

Intimacy with God

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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

Three marks of maturity in our relationship with God:

1. Intimacy with God
2. Knowledge of God's Word
3. Obedience to God

"Once the joy of intimacy with God has been experienced, life becomes unbearable without it."

—J. Oswald Sanders

36 "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" 37 And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

—Matthew 22:36-37 (ESV)

1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. 4 So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. 5 My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, 6 when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; 7 for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. 8 My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

—Psalm 63:1-8 (ESV)

1. Intimacy with God starts with GOD

2. Intimacy with God requires intentional EFFORT

3. Intimacy with God realizes His surpassing WORTH

8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

—Philippians 3:8 (ESV)

“It would seem that our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures, fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.”

— C.S. Lewis

Chase a GREATER joy.

4. Intimacy with God responds with a heart-felt EXPRESSION