

经节：你们要知道，耶和华已经分别虔诚人归祂自己；我求告耶和华，祂必听我。（诗篇四篇3节）

没有一个人比虔诚人在主的眼中更珍贵的。神喜悦每个努力活出圣洁生活、且归荣耀给祂的人。在神的心中有一个特别的地方，是给这些虔诚的人。神总是护佑他们，祂早准备好要回应他们最微弱的哀求。

罪使我们与神隔绝，使得神对我们的祷告闭耳不听。明知自己有罪却不对付，祷告是不蒙垂听的。然而，事情反过来即为真理。当我们过敬虔的生活，神就看重我们，垂听我们每个哀求。历久不渝的安全是由无过的生活而来。正直的人永远不需要怀疑神是否垂听祷告（约翰一书五：14~15）。敬虔的人有信心，神的确会听自己的祷告，并且神会马上以祂自己的权能回应。

被神分别出来，知道神看到且喜悦你成圣的生活，是多么快活的一件事！知道你的生活在神的心中，有一个特别的地方，是多么荣幸的事！世人不见得认同你特别的地位，但你清楚知道自己被神所珍重。世界一直找寻新的方式来荣耀人，但即使是世界最高的荣誉，比起能在神心中占一席之地的祝福，不过是可鄙的！

A Godly Person Set Apart

But know that the LORD has set apart for Himself him who is godly; The LORD will hear when I call to Him. Psalm 4:3

No one is more precious in the Lord's sight than a godly person. God is pleased whenever He finds someone who strives to live a righteous life and bring glory to Him. God sets such people apart in a special place in His heart. They are always kept before Him, and He stands ready to respond to their faintest cries for help.

Sin separates us from God, causing Him to close His ears to our praying. It is futile for us to pray when we are knowingly practicing sin. But the opposite is also true. God chooses to honor us by listening to our every cry when we are living a godly life. An abiding security comes with living a blameless life. The righteous person never has to wonder whether God has listened to his prayer (1 John 5:14-15). The godly person has confidence that God has indeed heard her prayer and will immediately respond in all of His power.

It is exhilarating to be set apart by God, knowing that God observes your consecrated life and is pleased with what He sees. What a tremendous privilege to know that your life holds a special place in God's heart! The world may not accord any special status to you, but you will know that you are cherished by God. The world continues to find new ways to honor people, but even the world's most extravagant accolades are pitiful compared to the unfathomable blessing of holding a special place in the heart of God!

7月18日（星期一）- 标题：**你心所渴望**

经节：又要以耶和華為樂，祂就將你心里所求的賜給你。（詩篇卅七篇4節）

你与神的关系应该比任何其他的关系、活动、财产，更能带给你喜乐与满足。圣经鼓励我们要在主里面喜乐，在神和所有讨祂欢欣的事物上找到你最大的欢愉。

你如何能在神所喜悦的事物上得到欢愉？只有当你肯花时间与祂相处，你会开始喜爱神所爱的事物。当你花时间与神亲密在一起，并且愿意让神向你指出你真实的景况时，你看事情的眼光会像神看事情的眼光一样。当你调整自己转向神，你内心的渴望会开始像神的渴望一样。当你祷告，你会发现自己照着神的心意求。神心中最关心的事物，也是你心中最重要的事物。在祷告中，你第一个恳求不是为自己求，乃是为了神的名被高举，以及祂的国度被拓展（马太福音六：9~10）。

你是否曾经要求神赐你心之所望，却没有先寻求了解祂的心？神把这必要的祷告事项，放置在每位祷告者的心中：我们要寻求祂心中的优先事物，让那些事物在我们心中居首位。这个优先的祷告避免我们为一己之私祈祷。当我们在主里找到喜乐，才会看到什么是真正重要的事物，我们会看重天父所看重的东西。

The Desires of Your Heart

Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
Psalms 37:4

Your relationship with God ought to bring you more joy, satisfaction, and pleasure than any other relationship, activity, or material possession you have. Scripture exhorts you to delight yourself in the Lord, finding your greatest pleasure in God and the things dear to His heart.

How can you find pleasure in what God enjoys? Only as you spend time with Him will you begin to take delight in the things God loves. As you spend intimate time with God and allow Him to show you your situation from His perspective, you will begin to see things as God sees them. As you adjust yourself to God, your heart will begin to desire the same things God's heart desires. When you pray, you will find yourself asking for the very things God desires. Matters foremost on God's heart will be preeminent in yours. Your first request in prayer will not be for yourself, but for God's name to be exalted and His kingdom to be extended (Matt. 6:9-10).

