

How To Fall In Love With God All Over Again

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Limit Tech – Give yourself more “downtime” and fewer distractions so you can talk with God and be attentive when He talks to you.

Schedule a Day, Weekend or Week-Long Retreat – Special time with just you and the Lord.

Say “Thank You” More – It can be so easy to take Him and His many gifts for granted.

Compliment God – We most often speak of it as “praising Him” but it’s simply letting our Beloved know what we love about Him.

Look for God’s Passions around You – Look for His handiwork in Creation, in activities and interactions around you, in timely provision or circumstance changes. Celebrate and acknowledge Him.

Create Something Together – Take the first step into whatever you believe God wants to do with or through you. He’s calling you to it; expect Him to join you in accomplishing it.

Set a Regular Date – Call it “Devotions” or “quiet time”, whatever you like, but set aside time to share your life with the Lord in prayer and to hear Him by reading the Bible.

Ask Him The Hard Questions And The Easy Ones – As your relationship with the Lord grows you will be ready for fuller answers to the issues of life. Don’t be content with His “Kindergarten-answer” now that you’re in “High School” or His “High School-answer” now that you’re grown up.

Seek to Know Him as if You Didn’t Know Him – Read the Bible as if you were getting to know God for the first time, and read devotional classics to have other tell you about Him, as well.

Compliment the Lord Publicly – Praise Him to others. Let those around you know why you love the Lord.

Write His Positive Qualities on Pieces of Paper and Hang Them around Your House, Locker, Office, Etc. – Remind yourself throughout your day of your Beloved’s wonders and grace and saving love for you.

Dream with God – Talk with the Lord about His plans He has for you. Write down the goals, visions, and descriptions He gives you concerning your future.

Make a Top 10 List – Write down the ten greatest things the Lord has done in your life or that you and God have done together.

Hang Out with God’s Friends – Make Worship, Bible Studies, Prayer Meetings and other gatherings of God’s friends a priority in your life. Listening to what others, who love Him too, are saying about Him will help you see Him in a fuller, more glorious light.

Do What You Did at First – When you first believed and fell in love with the Lord; was time with Him more of a priority? Did you tell others about Him more spontaneously? Did you read more, pray more, expect more, and worship more? Start doing these things again!

Imagine How Your Life Would Be Different Without Him – What if Jesus had never died for you?

About Pastor Benjamin P Willis *Pastor Ben grew up just outside Annapolis, MD, a graduate of Denison University (Columbus, OH). He and his wife, Amy, lived in Baltimore for their first years of marriage, later moving to Richmond, VA where Pastor Ben earned a Master’s degree in Divinity from Union Theological Seminary and Amy earned a Master’s degree in Nursing Management from the Medical College of Virginia. Pastor Ben has served as pastor to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Milford since his graduation from seminary. Pastor Ben and Amy homeschooled their three children, Noah and Eden, who are currently in college and Caleb who continues to be homeschooled; all of whom were born here in Milford. “My favorite part of ministry,” he says, “is seeing people’s lives change as they meet, trust, and grow in the Lord Jesus. There’s nothing like it!” He enjoys spending time with his family, especially out exploring new places letterboxing or geocaching.*

About Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Milford, PA - *The Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) of Milford has a long history. Founded as The First Presbyterian Church (FPC) of Milford, it was the first organized congregation in Milford. FPC held their first service on September 25, 1825.*

In October 2016, the current congregation voted to change the name from First Presbyterian Church of Milford to Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Milford. EPC of Milford Pastor Benjamin P. Willis said, “The new name speaks not only of our beliefs to love and serve the community but to reach out to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

During the past 192 years, the church has not only provided many in the tri-state area of Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York a place to worship but also have served the area through its ministries.

If you are ever in the area we would love for you to visit us during a Sunday Morning Worship and Praise Service.