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And this is the way
to have eternal life-to know you,
the only true God,
and Jesus Christ,
the one you sent to earth.

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CHADRON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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STARTING THIS
MONTH

John 17:3 NLT



Ladies Breakfast 8am Country Kitchen
3rd Wed of the month

New Testament Study 9:30am Sundays (downstairs)

Ages 4-7 Every Sunday (downstairs)

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday



How to Go Deeper with God

Take a minute to think about your life as a child: when time to stop playing wasn't determined by a clock, but by the sun or simply when your parents told you so. How free of a feeling was that? Maybe you are reminded of this through your own kids right now. Your life then, and their lives now, aren't shallow, hurried, or agenda-driven. Rather, they were, and are, deep, slow, and compelled by a love for the people present or directed by the newest idea.

Times like this with my grandfather were plentiful. He was a farmer, so when he moved to town, he exercised his green thumb by cultivating an unbelievable garden. Though he **often** complained about how terrible and sandy his soil was, hail-free summers would yield quite the bumper-crop. Similar to the way he would irrigate his former corn and bean fields by setting irrigation tubes, he would turn on the hose to a trickle and let it slowly flow down the rows of his garden. Oftentimes, he'd just sit and be entertained by the water journeying from the hose to the end of the row of his sweetcorn, cucumbers, and potatoes. What a quirky guy. This would never fail to take 45 minutes to an hour. It was in these times of watching water flow that I remember spending quality time and having meaningful conversations with him (as meaningful as an eight year old-me could get). We lost track of time because there was no agenda or to-dos at Grandma's and Grandpa's house. There was just a life to enjoy until Grandma said food was ready. I think this is a glimpse of the life you and I were created to live.

What happened?

For me (and I'd assume you can relate in some way), life moved-on, school began, schedules got set, and a career's been sought. In all of this, I've been guilty of losing these moments. What's often ensued has been shallow relationships, a hurried life, and conversations dictated by some to-do list or agenda. This breaks God's heart because it not only negatively affects our relationships with people we love, but also with Jesus.

How can we respond?

Knowing full-well we'd be victims of this cultural norm, I think Jesus knew what He was doing when He talked about living in the Kingdom of God. The people Jesus initially ministered to belonged to the "Kingdom of Rome," so when He talked about the Kingdom of God, it was completely counter-cultural then and still is now. Our Rome just looks a little different with our cars, iPhones, and Google Calendars.

Jesus used the phrases "eternal" and "abundant life" to describe His Kingdom, which sounds a whole lot better than our current kingdom that's full of temporary and scarcity. So then how did He say we could experience such a thing? In a prayer to our Heavenly Father, He showed us, saying, "This is the way to have eternal life - to **know You**, the only true God, **and Jesus Christ**, the one You sent to earth" (John 17:3).

It's easy for us to grow comfortable confining our relationship with Jesus to a hurried prayer before food, a couple of hours once a week on Sunday, or if you're really good, a few minutes spent with Him in prayer, worship, or reading His Word on a given day. To me, that sounds like the shallow, hurried, and agenda-driven relationships we find ourselves in.

As we read the Bible and not only look at what Jesus had to say, but at *the way in which He lived*, we see a God Who was intent on going beneath the surface, diving **deep** into the lives of the people He loved. We see a "3 mile-per-hour God" Who lived **slowly**, walking everywhere He went, leaving space and time to engage with the people or tasks His Father put in front of Him. And we see a God who was compelled by a love both for His Father—*often* retreating to the quiet to be with His God, and people—listening more intently, asking better questions, laughing more readily, and offering less advice than a life driven by an agenda would demand. He shows us how we have been created to relate with God and our world.

A Simple Practice

What you can do to better experience a deeper and slower relationship with Jesus that is marked by love for Him and others is to set aside 5-10 minutes a day to bring your needs before Jesus. All you and I are called to do is create the space for Him to speak and move in our lives. So ask yourself and Jesus, "What am I angry, sad, anxious, and glad about?" Make your entire self and life fully-present to Jesus and see what happens.

Beginning this simple practice will help you grow in becoming an emotionally-healthy, spiritually-mature friend of Jesus who leads a life filled with relationships that are deep, slow, and compelled by love for Jesus and people.



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH

September 7th 5:45 to 7 pm for elementary/preschool and 7:15 for Middle & High School Chadron Christian Church 998 East 6th Street!

Every child in the community is welcomed.

Register online or through our app: http://ow.ly/eHYp50Ksmy4

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SEPT 25th- Wyatt and Breezy Bolden and Baby Linley **Diaper Money Tree**

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