

A PERFECTLY MESSY WAY TO EXPERIENCE JESUS

Hungry for a Jesus-Centered Life?

It's great to learn about Jesus—to study, soak in sermons, and highlight Bible verses.

But to know Jesus? Live a life orbiting tightly around him?

That takes more. It takes relationship. And peeling back the answers to two important questions:

- 1. Who do you say *Jesus* is?
- 2. And who does Jesus say you are?

Grappling with those two questions draws you deeper into an authentic relationship with Jesus. One that's honest and transparent...and lets you see him—and yourself—clearly.

These 40 devotions carve out space for you to pause and catch your breath. To consider those two questions. To let Jesus speak to you about himself, about you, and about your friendship with him.

So come.

Come draw closer to Jesus—in a fresh way.

Come take your next steps into the joy and peace of a Jesus-centered life.

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

—Jesus

(Matthew 11:28, NIV)

Imagine a life in which you're no longer doing all the stuff you should be doing for Jesus and instead you're just...with Jesus.

Consider how that might feel as you color in this sign—any shade you like.





Jesus, help me get past the busywork of my "shoulds" so that I'm simply resting in you.

But God demonstrates
His own love toward
US, in that while we
were yet sinners,
Christ died for us.

(Romans 5:8, NASB)

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- Say it once... then again. Out loud.
- Repeat it, emphasizing first one word, and then the next.

I am enough...

I am enough...

I am enough...

You get the idea.

You're enough. Enough to be loved by Jesus. Rescued by Jesus. To draw close to Jesus.



Jesus, it's not always easy to feel as if I'm enough. To feel worthy. Help me see myself as you see me.

The woman said,
'I know the Messiah
is coming—the one
who is called Christ. When
he comes, he will explain
everything to us.'
Then Jesus told her,
'I am the Messiah!'

(John 4:25-26, NLT)

It's when you're looking for Jesus that you usually encounter him. In what ways are you expecting Jesus to show up in your life?

Right here. Right now. How are you expecting to meet Jesus?

Write here. Write now. How are you expecting to meet Jesus?



Jesus, dive into my life. Right here. Right now. I'm looking. I'm listening

Lord, you have searched me, and you know me. You know my sitting down and my rising up. You perceive my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

(Psalm 139:1-3, NHEB)

What's one thing about Jesus you're unshakably sure is true? And one thing you're pretty sure is false?

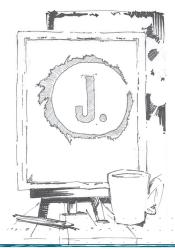
Jot them here:	
True	
False	
Pray Jesus, how would you answer the same questions about me	?
Jot what Jesus tells you here:	
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False	

He is so rich in **kindness** and grace that he purchased our **freedom** with the blood of his Son and **forgave** our sins.

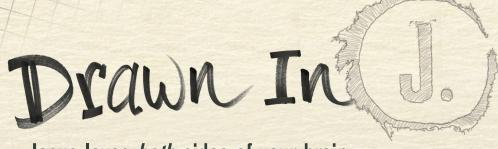
(Ephesians 1:7, NLT)

With a pencil, write or draw that thing that haunts you. That you can't get past. That you did, or left undone, that harmed yourself or others. Write or draw it...look at it...then erase it.

Because that's what Jesus did. He'll forgive you. Can you forgive yourself?







Jesus loves both sides of your brain.

He likes the part of you that takes notes during sermons, but he's crazy about the side that doodles in class. That wonders and wanders. That asks why? and why not? and what's next?

Because he's always ready for an adventure, here are 40 invitations to go where the two of you have never gone before. Invitations to connect with Jesus in messy, fun, creative, potentially life-changing ways.

Probably life-changing...maybe even definitely life-changing.

That's because you'll ponder who you are, who Jesus is, and what you two think of each other. You'll be drawn into deep conversations with Jesus, prompted by fun activities and compelling questions—and nothing's more life-changing than that.

So get ready to get messy. To grow deeper. And to fall more in love with Jesus.

Come crank up your creativity. Come meet Jesus.



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