Have you been asking God to give you the desires of your heart without first seeking to understand what is on His heart? God places this important requirement for those who pray: that we seek His priorities and make them our own. This great qualifier prevents us from asking out of selfishness. As we find joy in the Lord, we will see what is truly important, and we will long for these things as the Father does.

7月23日（星期六）- 标题：**借着你的生命显示神**

经节：就当恐惧战兢做成你们得救的工夫。因为你们立志行事都是神在你们心里运行，为要成就祂的美意。（腓立比书二章12下~13节）

救恩不是一个事件，而是一段过程。救恩是神的礼物，因为我们不可能靠自己做什么，来救自己（以弗所书二：8~9）。然而，得到救恩的同时，你也有责任要使救恩真的成就在你身上。我们一旦被拯救，就必要宣告救恩已经成为我们的了。

借着救恩，神让你胜过罪。这些罪不单指过去的罪，也包括未来你会犯的罪。当你成为基督徒，神使你成为新造的人（哥林多后书五：17）。当你与神同行的时候，神要继续在你的生命建造新事。当祂救赎你的时候，祂赐下喜乐给你，祂要每日以祂的喜乐充满你。当你第一次为罪悔改，你放弃生命的主权，将它交给神。神不断地要求你的意志能顺服、跟随祂的引领，而不是自己决定人生方向。成为基督徒的那一刻，神已经将一切的事赐给你，要如何使用这些赐予是你的选择（彼得后书一：3~9）。

这是在基督徒的生命中，看起来似是而非的理论。我们当勤勉地让自己的信心成长，然而，我们得铭记在心，只有基督可以带给我们生命最终的改变。当我们看到神在我们身上动工，要更努力地学习。神从来不会逼迫我们改变，我们也不可能不靠圣灵而彻底改变自己。

当你感觉到神在你生命某一方面动工，加入祂的作为，让祂的救恩在你生命中淋漓尽致地展现。

Displaying God through Your Life

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. Philippians 2:12b-13

Salvation is not an event; it is a process. Salvation is God's gift, for there is nothing we can do to save ourselves (Eph. 2:8-9). Yet with salvation comes the responsibility to work out our salvation. Once we have been saved, we must claim all that has become ours.

Through salvation, God gave you victory over sin. That victory applies not only to past sins but also to every sin you will ever commit. When you became a Christian, God made you a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17). God wants to continually build new things into your life as you walk with Him. God gave you His joy when He saved you, and He wants to fill you with His joy daily. When you first repented of your sin, you relinquished your right to your life. God continues to ask you to yield your will to Him and to follow His leading rather than setting your own direction for your life. When you were converted, God made everything available to you; how you implement what He has given you is your choice (2 Pet. 1:3-9).

This is the great paradox of the Christian life. We are to work diligently on our faith, yet always with the awareness that only God can bring about lasting change in our lives. As we see God at work in us, we are motivated to work even more diligently. God will not force His changes upon us; neither can we bring about lasting change in our lives apart from the work of the Holy Spirit. When you sense God developing an area of your life, join Him in His activity so that His salvation will be demonstrated fully.

7月22日（星期五）- 标题：**被世界的神弄瞎心眼**

经节：此等不信之人被这世界的神弄瞎了心眼，不叫基督荣耀福音的光照着他们。基督本是神的像。（哥林多后书四章4节）

倘若你眼瞎，就算你周围的人可以清楚地看见，你还是无法看见东西的实体，无法完全经验周围真实的一面。你可能觉得自己的体验就是人生的全部，然而，你可能不知道自己正缺乏神要给你的经历。你可能因为浑然不觉自己的盲目，而处于险境之由。

保罗警告，「世界的神」会弄瞎你的心眼，使你看不见耶稣基督真实的本体。基督的出现能够使你的生命完全不同，但如果撒但使你对于耶稣的应许产生怀疑，祂会使你看不见自己生命的真实景况，与未来可能的发展。其他人可以看到你的不信造成你生命的盲点，你自己却看不到。你的生命可能持续地朝向灾祸前进，但是你却茫然不知。

神是你的光（约翰福音一：4、5、9）。祂光照你的罪，使你看到罪恶丑陋和毁灭的一面。祂显示祂自己，使你知道祂的荣耀及祂所赐的丰盛。祂的出现会照亮你的道路，使你看见眼前的危险。不要让这世界的神扭曲你的属灵视觉。不要以为事情本来就是这样，事实上，你正错失神在你身上的许多作为。恳求基督光照你的生命，让你清楚看见你属灵的真实景况。

Blinded by the God of This Age

Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them. 2 Corinthians 4:4

When you are blinded, you cannot see things as they really are, even though others around you see them clearly. You cannot experience the full reality of all that is around you. You may feel you are experiencing all that there is to life, yet you may be unaware that you are missing what God desires for you. You may even be in danger because of your blindness and not know it.

