

## **Read Acts 17**

## Devotional

Paul stood before a group and boldly proclaimed the truth.

How awesome is it that Paul's words exude confidence, not insecurity? Why was he able to speak with such authority? - Because Paul knew Jesus intimately. He had spent time studying God's word and committing it to memory. In Paul's speech, he quotes from the books of Isaiah and Deuteronomy. His confidence came from the knowledge of God's Word he had received through spending time in the Bible.

When Jesus changed Paul's heart, Paul experienced an extreme spiritual transformation. We grow in our relationships with the Lord by spending time with God each day, studying the scriptures and praying.

Maybe you've made a decision to follow Jesus, but you've never taken that next step of reading the Bible regularly and doing whatever it takes to get to know Him better. Acts 17:27 says God is not far from any of us. That is great news!

- 1) What does this passage teach us about God? How does it apply to you?
- 2) What about your life has changed since coming to know Jesus? How has time with God contributed to that change?
- 3) What is your next step in spending time with Jesus daily?

Based on today's reading, what is one thing God is saying to you?