



## JESUS SAYS, "I AM, TAKE ME IN"

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### DAY 1 – JESUS IS READY TO HELP

Go to the “pantry” of the kingdom of God for all your needs. Jesus is ready to help you! When you keep your gaze on Jesus, and not your physical needs, He will bring in everything else you need.

### STUDY IT

- I. Believing in Jesus means pushing out the lie and pulling in the truth (Mark 11).
  - When you believe any lie, you allow the father of that lie (Satan) to continue to mess up your life (John 8:44).
  - Jesus wants us to be wholly reliant on Him. He is the Truth (John 14:6).
  
- II. Jesus is unveiling Himself in a greater way.
  - Before Jesus returns to receive us, He is coming to fill us—both individually and corporately—as the Body of Christ.
  - Jesus is working in us both the desire and the power to do what pleases Him (Philippians 2:13).
  - Keep your gaze on Jesus—keep looking at Him until you see Him.
    - You will see how much He loves you.
    - His truth will come into you, and remove lies and toxic thinking.
  - Let the Word (Jesus) come in and flush evil things out.
    - When you see them, repent of them and get them out to make room for God to come in a deeper way and cleanse you fully (1 John 1:9).
    - Set your heart to hear what Jesus is saying to you, because He knows about your life.
    - This is a continuous process while we are here on the earth. We need to know Jesus and what He sees, because that is the truth—not what we see with our natural eyes (2 Corinthians 4:18).
  
- III. Go to the “pantry” of God’s kingdom for all your needs. Jesus is ready to help you (John 6:22-59)!
  - When Jesus fed the 5,000, the people didn’t understand that the miracle was not simply to satisfy their physical hunger.





- Jesus wanted the people to understand that there is always food in God's kingdom, and He is our invitation to that Kingdom. He is our Bread of Life.
- Stop toiling and striving for things that are perishable—natural food, clothing, the roof over your head. It's a waste of energy (Matthew 6:31-33).
- If you're hungry, go to the Source—Jesus. Spend your energy seeking eternal life. Your natural needs will be met by Jesus, not by your striving.
- Let Jesus drive out every alternative source, just as He drove out the Pharisees' alternative source of income in the Temple (Mark 11:15-19).
  - He will be your Bank (Luke 6:38).
  - He will be your Joy (John 15:11).
  - He will be your Health (1 Peter 2:24).
  - He will be your Wisdom and Source of witty ideas and inventions (Proverbs 8:12).
- Confess: *I choose today to believe!*
  - Our part/work starts with believing in the One God sent to us—Jesus.
  - God's part is to do the miracle and be your Provider.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Choose today to believe that Jesus is your Source.

Matthew 18:18 (*NLT*) says, "I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

As you choose to believe in God today, see Jesus for who He truly is. He is not a hoarder with a pantry full of rotten fruit. His mercies are new every morning. Can you see His pantry in heaven with the joy you need, the new lung or heart you need, or the wisdom you are looking for? Just as He said to "ask and it shall be given," we need to ask for what we want from His pantry. Spend time today in praise and worship. Enter the heavenly courts and ask Jesus to go in to His plentiful pantry and loose the good things waiting for you there.





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### DAY 2 – FAITH IS A PARTNERSHIP

What's the miracle that's going to make you believe? Or can you believe without seeing? Jesus shows us how faith in God believes first, and then receives the miracle.

### STUDY IT

- I. Jesus is ready to give you what matters most (John 6:26-32)!
  - Don't try to do God's part. Your only work is to believe in the One God sent.
  - God's work is to do the miracle and be the Source of our lives.
  - Jesus is the Way to the Father, the Truth from the Father, and the Life that the Father God wants you to have. When you receive Jesus, you receive it all (John 14:6)!
  
- II. How do you know if your faith is in God?
  - You're not looking for an alternative source, and you're not looking for a way to manipulate the situation.
  - The believer totally trusts, leans and places his/her confidence in God and will have what he/she says (Mark 16:17-18).
  - Stay close to your Shepherd, Jesus. He tells you where to go, feeds and takes care of you, and fights your enemies (John 10:1-16).
  - Do you know the God your faith is in?
    - Your idea of what a loving God should look like will not change who God is or how He operates.
    - A loving God wants to be in partnership with you!
    - A loving God won't force His healing, goodness or partnership on anyone.
  - Faith believes first, and then receives the miracle.
  
