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# MESSAGE NOTES

# Deepening your Friendship with God

Colossians 4:2 Loyd Flaherty

When the Holy Spirit directs your life, you experience a deeper relationship with God. Communication is key to any relationship. Here are four ways to communicate with God.

#### 1. LISTEN TO GOD

Read the Bible to know more about God's character, and what is his perfect and pleasing will. The Holy Spirit will speak through the words written in the Bible and make them speak wisdom to you.

Romans 12:2 "Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

To know more about who Jesus is, a good place to start reading is the book of John in the New Testament.

#### 2. TALK WITH GOD

Prayer is talking to God — just like talking with anyone you love or want to get to know. God loves you and wants to hear from you.

Colossians 4:2 "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."

You can start by thanking God for all He has been doing in your life.

## 3. HANG OUT WITH YOUR CHRISTIAN FAMILY

Be part of your church family by encouraging and building up one another.

1 John 1:7 "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

It's part of the name of our church family. Kobe Bible Fellowship.

## 4. SHARE THE FRIENDSHIP

When we share the treasure we have in God with others, the deeper our own joy in God will become. It's such a joy when family and friends are introduced to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

When sharing, you can talk about God just like you would share about someone else you love and care about.

#### **Conclusion:**

We gain knowledge, understanding and can have a deeper relationship by reading the Bible, talking with God, and spending time with other Christians. Sharing Jesus with others brings deeper joy in our relationship with Him. =