

God First Video 3 Script

Hey there, me again! Welcome back!

Welcome or Hi again or Wha-sup? (kidding)

Have you ever noticed the pattern to how God created all things in Genesis?

The pattern of creation was God first separating sky, sea and land and then filling it.

He created space and the Living God filled it.

That is the same pattern our lives should follow as we seek to live lives that put God first.

So, what are some ways we can establish rhythms that create space for the Living God to fill?

1. CREATE SPACE TO SPEND TIME IN HIS WORD - the Bible - daily.

(By spending time with Him in His Word - the Bible - daily.

We can't fully know God without knowing His Word. There are many ways to engage with scripture - take time to study it, meditate on the key truths you find, even memorize specific verses, chapters, or even books of the Bible - yes it can be done!.

(presenter - give brief personal note about your time in the Word)

A beautiful thing about the Word of God is that it is living and active in your life. I love to take a place in scripture or book of the Bible and wrap it around my life so that I see, hear, and look for God moving in His Word and working that WORD into my life at the same time. It's awesome to look back at a season in your life and remember, hey that's the year I really sank into the book of Samuel or that's when I memorized the book of Philippians. Your life will become rich in ways you didn't even know possible!

2. Another important daily rhythm is prayer. Prayer is just honest dialogue with God.

(presenter - brief word from your own prayer life)

Think about how often you invite Him into your thinking every day. How often do you speak your thoughts back to him aloud or in private? He wants to know all you're saying, thinking and feeling, all the time! And that is most special when YOU share it with HIM. THE Bible says He already knows the words on your tongue before you speak them, so it's our job to invite Him in, to join in that partnership! It is personal, powerful and effective. Share everything in your heart, then listen! Prayer involves listening as well as talking! God desperately wants to speak to us, if we would just create the space for Him to fill.

I am a hands on kind of person, so it helps me to have a notepad and pen handy. I like to write out things I'm telling God or asking from Him and especially when He's speaking to me. Those are words I definitely want to write down and keep! It's beautiful to go back and re-read your discourse with God over time.

3. Worship is another beautiful way to create space for the Living God to fill. Worship isn't singing a song, it is living a life that shows reverence and adoration for God in everything you do. **(presenter - feel free to share a personal encouragement around this if it fits)**

When I think of worship I think of all the ways I adore and celebrate something. Some days I want to smile and laugh and jump all around and that might call for some great praise music for a dance party in my kitchen!

Some days I just want to fill my mind with only His beauty and glory...I may take a walk down the street and just call out the beauty in His creation and just fill my mouth with naming His wonders. We know Father delights in His children enjoying Himself and His creation!

4. Finally, when we listen to the Holy Spirit and respond in obedience, we are choosing to live a life that puts God first. **(presenter - feel free to share a personal encouragement around this if it fits)**

You may desire to hear the voice of God or the Holy Spirit talking to you every day. So please don't forget, He is kind, gentle, respectful, He does not shout or use a megaphone. God's voice came in a whisper to the prophet Elijah. So make space for God to fill, a quiet space, or silent space to wait on the Lord and learn to recognize His voice. Sometimes this comes easier with fasting...would you give up some noise in your life, turn off empty distractions, to hear the powerful voice of God to you?

I hope these thoughts on putting God first have been helpful - and now we would love to hear from you - what are your daily rhythms that create space for the Living God to fill? Or, what are some rhythms and or habits that you want to begin to incorporate in your life as you become more intentional about putting God first?

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Action Step:

How do you practically put God first in your life?

What are your daily, weekly, monthly, yearly habits or rhythms that create space for you to encounter God and grow in your relationship with Him?