a friend of Christ mean to you?

What do these positions mean in terms of relationship?

Day 4

STUDY 1 John 2:28 using the **PRONOUNCE IT** Bible study method.

WRITE your thoughts as you work through the key words.

What comes to mind when you imagine abiding in Christ?

How does that look in your life right now? As a follower of Christ, has there been a time when you felt your love relationship with Jesus was more vibrant and alive? If so, try to identify heart attitudes, behaviors, and/or spiritual disciplines that were different then.

What can you do to restore and renew your love relationship with God?

What step can you take TODAY?

Day 5

REMEMBERING, CONFESSING, AND RENEWING

Have you ever had an important relationship grow cold or distant?

Have you ever lost confidence in a relationship? How does a renewed focus and intentionality about such a relationship renew the relationship?

READ Hebrews 10:32-36 and 1 John 1:8-10.

AWARENESS + HONESTY + HUMILITY + APOLOGY = CONFESSION

In 1 John, we've discovered the key to having true confidence is born from a living love relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

We understand if this love relationship is alive and growing, it will produce signs/evidence of this confidence:

- 1** Love lived out in relationship (with God and others)
- 2** Obedience demonstrated by behavior
- 3** Belief confirmed through relationship

TAKE an honest look at the condition of your relationship with God.
Is it a living and growing relationship with evidence of your love for Him and others? Is the fruit of obedience evidenced in your life? Is it growing? Is your belief in Christ rooted and established through a living and active relationship with Him testified by the Spirit living in you?

Before the Father, **BRING** anything which hinders your love relationship with Him. **ASK** the Holy Spirit to reveal attitudes, thoughts, and/or behaviors you may be keeping from His light. **CONFESS** them to Him. **ADMIT** that you've allowed things into your life which have hurt or interfered with your love for Him and others, and that you are sorry.

What does God want you to do in response to what His Spirit's revealed?

Which specific steps must you take to establish/re-establish the care and nurturing of your relationship with Him?

CONSIDER sharing this with someone close to you.

ASK him/her to pray with and for you.