



*365 days of devotion to Christ*

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**...I am with you always, even  
unto the end of the world...**

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Day 16 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 16 – hide and seek**

**And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. (Jeremiah Chapter 29 verse 13 KJV)**

Its funny that some people think that all they have to do is confess Jesus and He will reveal to them the secrets of the universe. The Lord's wisdom and power are unsearchable and just like anything worthwhile in life a relationship with the Lord does take commitment, it does take courage, it does take relentless pursuit to know Him and serve Him. If living the straight and narrow life were easy everyone would do it! A relationship with Christ can be hard, it can be hard to be thankful walking through the valleys of pain and suffering. It can be hard to be thankful when the world is falling apart around us, but its when we understand and accept the truth: life is hard, God is always good; that we begin to understand our part in this relationship. Just as marriage, or a friendship, or really any type of relationship its not a “one way” street, so our relationship with the Lord does require nurturing and a desire to see it grow!

Think about it this way, if I wanted a garden to have some fresh vegetables during the year and I went outside and plowed the ground, I tilled it up good, planted the seeds correctly and then I begin to wait and watch for it to grow with no other work, would it grow? Perhaps at first but when the dry weather hit, or when the weeds grew up my vegetables would be chocked off by the lack of water, the lack of nutrients, or the lack of air. As you enter day 16 of the 365 day devotion I wonder, what is keeping you from a full

relationship with the Lord? God is the Alpha and the Omega, the unchangeable eternal God who is, was, and always will be... if He is always the same, what's changed?

**Today's prayer:**

Today pray the Lord would reveal Himself in a special way. Pray He would touch your heart and draw you near to Him as He continues to sanctify your life. Pray He would continue to convict and correct you, that He would pour out His mercy and grace. Praise Him for all His wonderful love and His patience in your life. Pray you would see Him daily.