Hello, my friend!

A few years ago I attended TeenPact's National Convention for the first time. That week was one of my first truly studying the Bible using this very devotional! Exploring the theme of 'Becoming' and identity in Christ, I was transformed in my understanding of who Christ is and what that meant for me.

Looking back now as a college student, my life is so vastly different than it was at age 14, yet the message of this bonjour is still so relevant to me. I still struggle with insecurity, pride, and a desire for control and I need a reminder of how my identity as Christ's child allows me to release those feelings and walk securely in hope.

While the message has not changed, the application for me has. It is so encouraging to see how the Lord has changed the way I think about myself and how I can continue to strive towards full trust in my Father. I hope you find comfort and hope as you study God's word today!

In Christ, Naomi Strozier

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Who we are becoming begins with who God declares us to be. Each morning, we hope you will enjoy Bonjour, a guided time with God. As you read the selected texts and meditate on what each teaches, allow the Word of God to speak to you, and respond through journaling and prayer.

It has been said that we become what we behold. This week, behold the glory of the Lord, and experience the ongoing transformation of becoming more like Jesus.

TUESDAY BONJOUR

HOW DO I LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL MY HEART?

RECOGNIZE

Before you can become like Jesus in your life, you must share in His death, too. Taking your heart of stone and giving you a heart of flesh is something only Jesus can do.

READ

- + Jeremiah 17:9-10
- + Ezekiel 36:25-27
- + Romans 6:5-11
- + Psalm 119:9-11
- + Proverbs 4:23-27

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PRAY

Pray that the Lord would help you trust that Christ died for you, so your daily dying to sin will always bring life.

WEDNESDAY BONJOUR

HOW DO I LOVE THE LORD WITH MY MIND?

RECOGNIZE

Scripture renews the mind of every believer. In this, you can be sure of your status with Christ and sure that His Word speaks to every single area of your life.

READ

- + Ephesians 4:17-25
- + Matthew 11:25-30
- + Philippians 4:8-9
- + Romans 12:1-2
- + Isaiah 26:3-4

RESPOND

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Pray that the Lord would help you turn from wrong patterns of thinking and set your mind on His Word so that your mind will be transformed to be like Christ.

THURSDAY BONJOUR

HOW DO I LOVE THE LORD WITH MY STRENGTH?

RECOGNIZE

The Bible is full of instructions for our hands, mouths, and ears, and how we reflect the changes happening in us when we become more like Christ. We don't just "put off." We "put on," too.

READ

- + Isaiah 64:6
- + Colossians 3:5-14
- + James 2:14-26
- + Ephesians 2:10

RESPOND

PRAY

Pray that the Lord would help you to recognize the sin in your life and would help you surrender your plans to live the life He has called you to live.

FRIDAY BONJOUR

HOW DOES BECOMING LIKE JESUS IMPACT OUR HOPE?

RECOGNIZE

What do we do when tragedy strikes or when temptation lingers and sin takes hold? We fix our eyes on the unseen and trust the founder of our faith.

READ

- + Romans 8:18-30
- + Psalm 56
- + Lamentations 3:21-24
- + Hebrews 12:1-2

RESPOND

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PRAY

Pray that the Lord would strengthen your heart with faith and courage to believe that He will redeem the ugly, sinful, dark parts of your life. Where do you need help to rightly grieve and trust?

SATURDAY BONJOUR

HOW DOES BECOMING LIKE JESUS CHANGE WHAT WE LONG FOR?

RECOGNIZE

Becoming like Jesus doesn't just mean dying to sin; it also means living the abundant life He has planned for us and walking with Him in every area of life.

READ

- + John 12:24-26
- + Psalm 91:14-16
- + 2 Peter 1:3-8
- + 2 Corinthians 3:12-18
- + Philippians 2:14-16
- + Revelation 19:6-9

RESPOND

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PRAY

Pray that the Lord would help you press on as you die to self and live to Christ, that you would hold fast to His Word and live your life in worship to Him.