



## The Pursuit of More

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**TODAY'S READING:** John 14

What is the one item you always wanted as kid? Maybe it was specific clothes or a certain car. Throughout school, I always believed that if I dressed, looked and acted a specific way I would be more accepted by my peers. I remember wanting a pair of Dr. Martin boots that everyone wore in my high school. I begged my parents for months to buy me the boots since they were expensive. Finally, they relented and bought me the boots. I was so excited to wear my new Dr. Martin boots to school and anticipated countless compliments. Do you know how many comments I had on my boots? One...one single person noticed and said anything. I learned a powerful lesson on contentment that day.

Philip has an interesting response to Jesus speaking about the Father. Philip asked Jesus to show them the Father. He wanted more proof to believe what Jesus was teaching them. Philip has lived with Jesus for years and experienced miracles that only few were privileged to see. Philip had seen Jesus prove Himself over and over again, yet he asked for more proof. Before I judge Philip too harshly, I am reminded we are not different. I have the same response of asking God for more proof, affirmation and evidence before I step out in faith to follow Him.

The pursuit of more is a bottomless pit. We pursue more stuff, influence, affirmation, etc., and spiritually we continue to ask God to prove Himself to us. We may not use those specific words, but the sentiment is the same. How many times must God prove Himself faithful to you before you start trusting Him? How many times will you realize that your way is not the best way before submitting your will to God's will? The list of questions could go on and on. How many "mores" do we need to have? The struggle is not against the lack of evidence of God's faithfulness, but a poor memory of how God has been faithful. God is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do. We can trust Him and His word. We do not need to ask for more proof. He has demonstrated Himself as faithful time and time again.

Today, spend some time in prayer thanking God for the times He has been faithful in your life.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Weekend is for catch-up and review.

**MONDAY'S READING:** John 15

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