



6-Day Devotional: A Faith Worth Asking About

Weekly Prayer: Living Christ, draw us close enough that your life becomes visible in ours. Teach us to bless, welcome, listen, learn, and follow where you send. Through gracious words and loving actions, may our ordinary lives bear your fingerprints and awaken curiosity about you. Amen.

Go Deeper

Day 1: What Is My Life Saying?

Colossians 4:5

Reflection: Before we explain our beliefs, our lives are already communicating. Our responses to disappointment, disagreement, and interruption reveal what is forming us. The goal is not to appear unusual, but to live close enough to Jesus that his grace becomes recognizable in us.

Question: What might someone conclude about Jesus by observing me?

Practice: Let one interaction today reflect the character of Jesus.

Day 2: The Mystery Is a Person

Colossians 1:27

Reflection: Christianity is more than correct ideas or improved behavior. At its center is the promise that the living Christ comes near and shares his life with us. We practice his way not to earn his love, but because he already loves us.

Question: Do I desire Jesus himself, or mainly what religion might provide?

Practice: Pray slowly, “Jesus, help me receive your presence.”

Day 3: Recovering Curiosity

Mark 4:41

Reflection: Familiarity can replace wonder. We may know Christian stories and language while losing curiosity about Jesus. Yet there is always more to discover in his tenderness, holiness, courage, and welcome. Mature faith keeps asking, “Who is this?”

Question: What about Jesus do I need to encounter again?

Practice: Read one Gospel story slowly and notice what surprises you.

Day 4: Declare and Demonstrate

Matthew 5:16

Reflection: The church alerts the world to God’s reign through Jesus. We declare what God has done in Christ and demonstrate it through reconciliation, justice, generosity, beauty, and wholeness. God’s reign is not control; it looks like Jesus serving, healing, forgiving, and giving himself in love.

Question: Do my words and actions tell the same story?

Practice: Demonstrate God’s gracious reign in one concrete way today.

Day 5: Practices That Form Us

James 2:18

Reflection: Beliefs shape actions, but repeated actions also shape us. Wesley called prayer, Scripture, Communion, care, and justice “means of grace.” They do not earn God’s favor; they place us before God so grace can take flesh in us.

Question: Which practice is forming my character most powerfully?

Practice: Put one BELLS rhythm on your calendar.

Day 6: The Fingerprints of Jesus

John 20:21

Reflection: God sends us into ordinary relationships. We need not manufacture spiritual conversations or treat people as projects. As we live near Jesus, we become more generous, hospitable, attentive, gracious, and hopeful. Our lives begin to bear his fingerprints.

Question: Where might someone already see Jesus in me?

Practice: Name five people in your ordinary week and pray for them.