- III. Are you glorifying an alternative source (Mark 11:15-19)?
  - Have you positioned anything in your life to a place of idolatry, which would be glorifying and idolizing this source over Jesus?
  - This could be money, health or even a relationship with a spouse, child or friend—anything you're getting your sustenance, your needs met, your joy, your affirmation from, instead of God.
  - If you've positioned your kids to give you joy or peace, that's not healthy for you or them.





- If you're trying to have significance in anything and in any way apart from God and what His Word and Presence say about you, you're building your life into a tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9).
- It's not good for you, and it's not good for the other people you've involved.

#### IV. Jesus is the Bread come down from Heaven (John 6:22-59).

- After Jesus fed the 5,000, they wanted Him to feed them again as they thought Moses fed the Israelites. They needed another sign to believe.
- Jesus explained to the people that Moses didn't feed the Israelites, God did. Jesus was trying to get them to put their faith in Him as their continual Source of food and everything else.
- When the Israelites came from Egypt, God wanted to meet with them. But God's Presence scared them, so the people made Moses their source instead of God (Exodus 19:9-19, 20:18-21).
- The Israelites often complained that they should go back to slavery in Egypt. Because they never left Egypt as their source, an 11-day journey became 40 years (Numbers 14:1-4).
- Jesus wants to be our unlimited Source and Supply—but He can't do *our* part.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

As you focus on Jesus today, take time to ask Him if there is an alternative source you've glorified. Don't let shame or even pride stop you from asking God, just as King David did, to see your heart, and tell you if there are any lurking sins. David asked God not just to look at the faithful parts of his heart, but also at the anxious places in his heart.

Pray Psalm 139:23-24, *NLT*, *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.*





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### DAY 3 – YOUR ETERNAL FOUNTAIN OF LIFE

Jesus will never reject you if you come to Him believing. At whatever level you allow God to take care of you, He will. So let Him all the way into your life and business, not just into your general vicinity.

#### STUDY IT

- I. Jesus says, "I AM the Bread of Life" (John 6:35, *AMPC*).
  - After Jesus fed the 5,000, they wanted more bread, not *The Bread*. They wanted to do the works instead of simply believing on Him.
  - When God called Moses to deliver the Israelite slaves from Pharaoh, God told him, "I AM!" He was saying, "I AM everything you need; I AM telling you what to do and empowering you to do it" (Exodus 3:11-14).
  - If you're always looking for Jesus to show you one more thing before you believe, you're also probably a person who thinks you need to do a bunch of stuff before you can believe (e.g., Luke 10:39-42).
    - Martha only let Jesus into her general vicinity, and she wanted to do all the work.
    - Jesus commended Mary because she was doing what mattered: worshipping Him at His feet and listening to and believing His words.
  
- II. Jesus wants to give you His eternal fountain-of-life power today.
  - If you want to come to Jesus, you first must believe (Hebrews 11:6).
  - Jesus will never reject you, if you come to Him believing (John 6:37).
  - Jesus is raising up people who will come to Him, become part of Him and allow the kingdom of God to make a home in them.
  - *Every* believer should be laying hands on the sick and seeing them recover, raising the dead when called to (the Bible says this is elementary), spreading the gospel, and doing greater works than Jesus did (Mark 16:17-18; Hebrews 6:1; John 14:12).
  - Jesus wants to empower you, not only for your own life with your every need met, but He wants you to be a mouthpiece and a doorway for others to find Him, just as He is the Doorway to the Father (John 10:9; Romans 10:13-4).





