

Hello Dear Family and Friends, I'm Linda Nardella, I'm loved by God and I am His favorite. I am thankful for having this opportunity to share my heart with you.

Pursuit

Hebrew word: Râdaph (raw-daf') the root word meaning to run after

I've been hearing that word quite often lately. I've asked myself "what does that really mean?" God has been pursuing us for a relationship with Him since creation. The whole bible is about God pursuing us. He sent His only son to be a sacrifice - for us to be reconciled to the Father. Jesus says in **John 6:44 No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him**; Now in order to find out Who it is that is pursuing you - you need to do some research. And the way to do that is to live in His word **John 15:7 says If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.**

We are called, we are chosen, we have the privilege and freedom to seek after - to run after -to pursue God Himself. We can't do that unless we spend time in His word. Getting to know Him. Seeking His face. Getting rid of all those distractions. You know the kind of distractions when we are tired - it may be just me??? - we say to ourselves - oh I worked so hard today I just want sit down and relax and watch a little tv and before you know it - that turns into hours - or let me just play one game that turns into many - or let me just check out Facebook or another social media site and see what others are saying and that turns into hours of distractions as well - instead of taking that time and getting into God's word and hearing what God is saying to you, about you, and getting to know His heart towards you.

You know the sole purpose of those games, social media sites and reality TV - they are designed to steal our time and distract us from getting into a deeper closer relationship with Jesus. I have fallen into this trap of addicting behavior and have been struggling with this for several years. Once we get that revelation and understanding of how Satan is stealing our time and attention - we can change the outcome and our future and put Satan under our feet. When we get the victory over the addiction to those distractions that once brought us numbness to reality and life - then we are free to pursue after God as He is pursuing us by spending that precious time in His word and conversing with Him through prayer.

This fast has given us an opportunity for breakthrough to let go of those distractions/addictions and be able to seek His face more than ever before. Continue to seek Him every day. It is a process and we have to make a conscious decision to rely on Holy Spirit every day – sometimes every minute - to help us stay the course. Keep our eyes on Jesus and we won't fall into the water.

Let's pray – Father God, we thank you for being our pursuer. We thank You for Your word that is freely available to us – to get to know You. Help us to put away those worldly distractions and focus on You. Thank you for breaking the power of the addictions to distractions they had over our lives. Thank you for opening up our understanding in the revelation of how much You really love us. Thank you Lord for drawing us closer to You so we will know You as our Dearest Father, our Closest Friend and Most Beautiful as we dwell here forever. In Jesus name we pray.