

Personal Reflection this week.

1. What are you doing each day to develop spiritual muscle memory? Do I read the Bible? Do I talk to God? Do I hide God's Word in my heart by memorizing Bible Verses?
2. What is your first memory of God? How did you view God and Jesus as a child? Who first introduced you to God and Jesus?
3. Read John 3:16-17. How does God pursue us?
4. Read Romans 5:8. Can you see how God has pursued you in your life?
5. Read Matthew 9:9-17. What is the significance of Jesus eating with sinners?
6. Read Romans 7:18-23. Why do we have the desire to do good but do not carry it out?
7. Are you passionate about Jesus? Why or why not?

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Romans 5:8 But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Matthew 9:9-17 ⁹As Jesus went **on** from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰While **Jesus** was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat **with** tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but **sinners**."

Romans 7:18-25 ¹⁸For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our LORD! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.