

How to connect with God every day

Piece #1: Getting started

Starting: Father, this is not a task for me to complete. This is about love. Loving you and receiving your love. This is about a friendship and relationship with you that I want to build. That's why I'm talking to you.

Hebrews 4:16 So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Mercy = Withhold the punishment I deserve to pay.

Grace = To be given what I don't deserve

And I know that you love me. I know you love me with a love that is never ending. It's a love that will never fail. You are in an unconditional covenant relationship with me and you have made promises to me that cannot be broken. Thank you that you will fulfill your promises.

Piece #2: Confession:

I know there are things I've done that have hurt you. These things block the fullness of the relationship you want to have with me. I want no walls between you and me.

*Insert your struggles here - *Pride, bitterness, unkind, angry words, lust, gossip, greed, envy materialism, worry, control issues (Think through the last 24 hours)*

I don't excuse or deny these. I confess them. I confess these to you and ask for forgiveness.

Piece 3: Top Spot – I put God in the #1 spot in my life

Hebrews 11:6 And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

I'm not praying to get something from you today. I'm praying to get you. You are the only real treasure of this world and I need you. Everything else is rubbish in pre-rubbish form.

James 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you.

If you offered me everything I want (left hand) or knowing you (right hand), I let go of everything else if only to have and know you. Things are of 2nd importance. You are the true treasure of this world.

I need you. I need your guidance, power, healing, the Fruit of the Spirit, wisdom, LOVE

James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

I can't be happy until...???...Until I know you better

G: God – Imagine God saying, “What do you need from me today?” Contentment? Self-control? Joy? Peace? Guidance?

P: Purpose – I surrender to you. Your will be done on earth – what do you want me to do or say in this moment?

S: serve: Who do you want me to serve for you today?

Hebrews 10:24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works.

My goal is to learn to love you with all my heart, soul, mind and strength.

I'm a branch. You are the vine. I am completely dependent on you for everything. I choose to remain in you today.

Piece 4: HONESTY:

Matthew 7:23 Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you.'

If I was being very honest with you right now, I would say I feel...

***Happy** = satisfied, loved, appreciated, confident, encouraged, grateful, optimistic, relieved, hopeful, satisfied, excited

***Sad** = Crushed, defeated, depressed, drained, helpless, hopeless, hurt, unloved, worthless, burdened, empty, ashamed, disappointed, discouraged, distant, distressed, inadequate, isolated, lonely, neglected, unappreciated, upset, discontent

***Angry** = Abused, betrayed, hateful, outraged, rebellious, seething, exploited, spiteful, used, annoyed, controlled, frustrated, offended, resentful, deceived

***Scared** = afraid, appalled, desperate, fearful, intimidated, overwhelmed, shocked, vulnerable, defensive, guarded, insecure, shaken, skeptical, uneasy, anxious, doubtful, impatient, perplexed

***Confused** = directionless, trapped, misunderstood, troubled, distracted, uncertain, uncomfortable, unsure, discontent

What stories am I telling myself about these things?

Piece 5: HEART SECTION

My enemies:

*Insert your enemies names here = "I choose to forgive them. They are all loved by you, masterpieces of your creation with a divine purpose on earth. Bless them and do not curse them." (Picture them in jail and you open the cell and set them free – Remember you are transferring their debt to God to pay it).

Proverbs 16:7 When the LORD takes pleasure in anyone's way, he causes their enemies to make peace with them.

Gratitude and Praise:

-Am I truly grateful right now?

-Thank Him for 10 things

-Any aspect of his character or deeds that I appreciate?

-Have I thanked him for the challenging things? The mountains and the waves?

-Have I thanked him for the painful things? Why? Because He promises He is always at work in the middle of everything.

Thank you for the mountains and waves in my life. How else is your power displayed except in my weakness and failures? Show the world your power in how you move the mountains and calm the waves in my life for your glory!

Pride:

Ephesians 4:2 Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

- I'm the chief sinner in every room I enter
- I have what I have because of God and no other reason
- My job is to notice and bring out the best in others
- I'm poor in spirit – at every moment dependent on you

Pain:

Hebrews 12:7-11 Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

- There's a purpose in this pain
- What would you like me to learn in this?
- Please heal this wound
- You restore my soul
- I accept this as your son
- Thank you that you are at work already. I look forward to seeing how you bring good from this.

Piece 6: Eternity

Materialism and worldliness:

Colossians 3:2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

Eternity is coming
 This is not my home
 Everything here is rubbish
 (*Earthly possessions, recognition, power, comfort, being served here versus Eternal possessions, eternal recognition, His power, eternal comfort and serving others*)
 “Well done good and faithful servant”

1 Corinthians 7:31 *Those in frequent contact with the things of the world should make good use of them without becoming attached to them, for this world and all it contains will pass away.*

Have I become attached?

Philippians 3:8 What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

Matthew 25:23 “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

Piece 7: Salvation Section

John 4:35 I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.

Acts 16:14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message.

Whose salvation do you want to pray for?

Family:

Coworkers:

Friends:

Piece 8: Guide Me

Psalm 32:8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.

I neutralize my will

A good father wants things FOR His children, not FROM them. Don't fear His will

(Insert date here): What question do you need God to answer? Where do you need guidance?

Piece 9: Ask Section: You are asking your ABBA

How do you know that God loves you? He meets your needs. I experience the love of God when He meets my needs. So I have to tell Him what I need. Every good Father wants to meet the NEEDS of their child.

**God will now use my PRAYERS TO CHANGE ALL THESE SITUATIONS BELOW
I can move men's hearts through God by prayer alone. I can't – but God can**

Psalm 78:20 Yes, he can strike a rock so water gushes out, but he can't give his people bread and meat."

Mathew 7:7 Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

Matthew 7:11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give **good gifts** to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give **good gifts** to those who ask him!

James 4:2 - You do not have because you do not ask God.

(Date when asked) (Specific request) (Date when answered)

KEY: Add verses that are meaningful to you into your prayer notes

*Thank you that you are already working on these things.
If you choose to say no to any of these things, I will still love you*

John 5:17 "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working."

It's not that you CAN work or WILL work. You ARE working right now! Thank you in advance! Before I even see what you do.