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part 4

# Ambitious Faith

*Ardently Seeking a Deeper Relationship with God*



Hebrews 11:5-6

<sup>5</sup> By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (NIV)

## 1. Understand \_\_\_\_\_

<i>The Problem</i>	<i>The Effect</i>	<i>The Solution</i>

## 2. Conquer \_\_\_\_\_



# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. What would you say to someone who told you that he doesn't concern himself with knowing God better, he is just glad to be in God's family?

How ardently or ambitiously would you say you are working to deepen your intimacy with God? What is your measure of that ambition?

2. What are some of the specific ways the world's system and values work against your resolve to deepen your relationship with God?

What specific steps can you take to combat those obstacles?

3. Read **Psalm 73:23-26** and **1 Peter 1:8**. What can you do to bolster your faith so that you are more motivated and equipped to consistently pursue a moment-by-moment awareness and love for God?

4. Write out a prayer that expresses your desire and decision to know God better in the weeks and months to come.

## Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this week's schedule:

May 20<sup>th</sup>  
2Sam. 19-20 & Ac. 20  
May 21<sup>st</sup>  
2Sam. 21-22 & Ac. 21  
May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
2Sam. 23-24 & Ac. 22  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
1Kgs. 1-2 & Ac. 23  
May 24<sup>th</sup>  
1Kgs. 3-4 & Ac. 24  
May 25<sup>th</sup>  
1Kgs. 5-6 & Ac. 25  
May 26<sup>th</sup>  
1Kgs. 7-8 & Ac. 26  
May 27<sup>th</sup>  
1Kgs. 9-10 & Ac. 27

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0701 – **A Closer Relationship with God: Motivated by All that Christ has Done for Us**  
CD # 0702 – **A Closer Relationship with God: Motivated by Real Christian Friends**  
CD # 0703 – **A Closer Relationship with God: Motivated by the Fear of Being Phony**  
CD # 0704 – **A Closer Relationship with God: Motivated by Earlier Days of Devotion**  
CD # 0611 – **Growing Up: Striving for Punctual Spiritual Growth**  
CD # 0427 - 0431 – **Life's Last Enemy** (a five-part series on death and the resurrection)

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.  
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to [www.CompassBooks.org](http://www.CompassBooks.org).)

Bridges, Jerry. **The Pursuit of Holiness**. NavPress, 1996.  
Brother Lawrence. **The Practice of the Presence of God**. Whitaker House, 1982.  
Carty, Jay. **Counter Attack: Taking Back Ground Lost to Sin**. Third Edition. Yes Ministries, 1988.  
Chapell, Bryan. **Holiness by Grace: Delighting in the Joy That Is Our Strength**. Crossway Books, 2001.  
George, Elizabeth. **Loving God with All Your Mind**. Harvest House Publishers, 1994.  
Needham, David C. **Alive for the First Time: A Fresh Look at the New-Birth Miracle**. Multnomah Press, 1995.  
Packer, J.I. **Knowing God**. InverVarsity Press, 1973.  
Plantinga, Cornelius. **Not the Way It's Supposed to Be: A Breviary of Sin**. Eerdmans Publishing, 1995.  
Stedman, Ray C. **Spiritual Warfare: Winning the Daily Battle with Satan**. Reprint. Discovery House, 1999.  
Tada, Joni Eareckson. **Seeking God: My Journey of Prayer & Praise**. Wolgemuth & Hyatt Publishers, 1991.  
Tozer, A. W. **The Pursuit of God**. Reprint. Christian Publications, 1982.  
\_\_\_\_\_. **The Knowledge of the Holy**. Harper & Row, 1961.