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Day 15 of 365







Week 3 – Each day is getting better!

We are referred to as the "bride of Christ" throughout the New Testament and that reference gives us many truths we must understand, embrace, and seek each day in our lives with the Lord. As any relationship we must seek to know the Lord more, we must set aside special time for Him, we have a desperate desire to know Him, to feel Him, and to understand His desires for our life. As the bride we are also called to be servants of Christ but not just servants by command but led by His very example, as we are reminded: the greatest among us will be the least among us, those with hearts to serve, humble, and understanding just what we have here: liberty, eternal, paid for by the blood of Jesus and given out of the great love of the Father.

Day 15 – each day is sweeter

When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse; but thou hast kept the good wine until now, (John Chapter 2 verse 9-10 KJV)

In the second chapter of the Gospel of John we see the first recorded miracle by the hands of our Lord, the changing of water in to wine. As I read that scripture I thought to myself just about what the "governor of the feast" is saying, by the hands of Christ, by this miracle that the Lord has performed, by His power and love we see a wine that was much sweeter, so much better, and should have been the first wine at this feast. Our lives are a bit like that aren't they? When we are born again, when we surrender to Jesus as Christ, when we confess Him as Lord and Savior everyday after that day it gets better! Each day that passes by is sweeter than the last as we grow in Christ! Why? The more I know about the Lord, the God of the universe, the more I understand His close love and affection for me the more I love Him. I truly love Him for He first loved me, and I love Him more each day.

Have you ever met a couple that has been married 50 years? The love still burning strong and the years of hardship, fighting through the worries of life, struggling to become closer, struggling to know each other more, day after day after day... and yet? Most couples married for so many years have been happily married, they have desperately desired to know their husband or wife more. I once heard it put this way, when you are married you cannot forget to keep learning about your spouse, you cannot forget that marriage is not the end plan it is the begging of becoming one flesh. After our vows do we suddenly decide we are done trying? Done loving our spouse? Or do we spend the rest of our lives getting to know them, loving them, and serving them out of our great commitment and love for them? As you enter day 15 of the 365 day devotion I am curious... have you stopped learning about the Bridegroom? Jesus wants you to grow, the Lord wants you to seek Him daily through prayer, through Bible study, and through walking by faith!

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Today's prayer:
Today pray the Lord would give you strength and wisdom to be humble. Pray the Lord would give you a willing heart to serve and to love as He has loved you. Pray the Lord would reveal His great desire for your life and that He would draw you near. Pray the Lord would strengthen you and drive any pride or darkness far from your heart so you may humbly seek Him daily as you understand Him more.