

Seeking His kingdom

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Acts 13:22 | Psalm 27:4, 7-8

We have issues. King David had issues too. He was always in need of something from God — His power, His provision, His healing, His wisdom. David was always in need of the hand of God. But David was known for something greater: he was a man after God's own heart. Our conviction this week is not to seek the answer to our prayer, but to seek the face of our God. The greatest miracle of all is not getting what we asked for — it's having a relationship with God (Psalm 27:4)

REFLECT & PRAY

- *Am I seeking God's hand, or God's face?*
- *Lord, today I seek You — not just what You can give me.*

Seeking God's Presence

Exodus 33 | James 4 | Luke 10:38-42 | Psalm 46:10 | John 14:21 | Revelation 3:20

God is already omnipresent — He is everywhere. But He is not equally near to everyone in experience. He is with those who are aligned with Him in a special way. Think of Jesus in Martha's home (Luke 10:38-42). Both Martha and Mary were in the same room, the same proximity to Jesus — but their experience of Him was completely different. Proximity is the same; experience is different. Being worried and distracted can keep us from the presence of God. If the enemy cannot destroy us with bad things, he'll distract us with good things to keep us from the best thing.

THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK OURSELVES TODAY:

Awareness — Am I looking for God? (Psalm 46:10)

Alignment — Am I walking in obedience? If we can't sense His presence, something isn't aligned (John 14:21).

Access — Am I inviting God in? He knows all our needs, but He wants us to ask (Revelation 3:20).

Seeking God's Truth

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John 8:31-32 | John 14:6 | John 17:17 | Psalm 33:4 | Psalm 119:11

God is asking for our complete surrender to His governance. As the governor of our life, Jesus gets to set the policy for our life. In John 8, as Jesus was teaching, many believed — and as people listened, He began setting policy: "If you abide in my word... you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). To abide means to remain — it's an ongoing process, not a one-time decision. This is how we seek His truth: we follow His policy, and when we abide in His word, we receive results. Through Him we experience our Savior, our Redeemer, our Healer (John 14:6) — and we come to know Him not only in our mind, but in our heart (John 17:17).

DECLARE

Jesus is my governor.

This word is true (Psalm 33:4).

His truth stands forever over my life.

Seeking First God's Way

Galatians 5 | Isaiah 55:8-9 | John 10:10 | Matthew 16:24-25 | Proverbs 3:5-6

God's ways are higher and better than ours (Isaiah 55:8-9). He sees the beginning from the end, and He works all things together for good. The life Jesus offers is so much better than anything we can build on our own (John 10:10). God's ways are higher because He sees more, and better because He loves perfectly. Culture says "me, me, me." Jesus says something different (Matthew 16:24-25):

Deny myself — refusing to let the broken, fearful version of myself run my life.

Take up my cross — daily choosing to trust Jesus even when it costs comfort or control.

Follow Him — staying close to the One leading me.

Jesus isn't trying to make us suffer — He's trying to make us unshakable. There's a difference between surrender and abandonment: surrender is when I give up; abandonment is an attitude of heart — falling into God's arms without condition (Proverbs 3:5-6).

DECLARE

Lord, I abandon myself to You.

Lord, I lean not on my own understanding.

Lord, I invite You into every area of my life.

Seeking First His Plans

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Jeremiah 29:11 | Ephesians 2:10 | Acts 9:17-18, 20, 31

God can be trusted — He knows the plans He has for us. God is good — those plans are to prosper us, not to harm us. God is in control — we have a hope and a future (Jeremiah 29:11). God has a plan for our life (Ephesians 2:10). So does the enemy. And so do we.

With all these competing plans, the enemy has to work hard — he schemes and looks for ways to distract us. But there is peace in living inside God's plan. When we try to live according to our own plans while the enemy distracts us, it's like being caught in a lazy river, drifting without direction. Our best life is found in alignment with God. Think of Saul's conversion (Acts 9:17-18, 20, 31). After Jesus blinded him, his destination didn't change — but his plan did.

PRAY

Lord, I want to see what You see.

Lord, I want to boldly respond.

Lord, I want to change my world.

Paul went on to write two-thirds of the New Testament. He made a change once he aligned with God. God's plan is the best way to live our life.

Seek First His Mission

Matthew 28:18-20

His mission is our priority. We focus our life on His mission — to help, to pray, and to believe in His mission for our life. Revival and growth start with verse 18: all authority has been given to Jesus. We can't get to the Great Commission without first being commissioned.

As we seek Him, we align with His authority. And when we are aligned with His authority, we live out His assignment. When we submit ourselves to the King, we are in mission — and we live revival. W E E