



bonjour

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

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.

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

What things do you need to "put off" in your words and actions? What do you need to "put on" to walk like Christ? What needs to change in what you do, who you follow, and in your daily habits?

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.

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*

+ *Psalms 56*

+ *Lamentations 3:21-24*

+ *Hebrews 12:1-2*

RESPOND

How does the Bible teach us to process grief and lament before God? Are you missing hope in your life? How does the Lord meet us in our pain and give us hope in Him?

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?

