

# Knowing God: The Faithfulness of God

## God Time – Abraham Broken Part 2

These scriptures are selected to help you gain a deeper understanding of who Jesus is. You can read them each day or listen to the daily audio that is sent to you. They are intentionally designed for you to engage in your time alone with God. You will find them complementary to the teachings on the weekend (gatherings) and to the LIFE Group materials.

Some tips:

Use a Bible that is easy to read. The ESV or The NLT are both good translations.

Use a prayer journal. After you read the passages jot down what “jumped out” at you while reading. Then take a few minutes to write a prayer response to what you have read.

There are only five days of reading provided, so if you miss a day, you have time to catch up. Do not get legalistic! If you miss a day or even a week, God still loves you!

Monday: **1 Peter 2:21. 21** To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

Tuesday: **Matthew 16:24** Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

Wednesday: **1 Corinthians 11:1-2** Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.

Thursday: **John 8:12** When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Friday: **Luke 9:23** Then he said to them all: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

# Diving Deeper

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Crisis of Faith refers to a time which a person feels they can no longer follow God. They are tempted to turn away from all that they have believed in. When we feel we're facing a crisis of faith there are three questions we can ask ourselves.

## **1) What did I have faith in?**

Faith is only as good as it's object. You can have faith in a bridge, but if that bridge is built of rotting timber it is not wise to cross it. Spiritual faith is only as good as it's foundation. If we have placed our faith in anything or anyone other than the Person and Work of Jesus Christ, we are guaranteed disappointment. John 3:36

## **2) What caused this crisis of faith?**

Often a crisis of faith is the result of a tragedy or an unsuspecting circumstance. The death of someone close, a broken relationship, or some other type of devastating loss can cause us to question our faith in God. It is important to identify what got us to our crisis of faith, to better understand where the real issue lies.

## **3) What do I believe I deserve and did not get?**

At the root of most crisis of faith is this fact: Something should have happened one way, and it happened another way. There is the unspoken assumption that we know more than God does. We determine what (should) happen, and God owes it to us to conform reality to our expectations.

In overcoming a crisis of faith, we must lay our hearts bare before the Lord, pour out our souls, and surrender afresh to his will. Galatians 2:20

"Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help. You turn my wailing into dancing; you remove my sackcloth and clothe me with joy, that my heart may sing

your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I will praise you forever." Psalm  
30:10-12