### III. We are being raised up to look like Jesus.

- Jesus prayed that His people would be in perfect unity, just as He is in unity with the Father (John 17:20-26).
- To contain the fullness of Jesus, the Body of Christ must come together by recognizing in each other the truths Jesus has deposited throughout His Body into different sheep and groups (Ephesians 4:1-16).
- Jesus warns us to not cut each other down. As we grow like wheat, there will be weeds planted by Satan that need to be pulled, but Jesus says He will oversee the removal of the weeds (Matthew 13:24-30).
- Continue to stand on the foundation of the truth you know, as you allow Jesus to diagnose and pull the weeds (falsehoods and lies from the enemy) out of your heart.
- You are God's temple—a living stone that is part of Jesus' Body. You embody Jesus when you live, move and have your being in Him.

### IV. Like the food you eat, you must take Jesus in to be part of you (John 6:41-59).

- The people couldn't receive Jesus as their Bread, because they didn't believe.
- Manna was provisional for the Israelites as they wandered in the desert, but God doesn't want us to live that way.
- On whatever level you will let God take care of you, He will.
- Take Jesus in fully. The more of Jesus you receive (eat and drink), the more Jesus' life will push out every evil lie and cleanse your life, heal you and raise you up to be who the Father has created you to be.

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

One great misconception that Satan uses to silence the Church is the idea of perfection. Jesus doesn't require us to be perfect before becoming a door for others to find Him! Satan, however, lies to us by saying we must be living a perfect lifestyle in order to share our faith. This is not the case. One great example of a door was Matthew, the tax collector. He didn't wait until he was dubbed "the Apostle Matthew" to invite his other tax collectors and wayward friends to meet Jesus. Read Matthew 9:9-13.

Pray with us: *Lord Jesus, please show me how to be the best doorway to You and the best way to do it!*





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### DAY 4 –JESUS, I TAKE YOU AT YOUR WORD!

If we don't come to Jesus believing and receiving Him as our Everything, then He can't raise us up to be what the Father God made us to be.

### STUDY IT

- I. Jesus is drawing you to Himself. He wants you to know Him.
  - Jesus is knocking at the door of the Church's heart. He wants our attention so He can talk to us (Revelation 3:20).
  - Jesus wants to be your daily Sustenance. When you take Him in daily, it will change your whole life (Matthew 6:9-13).
  - Don't just take a taste of Jesus, but take Him fully into your heart, just as food and drink become part of you, as you feed on them (John 6:26-40).
  - Faith comes when you receive, ingest and take God's Word like daily food (Romans 10:17).
  - You can't separate faith from God—your faith has to be in Jesus. You don't have anything to believe in if you leave Jesus out of the story.
  
- II. I AM (John 6:41-58)!
  - The Father wants us to know Him through Jesus.
  - Jesus says, "I AM the Life, the Door, the Way, the Truth, the Bread—take Me in. Everything you need is in Me" (Matthew 6:32-33).
  - The fruit of the spirit is simply Jesus on the inside coming out on the outside (Galatians 5:22-23).
  - What keeps us from taking Jesus in and letting Him be our "I AM"?
  - When Jesus calmed the storm, He said, "Don't fear. I AM Courage, I AM here" (Mark 6:50-51).
  - Even after Jesus miraculously fed them twice, the disciples didn't fully take in and eat of Jesus when He told them, "I AM the Bread of Life" (John 6:35, *AMPC*; Mark 8:14-21).
  - You have to believe in order to see, hear and understand (Mark 4:10-12).
  - Is the soil of your heart in the condition that you can take Jesus in fully (Mark 4:1-20)?





- To those who listen, much wisdom will be given. But to those who won't, even what they have will be taken away (Mark 4:21-25).
- Keep your gaze fixed on Jesus and your faith will grow.
- Say: *Jesus, I take You in! I take You at Your Word. I believe You!*

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Faith begins when you take Jesus at His Word. Set time aside to receive Communion, as an act of taking and eating Jesus as He asked us to. The bread is symbolic of Jesus' body and the humanity that He suffered and gave for us. Jesus' blood was shed as the ratification of our new covenant with Him.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and take Communion with your bread and juice as Jesus did with His disciples.

