



KING'S CHAPEL

Daily Devotional - The Pursuit of God

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Approaching God

Read Psalm 42:1-5

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation

Opening Prayer: - As the deer pants for cool water when heated and exhausted, my my soul long for you and your refreshing grace Lord Jesus. Help me to be refreshed by your love as I meet with you today.

This Week's Study: The Pursuit of God

This week we are looking at the theme: "Pursuing God with Great Intensity."

This week we are meditating on various passages around this theme and asking God to search and align our hearts so that knowing Christ might become our greatest treasure.

Bible Reading, Study & Meditation - Luke 10:38-42

Luke 10:38-42 - **38** Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. **39** And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. **40** But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." **41** But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, **42** but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her." what great things he has done for you. **25** But if you still do wickedly, you shall be swept away, both you and your king."

Daily Study Questions

- What are 2 to 3 things that stand out to you from Mary and Martha's interaction with Jesus? Why?
- What is God stirring in your heart as you read this passage?

Application & Meditation

- How are you encouraged by Mary's pursuit of Jesus in this passage?

- How are you challenged by Mary's pursuit of Jesus in this passage?

Close in Prayer:

"Mary and Martha represent two approaches to the Christian life. Martha is actively serving Jesus, but she is missing Jesus. She is busy in the "doing" of life. Her life, at this moment, is willed with "should" and "have to's." Her life is fragmented, pressured, and filled with distractions. Her duties have become disconnected from her love for Jesus. Martha's problem goes beyond her busyness. Her life is uncentered and divided. I suspect that if Martha were to sit at the feet of Jesus, she would still be distracted with everything on her mind. Her inner person is touchy, irritable, and anxious. One of the surest signs of her life being out of order is that she even tells God what to do! Mary, on the other hand, is sitting at the feet of Jesus, listening to him. She is "being" with Jesus, enjoying intimacy with him, loving him, attentive, open, quiet, taking pleasure in his presence. She is engaged in what we will call the contemplative life. Mary is not trying to master God. Her life has one center of gravity-Jesus. I suspect that if Mary were to help with many household chores, she would not be worried or upset. Why? Her inner person has slowed down enough to focus on Jesus and to center her life on him."

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"Father, help me to never be disconnected from the love of Jesus. Help me to find daily time to sit at your feet and to feast of the delights that you offer in your love and grace. Help me to enjoy intimacy with you first thing each day, and not to get busy in the "doing of life" when life is found in you, with you, and for you."