Paul warned that the “god of this age” can blind you to the reality of Jesus Christ. Christ’s presence can make a significant difference in your life. However, if Satan convinces you to doubt that Christ can do what He promised, he will have blinded you to the reality of what your life is really like and to what it could become. Others may see what your unbelief causes you to miss, but you will be unaware of it. Your life may be steadily moving toward disaster, but you will be oblivious to it.

Christ comes to you as light (John 1:4, 5, 9). He illuminates your sin so that you see its ugliness and destructiveness. He reveals Himself so that you can appreciate the glory of His person and the marvelous riches He brings. His presence lights your path so that you can see impending danger. Don’t let the god of this age distort your spiritual vision. Don’t be fooled into thinking that everything is as it should be when, in fact, you are missing out on so much that God wants to do in your life. Ask Christ to illuminate your life and let you clearly see your spiritual condition.

7月19日（星期二）- 标题：**认识神**

经节：神晓谕摩西说：「我是耶和華。我从前向亚伯拉罕、以撒、雅各显现为全能的神；至于我名耶和華，他们未曾知道。」

（出埃及记六章2~3节）

历世历代神与祂的百姓同行，祂依照自己的目的与百姓的需要，渐渐地显示祂自己。亚伯拉罕、以撒和雅各都认识祂是全能的神，因为祂的大能保护他们不受敌人的侵袭。摩西与以色列百姓学到祂是主，祂统管所有国家及所有的事物。神不仅拯救他们脱离世界最强大的统治者，也带领他们进入应许之地。他们因而体验到祂是主，祂的大能远远超过当代的邪教假神。

神会根据你的需要与祂的目的，不断向你显明祂的个性。当你顺服祂，你会愈来愈认识祂。当你哀伤时，祂会是你的安慰者。当你有所需时，祂会是你的供应者。当你面对一个重大挑战时，祂会向你显示祂是全能的神。

你现在对神个性的了解，应该比初信时更多。你对祂今日的认识，应该比五年前更深刻。遗憾的是，有些基督徒年复一年，对基督的认识与刚开始与神同行时没有两样。不管你现在的处境如何，要相信神会借着环境来教导你更认识祂。以这种态度面对自己的处境，将使你大开眼界，看到你过去从未见过祂的一面。

Knowing God

And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the LORD. I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name LORD I was not known to them. Exodus 6:2-3

As God has walked with His people through the generations, He has progressively revealed His nature according to His purposes and the needs of His people. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob knew Him as God Almighty, because they needed His mighty power to protect them from their enemies. Moses and the Israelites learned that God was Lord, Master over every nation and every thing. God not only delivered them from the most powerful ruler in the world, but also brought them into the Promised Land. They came to experience Him as Lord, preeminently powerful over the pagan gods of their day.

God will continue to reveal His character to you according to your needs and according to His purposes. You will come to know more and more about Him as you obey Him. When you grieve, He will come to you as Comforter. When you are in need, He will demonstrate that He is the Provider. When you face a serious challenge, He will reveal that He is God Almighty.

Your understanding of God’s character ought to be greater now than when you first became a Christian. You ought to know Him today better than you did five years ago. Sadly, some Christians continue to live year after year with the same basic knowledge of God that they had when they first began walking with him. Whatever your present situation, view it in the light of what God is teaching you, through circumstances, about Himself and you will come to know God in dimensions you have never known Him before.

7月20日（星期三）- 标题：**神主动**

经文：耶和華对亚伯兰说：「你要离开本地、本族、父家，往我所要指示你的地去。」（创世记十二章1节）

你生命中最戏剧化的改变是由神主动，不是由你主动。那些在圣经中被神重用的人都是普通人，他们被赐予神圣的任务，这些任务绝对不是他们主动要求得来的。主通常出乎他们意料之外临到他们，他们根本没有向神寻求任何重大的指示。尽管如此，祂看到他们的心，祂知道他们是值得信任。

