

But First + No Snacks We Want Meals

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Just Us Girls

Part 1: But First! - When Jesus has instructed you to move, whether to read your Bible or to pray, what are you putting first that will hinder you from reading your Bible?

Some examples of what we put first are:

- Wanting to stay in bed rather than read your Bible in the morning
- Wanting to scroll through social media
- Wanting to do chores or errands during the time you usually spend with God.

The below verse gives a further example of how people use “But First” in the Bible:

Luke 9: 59 - 61

Then He said to another, “Follow Me.” However, he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their dead, but you go and preach the kingdom of God.” And another also said, “Lord, I will follow You, but let me first go and bid them farewell who are at my house.

We all have said “But First” at some point in our walk with Christ. “But First” shouldn’t be our response. Instead, our response should be obedience.

Part 2: Do you want to snack, or do you want the whole meal?

I have been reading a daily verse, and recently, I began to feel God tugging at my heart to read a chapter a day. While reading my favorite novel, God revealed to me the benefits of reading an entire chapter in comparison to one scripture. Unfortunately, I have not been implementing this in my reading of the word. When we are starving, we don’t go to the kitchen for a small snack; we take our time and prepare a full meal. While reading a verse will still impact our lives, God wants us to go deeper and receive more by reading the entire chapter. Don’t just snack on the word; read a chapter and get a full meal!