

**Transformed from the Inside Out Part 4  
Transforming Communion with God**

**John 17:11 (NIV)**  
<sup>11</sup> I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name--the name you gave me--so that they may be one as we are one.

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**1. Look at Jesus our example.**

- He only did what the Father told Him to do.

**John 5:19 (NIV)**  
<sup>19</sup> Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

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**1. Look at Jesus our example.**

- He only taught what the Father gave Him.

**John 7:15-16 (NIV)**  
<sup>15</sup> The Jews were amazed and asked, "How did this man get such learning without having studied?"  
<sup>16</sup> Jesus answered, "My teaching is not my own. It comes from him who sent me.

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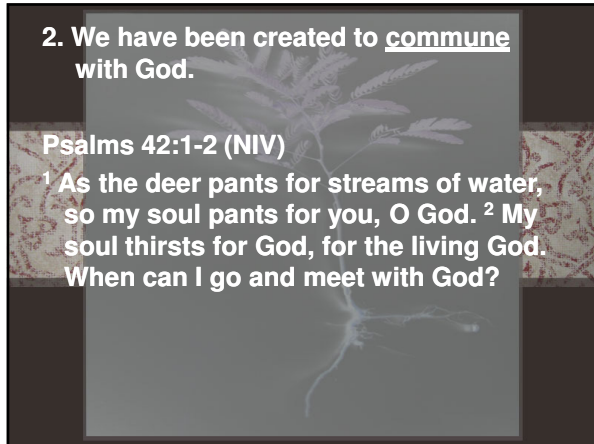
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2. We have been created to commune with God.

**Psalms 42:1-2 (NIV)**  
<sup>1</sup> As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?




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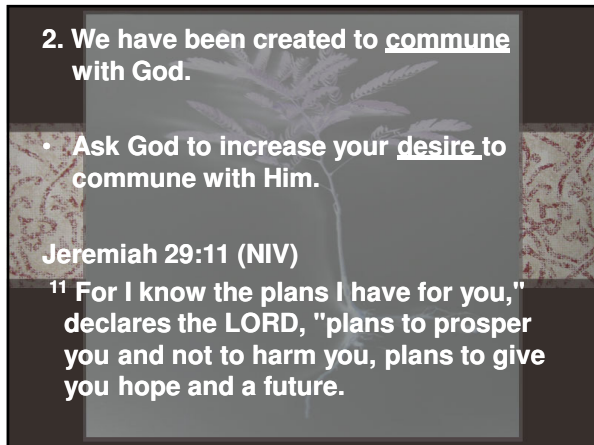
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2. We have been created to commune with God.

- Ask God to increase your desire to commune with Him.

**Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)**  
<sup>11</sup> 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 hope and a future.




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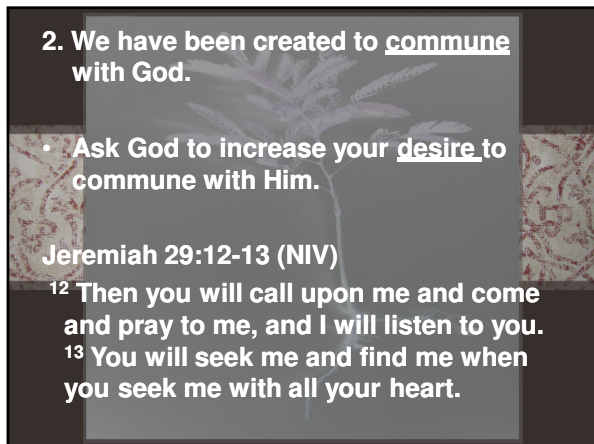
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2. We have been created to commune with God.

- Ask God to increase your desire to commune with Him.

**Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV)**  
<sup>12</sup> Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.  
<sup>13</sup> You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.




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**3. Position yourself for His presence.**

- Be intentional and make a time to spend with God.

**Matthew 14:22-23 (NIV)**  
<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

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**3. Position yourself for His presence.**

- Make a place to meet with God.

**Matthew 6:5-6 (NIV)**  
<sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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**3. Position yourself for His presence.**

- Develop a plan to meet with God.

**Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV)**  
<sup>9</sup> "This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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3. Position yourself for His presence.

- Develop a plan to meet with God.

Matthew 6:11-13 (NIV)  
<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.  
<sup>12</sup> Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. '

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3. Position yourself for His presence.

- Expect to hear from God.

John 10:27 (NIV)  
<sup>27</sup> My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

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“Prayer is surrender to the will of God and cooperation with that will. If I throw out a boat hook from a boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, do I pull the shore to me or do I pull myself to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God.”  
E. Stanley Jones

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