

## 7 Stories Of Hope

This week, spend some time alone with the Father each day. I would encourage you to do this each morning, before you get busy, before you check social media or the news, seek God first to get your head straight. If that doesn't work, choose another time you can stick with. Give Him 10-minutes....or more is even better.

1. Get alone – Find a place where you can be alone for a few minutes without distraction.
2. Pray – Say hello to your Heavenly Father. Invite Him into your day, and ask Him to open your mind to receive something special from Him in His Word.
3. Read – Read the scripture (listed below), then read it again slowly. Chew on the words, reflect on them. If you have time/interest, look at the words before and after the story so you can get more of the context.
4. Questions – Ask yourself/God these questions in a spirit of prayer...like you're having a conversation with Him:  
Is there a word or phrase You want me to see right now?  
What does this say about You, God?  
What does this say about people/me?  
What am I going to do because I read this today.
5. Remember – As you go throughout the rest of your day, remember that one word/phrase/thought the Lord gave you. Make a mental prayer-connection with Him just for an instant, knowing that He is still there with you.
5. Share – Tell one person today about the story you read and how God encouraged you. If appropriate, share the story and the questions with him/her.

### 7 Stories Of Hope Scriptures:

The woman who wept at Jesus' feet - Luke 7:36-50  
Who does God accept? - Luke 18:9-17  
Two Lost Sons - Luke 15:11-32  
Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37  
A hole in the roof - Luke 5:17-26  
Jesus' death and resurrection - Luke 23:26 through 24:12  
Repent & Believe - Luke 19:1-10

### More Stories of Hope:

Who does Jesus call? - Luke 5:27-32  
Forgiveness - Matt 18:21-35  
Where is lasting wealth? - Luke 12:13-23  
A hard road - Matt 16:21-26