*Lord, I take and eat of Your body as surely as I am eating this bread, and I let Your blood become part of me as surely as this juice becomes part of me as I drink it.*

*I partake of the sacrifice of Jesus' body, and I receive the healing He provided in Jesus' Name. When I partake of Communion, I make a point of judging myself to the fullest extent. I won't just receive it halfway. I accept everything Jesus' sacrifice provided. I know it's not right that I should suffer from sickness, disease or any lack. I judge it now as being from Satan, and I reject it. I refuse to receive it any longer.*

*Heavenly Father, I give You thanks for all You have provided for me in Christ Jesus. I confess this day I am blessed of You. This covenant I entered into at the new birth is a covenant filled with Your exceeding great and precious promises, and I am a full partaker of those promises now!*

*Jesus, You are my Healing, so I am healed. Jesus, You are my Redeemer, so I am redeemed. You have delivered me from the authority of darkness. You have already translated me into the Your Kingdom. I am the head and not the tail; I am above and not beneath; I come behind in no good thing. All that I set my hand to prospers, and I praise You, Father, for the newness of life I now enjoy. Jesus, You are my Bread; You are my Source. I give You praise and honor! In Jesus' Name. Amen.*





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### DAY 5 – JESUS IS EVERYTHING

Jesus is everything. When He begins revealing Himself to you, suddenly the false ways of the flesh become so obvious. When you rely on Jesus, He will show you exactly how to push away the lies of the enemy and receive the good life God has planned for you.

### STUDY IT

- I. Take Jesus and His Word all the way in as your daily Sustenance (John 6:22-59).
  - You will not get miracles from other sources.
  - Your response to Jesus when He says, "I AM" is to say, "He is my...," *not* "Jesus, I know, but..."
  - Jesus—the I AM is enough to change our entire lives.
  
- II. Ask: *Is my heart too hard to take Jesus all the way in* (Mark 4:1-20)?
  - If you do things your own way, you will end up in a broken place—Jesus doesn't desire this. Jesus wants the hardhearted hearts to be broken up like the hard ground, so He can deposit Himself into good ground that will produce a full harvest.
  - It's not the healthy who need a physician. When we think we're healthy without God, our pride will keep Jesus out (Mark 2:17).
  - When you know you need Jesus and His Word to come all the way in, He can move mightily in your life.
  
- III. Martha and Mary had different responses to Lazarus' death (John 11:1-45).
  - We need to be much calmer in the midst of a bad situation, and declare, "This will not end in a negative way" (John 11:4).
  - Stop worrying about all the details. Your Father God has the plan.
  - Martha didn't ask Jesus to raise Lazarus, because she didn't believe He would do it for her, even after He said He would. She said, "I know, Jesus, but..."
  - Martha was trying to find manipulative and passive-aggressive ways to get Jesus to do what she wanted.
  - Mary fell at Jesus' feet when she saw Jesus. She came in faith and trust, and Jesus was moved to action.





IV. How to believe: If Jesus says, "I AM," then you say, "He is!" (Hebrews 11:6).

- If you want to come to Jesus, you have to believe that Jesus is—the I AM.
- Believe that Jesus is the Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.
- Now you can say, "He *is* healing, so in Him, I am healed." As you continually take Him in as you would your daily food, His healing, life and power come in to push out every evil thing.

Additional scriptures: Isaiah 54:13-14; Mark 11

## MAKE IT PERSONAL

Don't spend another minute worrying about the details, because God has a plan! Whether you're praying for healing or for a loved one to come back to God, don't be anxious over the details of it all coming together. Get ready for the Great I AM to be!

Make a list of all the anxieties, worries, needs and desires you've been praying about, and get ready to turn that list into praise! After you've created your list, write down what Jesus is. If He said He'd be your basic Daily Bread, He won't mind being your everything else. Romans 8:32, *NLT* says, "Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?"

List Example:

I need new cartilage in my knee.

Jesus is my new cartilage.

Mary needs salvation.

Jesus is Mary's salvation.

My son needs to be delivered from drug addiction.

Jesus is my son's drug freedom!

As you believe, let Jesus minister HIMSELF to you in those areas. And let Him lead you into your redemption, freedom and deliverance.

