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Soul Rx

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Psalm63 "Intimacy"

The absolutely best part of being a Christian is intimacy with the Infinite! There's nothing more soul satisfying & life liberating than to live in fellowship (friendship, relationship, intimacy) with the Creator & Sustainer of the Heavens & the Earth!

What are the MARKS of Intimacy with God?

- **A desire for God that exceeds all other desires.** (V1; John4:13; Luke 16:24)
- **Information about God that leads to transformation.** (Vv2-3; Job42:5; Ps27:4, 34:8; Matt13:13; 2Cor2:18; Eph1:17-19)
- **A life filled with praising & rejoicing in God.** (v3b-5; Ps34:1, 84:4, 10; Eph5:18-21)

When was the last time that as you communed with God the time just flew by & you felt your burdens coming off when you prayed & you felt you were soaring to the heavens when you prayed? When was the last time you had to say—God stop the delight?!

What Are the MEANS to Intimacy with God?

- **Let His steadfast love captivate your heart.** (vv3, 6-7; Gen15; Rom8:31-32) "Steadfast Love" = is His never stopping, never giving up, unbreaking, always & forever love.-TJSB
- **Avoid suppressants & indulge in stimulants of your God appetite.** (Vv9-11; Matt5:29-30; Phil4:8; 1Pet5:8)

- **Make a commitment to live for Him, regardless.** (vv1, 8; Gen2:24; Jer29:13; Heb11:6)

God has gone to unbelievable lengths to communicate His desire for us to be close to Him: He's given us His Book, His Son, His Holy Spirit!



Growing

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- 1) The absolutely best part of being a Christian is intimacy with the Infinite God! Agree or disagree? Explain. Do you think most Christians are living in the reality of this amazing soul satisfying & life liberating truth? Explain. How about you?

- 2) Read Psalm 63. What stands out to you from this Psalm? Where is David as He pens this Psalm? What does He compare his thirst for God with (v1)? What does it mean that God's "steadfast love is better than life" (v3)? How does he describe his satisfaction (v5)?

- 3) Review the three marks of intimacy with God. How is spiritual thirst a sign of spiritual life (Rom3:9-10; John6:44)? Why is it important that information about God becomes transformation (Vv2-3; Job42:5; Ps27:4, 34:8; Matt13:13; 2Cor2:18; Eph1:17-19)? Why would intimacy with God produce a life of praising & rejoicing in God (v3b-5; Ps34:1, 84:4, 10; Eph5:18-21)?

- 4) Review the three means to intimacy with God. Which one(s) are strengths and which one(s) growth areas for you? What are God appetite stimulants & suppressants in your life? What are your next steps to increasing your intimacy with God?

- 5) God's "steadfast love (v3)" for you is a never stopping, never giving up, unbreaking, always & forever love (Rom8:31-32). If you really believed that what difference would it make in your life? Pray.