当神要开始建立一个属自己的国家时，祂开口向亚伯兰说话。救赎主将借着这个国家降临世上。当神要拯救以色列脱离埃及的奴役，祂向摩西显现。神发现耶西最小的儿子大卫是敬虔的人，可以带领祂的百姓。当神让马利亚知道自己要作弥赛亚的母亲时，祂的作为令马利亚讶异。当神的儿子要把祂救恩的好消息传播全世界时，祂挑选了十二个平凡、没有受教育的人作门徒。在历世历代，神主动在人们每日的生活中，成就超过他们所求所想的一切事物。

神可能在你生命中开始一项新事。当祂向你透露祂的计划时，要相信祂，与祂紧密同行。不要让你目前忙碌的活动捆绑，以至于无法得到神所要给你的体验。你将会看到神在你的生活中，成就超过你所求所想的一切（以弗所书三：20）。

God's Initiatives

Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1

The most dramatic changes in your life will come from God's initiative, not yours. The people God used mightily in Scripture were all ordinary people to whom He gave divine assignments that they never could have initiated. The Lord often took them by surprise for they were not seeking significant mandates from God. Even so, He saw their hearts, and He knew they were trustworthy.

The Lord spoke to Abram when He was beginning to build a nation dedicated to His purposes. Through this nation would come the Savior. God appeared to Moses at the very time He had purposed to deliver Israel out of slavery in Egypt. God found in Jesse's youngest son David a godly man who could lead His people. God surprised Mary when He told her she would be the mother of the Messiah. God's Son selected the twelve disciples, all ordinary, uneducated men, when He was ready to take the good news of His salvation to the world. Through the ages God has taken the initiative in the everyday lives of people to accomplish things through them that they never could have imagined.

The Lord may be initiating some new things in your life. When He tells you what His plans are, trust Him and walk closely with Him. Don't let the busyness of your present activity keep you from experiencing all that God has in store for you. You will see Him accomplish things through your life that you never dreamed were possible (Eph. 3:20).

7月21日（星期四）- 标题：**重生**

经文：耶稣回答说：「我实实在在地告诉你，人若不重生，就不能见神的国。」（约翰福音三章3节）

进入被基督拯救的关系，是改变生命的经历！所有事情都变成新的了！不是其中一件事，乃是所有的事情（哥林多后书五：17）！这是你人生第一次，基督是王，神是主。当你变成基督徒，基督的出现会影响你生活的每个层面。你会有新的思维、新的态度、新的价值观和新的敏锐。新的人生优先级会戏剧化地改变你的一生。你会以与基督类似的眼光，来看每一件事。基督教不是某件加添在你生活中的事，这是生命！

尼哥底母认为，救恩是举行某些特定的宗教仪式及抓住某一个特殊的规条。他一点也不晓得救恩总括的本质！当你成为基督徒，神赐给你一颗新的心，好叫万事都变成新的了！神赐给你全新的思维，就像基督的一样，好叫你的想法与过往不同。祂给你新的情感，所以你的感受完全不同。你对罪变得敏感，所以再也不能心安理得地犯罪。当你了解什么可以荣耀神、什么不能荣耀神，你的消遣娱乐会被影响。你的关系现在是被圣灵掌管。毁灭性的恶习及过去不愿改变的态度，也都转变了。

你是否注意到，自从进入与耶稣基督的重要关系后，神在你生命带来的改变？这些改变应该是显而易见的，它们是当你相信耶稣是你个人的救主与王后，所得到新生命的见证。

Born Again

Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." John 3:3

Entering a saving relationship with Christ is a life-changing experience! All things become new! Not *some* things, but *all* things (2 Cor. 5:17). For the first time in your life, Christ is Lord; God is Master. When you become a Christian, Christ's presence will affect every part of you. You will have new thoughts, new attitudes, new values, and new sensitivities. New priorities will dramatically affect your relationships. You will view everything in your life from a Christlike perspective. Christianity is not something you add to your life; it is life!

Nicodemus thought that salvation meant performing certain religious exercises and holding to particular religious teachings. He had no idea of the all-encompassing nature of salvation! When you become a Christian, God gives you a new heart so that *everything* becomes new! God gives you a new mind, like that of Christ, so you think differently. He gives you new emotions, so you feel deeply about completely different matters. You become sensitive to sin, so you are no longer comfortable with it. Your recreation will be affected as you are made aware of what is honoring to God and what is not. Your relationships will now be guided by the Holy Spirit. Destructive habits and attitudes, previously immune to change, will be transformed.

Have you noticed the changes God has brought to your life since you entered a vital relationship with Jesus Christ? These changes should be very noticeable as a testimony of the new life you received when you trusted Jesus as your Savior and Lord.