

Fresh Start

How Do I Build A Real Friendship With Jesus?

4. How do I _____

Galatians 2:20 *It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.*

Key: I must _____

I must want friendship with Jesus more than I want anything else.

Jeremiah 29:13 *You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

Caution: I must seek Him _____

Jesus wants _____

Philippians 3:8 *Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

a) Read _____

Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.*

b) Start a _____

- He lives in me
- He wants friendship and fellowship with me
- He wants 2-way communication with me

Ephesians 6:18 *Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion.*

c) Pay attention to _____

Romans 8:6 *So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.*

Romans 12:2 *...let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.*

5. How do I know _____

I John 4:1 *Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God...*

Conversational prayer

When you wake up, start a conversation with Him that you carry on all day (don't stop talking to Him). Tell Him...

- How you feel
- What you are concerned about
- What you are grateful for
- What's frustrating you
- Where you are in pain

Ask Him questions

- Is there something you want me to do about this situation?
 - Is there anything you want to say to me?
 - How can I build this friendship with you?
 - Do you want me to serve anyone today?
 - Am I "off the path" in any area of my life?

Ask for His help

- Give me wisdom with this situation
- Please show me how to handle this better
- Please help with this need in my life

Remember why you are doing it: Only about His friendship

How Can I Know God Is Speaking?

- Does it fit the character of God?
- What does the Bible say about this?
- Is it wise?
- Does it fit who God made me to be?
- What do wise people say about this?
- When in doubt, ask again

"If you believe God has told you to do something, ask him to confirm it to you three times: through his Word, through circumstances, and through other people who may know nothing of the situation."

Dallas Willard