



Seeking Him

April 2025

The Personal Devotional Life

Over the past year, we've been seeking God together, humbly asking Him to show us the blind spots in our lives; honestly coming clean before Him in repentance. Each month, we've been asking Him to awaken our hearts to the meaning of grace and forgiveness. We pray that your heart has been encouraged and you're newly aware of the ways that God is calling you to day by day obedience.

We'd be remiss if we merely checked off a list and stopped there. We long to cultivate an ongoing personal devotional life—devotion to Christ—so that we are faithful and fruitful throughout our entire lives. We long to be completely captured and captivated by Jesus.

As we conclude our year-long focus on the theme, "Seeking Him," we pose this final question. What is the deepest longing of your heart? If you're being honest, you might say a husband. A comfortable life. Reconciliation.

But in Psalm 27:4, David's answer to that question challenges us and motivates us:

*"One thing have I asked of the Lord,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of
the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in His temple."*

It's not a husband or obedient children that are going to satisfy all your needs, friends. It's not a comfortable life and secure finances that are going to make you content. It's not reconciliation or good health or your desired candidate in office that is going to bring peace to your heart. The Bible says that what brings satisfaction is "one thing" David asked of the Lord in Psalm 27. And it's "one thing" again that Martha chose in Luke 10.

Psalm 17:15 says,

*"As for me, I shall behold your face
in righteousness; when I awake,
I shall be satisfied with
your likeness."*

satisfied: contented, pleased; you don't need anything more

What do you seek upon waking? It's easy to reach for our phones first thing, right? We mindlessly scroll but are left wanting. But what if when we awake we purpose in our hearts to fixate on just one thing: Jesus Christ. What if we gaze intently (rather than glancing quickly) upon His beauty? What if we see Him and become like Him through the pages of scripture? What if we simply sit in His presence? What if in sitting at His feet, soaking in Him, He satisfies us fully and forever with Himself? Because that is exactly what He does. It's here in His presence that He changes us and conforms us to His image. It's in His presence that He helps us love what He loves; that He give us His perspective and peace.

And so, sisters, may this be our prayer:

*"Let us know;
let us press on to know the Lord"*
Hosea 6:3

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

Psalm 27:4

"I do not want to look back at
my life and see countless
mornings of pressing the snooze
button when I could have been
in the throne room of the
Most High God."
~ Leslie Ludy

Personalize & Pray These Scriptures

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Psalms 1:2

but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Psalms 25:4-5

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Hope Prayer Walk

We invite you to join us for a prayer walk through eFree Church on Saturday, April 5 at 9:30am. Together we will pray for all the varied ministries, outreaches, and events that take place in our building each week. We'll further pray for hearts of humility, holiness, and surrender in each one of us.

A Prayer & Heart Response for April

Lord, I make time for and chase after so much that the world tells me will satisfy. But it's all so temporary, so unfulfilling. You, God, are the only One who truly fills and meets my heart's longings. You call me to come. Give me a growing hunger and desire to sit at your feet, to linger in Your presence. Give me a love for Your Word. Help me to delight in it. Change me from the inside out. Conform and transform me to the image of Your Son. It's You I was made for. It's You my soul craves.



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Facebook!

Did you know Sheboygan eFree Women's Ministries has a Facebook page which offers daily encouragement in your walk with Jesus? Connect with other women, ask for prayer, and share what God is doing in your life. We need each other!



Arise Café Saturday, May 3 8am in the Commons

This is going to be a good one, ladies! We invite women of ALL ages to join us for our Arise Café this May 3. This is an intergenerational Arise Café! Bring your baby, toddler, elementary, and high school daughters and granddaughters; your moms, your grandmas, your mentors, your mentees. We'll be hearing from three generations of women: Sue Parks, Michelle & Bethany Kautzer. It's going to be so sweet! Together we'll raise our hearts in worship and enjoy warm, life-giving fellowship. Bring a friend and a breakfast dish!

Women's Ministries

"Women's Ministries seeks to support the church's mission and vision to multiply disciples of Jesus Christ. Committed to God's Word as our authority, we're passionate about creating a culture in which Titus 2 relationships (older teaching younger) can thrive by providing opportunities, resources, and support for women to connect with one another and the Lord Jesus Christ."

The Women's Ministries

Leadership Team: Brenda Vinson, Chloe Seider, Nichole Tittle, Nikki MacDonald, and Theresa Amundson

Women's Prayer Fellowship

**Wednesday mornings
10:45 – 11:30am
Fireside Room**

Women's Prayer Fellowship offers the space to pray together with other women who are seeking God's heart.

We want God to continue shaping our hearts and minds so that we become increasingly more like Christ in our biblical welcome and hospitality toward others.

