

# “Seek the Lord!”

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Bible-First Lifestyle reading: Jeremiah 28-46; Isaiah 20-26

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. **You will seek Me and find Me when you seek with all of your heart. I will be found by you!**” declares the Lord...*” Jer. 29:11-14

## 1. Finding God starts with **seeking**.

Seek - Baqash– to seek, search, or consult. This word has been used to describe seeking something that’s lost or missing, to devote oneself to, and be concerned about something.

*“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”*  
Mt. 7:7

- Practical application: Start each prayer session with, “Lord, I want to know you more.”

## 2. Seek Him with all of your **heart**.

*“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”* Heb. 11:6

- Practical application: Start each day by telling God, “I want to seek you with my whole heart today. Help me to keep you on my mind, serve like you serve and love like you love.”

## 3. God promised to **be found** when we seek Him.

*“I love those who love me, and those who seek me diligently find me.”* Prov. 8:17

- Practical application: Read your Bible knowing God will speak to you. Listen for His voice as you pray.

## 4. Remember the **benefits** of seeking God.

*“This is what the LORD says to Israel: “Seek me and live..”* Amos 5:4

*“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*  
Mt. 6:33

*“The young lions lack and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing.”*  
Ps. 34:10

- Practical application: Each day, slow down and take time to meditate on God, His creation and all His goodness.

5. God sought us **before** we sought Him.

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.”*  
John 15:16

- Practical application: Thank God for being with you and loving you enough to die for you.