

# appnotes

## DAY 1 READ JOHN 1:43-51

1

Have you ever found a surprisingly delicious “hole-in-the-wall” restaurant? You are usually trying to convince people, “Just wait until you get inside, you are going to love it!” Sometimes they are a little skeptical until they try it and then are trying to convince others to go there too. That’s what Philip discovered when he invited his friend Nathanael to meet Jesus. Nathanael was not as convinced as Philip that Jesus was worth following. So Philip simply invited him to “come and see” for himself. And when Nathanael met Jesus he became a raving fan. Sometimes our best answer to a skeptical friend is to invite them to come and see for themselves.

## DAY 2 READ ROMANS 5:6-11

2

There is something about a mom sacrificing her own life to save her kids that makes sense to us. Jesus recognized how noble it is for someone to give their life for those they love (John 15:13). What doesn’t make sense to us is that someone would die for his or her enemy. That is what makes God’s love so astounding. Jesus died for those who were opposed to Him in their sin. Our sin is personal to God because it is really against Him. So when Jesus chose to die for us—that was really personal too. He knew everything about you when He chose to die for you. We are left marveling at this kind of love. The cross is proof that no one is beyond the love of God to save.

## DAY 3 READ MARK 2:1-12

3

You have to love the audacity of these four guys! They had a friend who needed help and they would stop at nothing to see that he got it. They faced some obstacles on the way. There was no room left, not even outside the door. Jesus was busy giving a big talk. But they knew that if they could just get their friend to Jesus then He would take care of the rest. So they got creative and literally took the roof off the place and lowered their friend down. And when Jesus saw how much they believed in His ability to help their friend—He did. For them, it was personal. Without Jesus their friend would be stuck suffering. Maybe it’s time to get bold and creative in helping others find the way back to God. with a respectful response today?

## DAY READ JOHN 9:1-25

4

We all go through hard times in life. Over time, God brings us through. As a result, our God becomes bigger and our faith becomes stronger. But there is an additional benefit to God's deliverance. Just like the man in today's story, God moves in our lives so that we will know Him, and so that others will know Him, too. In fact, the difference God made in the blind man's life caused many to ask questions. Even though he couldn't answer all of the questions, he could be confident about one thing: what God had done for him. You might not be able to answer every question, but you can speak up and share what difference God has made in your life.

## DAY READ PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

5

You cannot fit the Atlantic Ocean in a Coke bottle. But in a feat that boggles the mind, the Maker of the universe, though greater than time and space in every way, was born as a baby boy in a town called Bethlehem. Today's reading gives a glimpse into all that Jesus set aside to come as the Savior. He did not come to rule, but to rescue. So He lived among us, like one of us. He shared our hunger, our hurts, our thirst, and our temptations. It was normal for Him to eat with the messiest of us. He was never above meeting people where they are so that He could love them and lead them somewhere better. Who can you share your life with so that they might find the way back to God?

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