

Seek Intimacy with God

Psalm 27:1-4

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Many of us know of God. But do we know God? This is an important question that we as Christians must ask ourselves, because our relationship with God is what sets us apart. Intimacy with the Lord is a way to show our love for Him, and it's also how we learn what He wants of us and for us. Our connection to Him is how we are able to rise up to challenges and continue on the path of Christlikeness. The good news is, all of us can be intimate with God; and God Himself wants to have this relationship with us.

In our examination of what intimacy with God looks like, we turn to David, who is known in the Bible as "a man after God's own heart." In Psalm 27:1, he says, "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?" Because David knew the Lord intimately, he is able to acknowledge God's role in his life with confidence, and declare that the Lord is his source of security, deliverance, and strength. He would not have been able to say this with such conviction had he not experienced all of these for himself.

David's intimacy with God is further seen in Psalm 27:4, where he says, "One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold in the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple." Of all the things that one could ask for, David asks to be close to God, and to be in His presence always. Once you have tasted, seen and experienced God's goodness, you will always yearn for it; and when you are closely connected to God, it is easier to give up on the things of the world that are unnecessary (Philippians 3:10).

In Psalm 42:1-2, David says, "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God." Considering that streams provide life-giving water to the deer, and also serve as a means of escape from predators, this verse captures how valuable David's relationship with God is to him. Are we like David in our desire for intimacy with God? Do we find ourselves yearning for His presence to fill us in our day-to-day lives, much like the deer "pants" for the water streams?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What is your most important human relationship? What do you treasure most about this relationship? How do you nurture this relationship?
2. What does a life of intimate relationship with God look like? Spend a few minutes thinking about your relationship with Jesus. What's your relationship with Jesus like? Is it more about facts and rules than an intimate, personal relationship?
3. What might you be missing out on in your relationship with Jesus? What needs to change in order for you to have a more intimate, personal relationship with Jesus Christ?

