

## My Heart Seeks God

"When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek." Psalm 27:8 (KJV)

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Like countless people in this world, I came to God with a life full of pain and sin. Seeking for salvation and forgiveness, seeking freedom from physical, mental, and emotional pain, seeking for healing from my broken marriage, and seeking to be free from sinful habits. However, soon after I put my trust in Jesus as my Savior, God's Amazing Grace changed the focus of my seeking and changed the focus of my heart. Yes, I still needed God's help; however, my greater desire was to seek to know my Lord in a deep, intimate relationship. It became more important for me to seek His face, to know Him, and to love Him than for Him to meet my needs.

Most of us know the pain of people using us. The only time they call us on the phone or come to see us is when they want something. I did not want to do that to my Jesus. I longed to know Him, to spend time with Him, to talk to Him, to listen to Him, to have Him change my life so it would bring glory to Him. I have spent my Christian life doing that, and it has been a tremendous joy. Daily I read the Bible to get to know my Lord. I spend time praying and talking to Him. I listen to Him and obey His Word.

The Bible is full of precious promises to those who seek the Lord. Psalm 57:7 (KJV) reads, "My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing and give praise." Beloved, my heart has been fixed for many years to have a close relationship with my Lord. I love to sing His praises. Deuteronomy 6:5 (KJV) reads, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might."

Over the years I have seen my Lord change my heart and my lifestyle. The more time I spend with my Lord, the more I love Him, and the less I love this world and all it has to offer me. Psalm 63:1 (KJV) reads, "O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is." Beloved, life without a close, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ is like a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. For years I looked to my husband, family, other people, and the materialism of this world to satisfy the thirsting of my soul and the desires of my flesh. It never worked. There was always an unmet need, an emptiness until I filled it with Jesus. Only my relationship with Him has satisfied the thirsting of my soul.

Beloved believer, do you daily seek time with the Lord because you love Him, or is it only when you want and need His help? He proved His love for us on the cross. My prayer is that we will love Him more every day. Unbeliever, give your life to Jesus Christ. Only He can fill the emptiness in your heart. He wants to meet your needs. He wants to help you, but He wants a close, intimate relationship with you, and only that will satisfy the thirsting of your soul.

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