



## MORE ABOUT JESUS PART 9

### READING FOR RELATIONSHIP

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1. What is the longest you have ever gone without food? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What is the longest you have ever gone without Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

3. I hope you don't think this is a \_\_\_\_\_ way to introduce today's topic. I hope you don't \_\_\_\_\_ me for it. Because all my other ideas seemed \_\_\_\_\_. I knew we \_\_\_\_\_ something to increase our appetite and this idea came right out of the \_\_\_\_\_.  
So \_\_\_\_\_ as it may seem, I'm going to serve it anyway. Hoping you will listen and \_\_\_\_\_ your fill. There may be a reason why Jesus compared Himself to the \_\_\_\_\_ of life [John 6:32, 49, 58].

4. When should we read the Bible for relationship? At the \_\_\_\_\_ of our day.

- Exodus 16:21 "so they gathered it every morning"
- Proverbs 8:17 "those that seek Me early shall find Me"

5. How long should we read? Exodus 16:16 says, "Each one is to gather \_\_\_\_\_ as he needs."

6. Y/N Can someone else feed you? Explain \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Exodus 16:16 [NKJV] says, "16 This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: 'Let every man gather it according to the number of persons in his tent.'"

7. How often should we eat the Bread of Life? \_\_\_\_\_  
Exodus 16:19 [NKJV] says, "19 And Moses said, "Let no one leave any of it till morning."

8. T/F We're saved by reading the Bible every day and lost if we don't.



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In the last two lessons, we looked at the importance of breathing and noticed that prayer is to spiritual life what breathing is to physical life. In this lesson, we discover that spending time reading the Bible for the purpose of getting to know Jesus is to spiritual life, what bread and water are to physical life.

This means that, just as you eat food every day, you need to spend some time each day with Jesus through reading about Him, thinking about Him, talking to Him. That's how your friendship grows!

Having prayed and read your daily bite passage, leave some time afterward to simply be quiet. Listening. Try being quiet listening or writing your thoughts and impressions for twice as long as you talked or read.

Remember, you're reading for a relationship not research!

- Begin each session with prayer - maybe something like this: "Lord, help me to come to know you better as we spend time together..."
- Read the passage - several times noticing as many details as you can.
- Imagine the setting - put yourself in the picture. Try to imagine the sounds, smells, sensations.
- Summarize the passage - in your own words.
- Apply the passage - what message is God giving you?
- Meditate and pray - meditate on how this passage makes Jesus more real. Talk to Him about the passage and about using the information you have learned.
- Daily Bite Passages for This Week

John 10:1-6  
John 10:7-10  
John 10:11-13  
John 10:14-21  
John 10:22-30  
John 10:31-39  
John 10:40-42