

**Think Ahead—
Do This to Get Closer to God**

A Man After God's Own Heart

There is no such thing as intimacy without intentionality.

One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple. Psalm 27:4 NIV

Why Do I Prioritize Intimacy With God?

1. I'm desperate for God's presence.

You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. ²I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. ³Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. Psalm 63:1-3 NIV

2. I'm desperate for God's Word.

The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy ... ⁸ The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living. ... ¹⁰ They are more desirable than gold ... They are sweeter than honey ... Psalm 19:7-8, 10 NLT

3. I'm desperate for God's Church.

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1 NIV

[The righteous are] planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. Psalm 92:13 NIV

TALK IT OVER

Read **Psalm 122:1**. How has the church made a positive impact in your life?

Share about a time when you were desperate for God's presence. How did you seek Him, and what did you learn about Him through that process?

Talk about how you're currently pursuing intimacy with God. How will your life look different as you continue pursuing Him?