21-Day First Love Getaway with Jesus

Let God's Power and Love Fill Your Heart and Overflow to Others

Welcome to your 21-Day First Love Challenge!

Getting away with Jesus—the Lover of your soul—is priceless. Whether you are just beginning to spend intimate time with God or already know His Word and ways well, you will be deeply blessed as you set aside time to be alone with the One who knows you completely and truly loves you *forever*.

Are you ready to rediscover your first love? Before you had a name, a face, or a first breath, you were already loved. Not in a vague, distant way. In the way Ephesians chapter 1 describes: God chose you in Christ before the foundation of the world. You were not an accident He later decided to manage. You were wanted. Before He formed you in the womb, He knew you. Before a single day of yours began, He had already written about His love for you. Love was not waiting to see if you would be worth it. Love started first.

Check out this amazing passage in Ephesians.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who **has** blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, even as **He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His desire**..." Ephesians 1:3-5

Ponder the passage above for a few minutes... Spending a whole year in Ephesians chapter 1 helped me understand that God truly desires to have me as His own son. He's always loved me! The underlying fear that was destroying me melted away over the course of that year. 40 years of insomnia finally came to an end. What a relief!

Abiding in His love is the getaway. You do not manufacture love and then bring it to God. You get alone with Jesus, the Source of love and everything good, until His love has a permanent place to live within you. **Your heart's affections for Him will grow as you realize He's the One who loves you *forever*.**

"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him."
— 1 John 4:16

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The Father sent His Son to demonstrate pure love and gave Him as a sacrifice. When Jesus rose, the Father did not leave you with a memory. He gave you the Spirit of His Son to live in your heart. His Spirit has all the power, love, wisdom, and peace you will ever need! Just let His love invade and conquer your heart through His word and your agreement with it as the truth.

"God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." — Romans 5:5

Heaven does not wait for your house to be impressive. Love comes in to conquer and take up *permanent* residence within your heart. A complete, gentle takeover that brings you peace and rest. His great love and care for you will capture your heart. His love is exponentially better than anything this world has to offer. The more you know Him, the more you will see that He is the One who provides all you need for life at its best.

"Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as *His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness,* through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption *that is* in the world through lust."
— 2 Peter 1:2–4

Expect to experience the power of God

Jesus consistently demonstrated Our Father's love when He healed every person that came to Him or was brought to him by a relative or friend.

"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people". — Matthew 9:35

When we receive Jesus and begin to sit under His word, He heals our hearts and minds so we realize that God our Father has always loved us. The word followed by miracles, signs and wonders will cause our faith level to skyrocket. This separates Him from all the self-help programs on earth. Your heart becomes convinced you have the loving God with you 24/7. NOTHING comes close!

The more we know Him, the more we'll notice His ever present help in our lives.

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As you get to know God intimately through His word, your belief level will increase and your doubts diminish allowing Him to do supernatural things in you and through you.

"So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. [23] For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. [24] Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them." — Mark 11:22-24

Remember is not about your ability, this is about our God being Himself. Don't feel guilty if you don't see miracles in your life yet. The little subtle miracles are always there. Like remembering something you need to bring with you as you're leaving the house. God is the one that brought that thought to mind!

Intimacy with the lover of your soul

Spending time alone with God causes His power and love come alive in you, step-by-step, one day at a time. Investing 21 days in the word and in the secret place with Jesus will cause your belief level to surge. His love for you will crush the doubt and release the faith of Christ to operate in and through you. This is where His love becomes personal.

"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will openly reward you."
— Matthew 6:6

Early in the morning. Late at night. In a parked car in the middle of the day. In a chair before anyone else wakes. The hour matters less than the meeting. You are getting away with the Lover of your soul, the only One who surrounds you and fills you with His presence 24/7.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne." — Revelation 3:20-21

This Challenge exists so that for three weeks you practice meeting with God on purpose: **watching videos full of the Word, reading the good news in your Bible, giving thanks in**

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all things, and spending quiet time alone with Him. As you are filled and overflowing, love has a path out of you into your marriage, your family, and the world.

“Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.” — Romans 13:8

You will feel hope rise even after just 21 days. Why? Because God is the farmer and you your heart is the field. God’s word is the seed that you have planted. When you plant wheat, or just about any crop, you will see it beginning to sprout within 1 to 3 weeks. The same thing is true with God’s word!

The law before Jesus was the Ten Commandments, also called the law of sin and death. The law after Jesus is fulfilled by loving God and loving people. The law Jesus established is called the law of liberty and the law of the Spirit of life.

“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.” — Romans 8:2

He gave His followers the same power, love and glory that He had to do the miracles and signs that He did. This is why we are called *the body of Christ*. God fills us just like He filled Jesus. This amazing truth about the presence of God in you will grow within your heart. Have patience. It takes time to process such wonderful promises. You are on the treasure hunt of your life. Go for the spiritual gold in the word and in your intimacy with Him that will bless every area of your life!

“Most assuredly, I say to you, *he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also*; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. **13** And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. **14** If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” — John 14:12-14

1. Begin watching the 21-Day Getaway with Jesus YouTube playlist. Plan to complete it within 3-4 weeks. Stay in His word and spend time alone with Him like you would with a beloved spouse. This is how you let the seed of His word take root in your heart! Once you see the results, you’ll get hooked and fall in love with God all over again! As you remain in His word, you’ll be changed from glory to glory into His image. https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvN3NnTuTdPCRFlDzvh2yQB4_5qVHAOsl&si=U5qij_PG52YQWRl4.
2. Jot down a Bible passage or two that stands out to you from each teaching and healing testimony you watched. Read the word out loud and ponder it for a few

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minutes. If you would like, speak the following passage as though God were speaking to you. I started doing this in 2014, I experienced the love of God every time I speak over my life. In 1 Peter 4:11a, Peter said: **"If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God."**

Try this with Ephesians 1:3-5, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his desire..."

I speak this passage out loud in my private time with God saying, "Chris, I have blessed you with EVERY spiritual blessing in heaven in Christ. I have chosen you in My Son since before I made the earth. I lovingly decided back then to make you holy and without blame! I decided to adopt you as my own Child through Jesus' death and resurrection because it pleased me greatly to do so! You can put your name into the word of God. He loves it!

3. Sit alone in a quiet spot where you won't have distractions. Know that you are always in God's presence because He is in you and you are in Him. Thank Him out loud, saying something like, "Thank You, Jesus, You are within me. I receive the word You're giving me now." Don't worry if you don't hear anything. God is a Spirit, and He speaks to you in the Spirit. For me, sometimes I hear right away. Other times His thoughts and ideas don't come into my mind until later in the day or the next morning. Either way, give thanks for Him speaking to you. He's always speaking over your life!

Congratulations! You have completed your 1st 21 day getaway with Jesus! Please feel free to reach out to us. We are here for you!

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