

Dancing In The Storm

LESSON 3

SEEK HIM IN THE STORM

We pray for many reasons—to express our gratitude, to ask help and healing for others, and to ask guidance and forgiveness. God does answer prayers. However, we must first ask. Open your heart to God. He is waiting for you to open the lines of communication.

JEREMIAH 29: 12,13

God is omnipresent. He is *everywhere* and *everywhen* simultaneously. He is there in every storm we encounter. He is in every beautiful sunlit morning and every star-filled night. Why then, must we “seek Him”?

As Christians, we want to have a close relationship with God. Frankly, our Spirit *craves* a relationship with Him. Yet, the seconds, minutes, and hours of daily life call our attention to earthly matters.

Throughout the Bible we see urgings to “seek Him in the early morning.” David and Jesus rose early to pray. I believe this is because life crowds in and morning prayers can be usurped by the hustle and bustle.

Bible study in the evenings may be better suited to the busy mom. But how many times have you worked all day, shuffled kids to ball practice and dance lessons, cooked dinner, did laundry, helped with homework, supervised baths, and then fell numbly into bed?



PRAYER

DEFINITION:

Jeremiah 29;12,13.....1-2
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James 5:14-16 3
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JEREMIAH 29:12,13 (CONTINUED)



Maybe you don't have children. Maybe you have a boss who expects you to bring your work home with you. Or, maybe you work for yourself and deadlines are looming.

Listen, if you are exhausted, but having trouble sleeping because of the thoughts racing in your brain, all you have to do is pull out your Bible to read. It is amazing how fast you fall asleep with your Bible in your hands.

My point is, our very lives keep us from spending time with God. Still, the question was, "Why do we need to seek Him?" God is not lost. We are.

God is right there where is always was, is and will be. He is just waiting for us to seek him. Notice Him. Call out to Him. Know Him. Love Him. Have an actual relationship with Him.

God created us to have a relationship with Him. We get to know him through studying His Word. A very important part of that relationship is communication. There are three parts to communicating with God—Prayer or talking to God, Listening, and Reflection. We pray for many reasons—to express our gratitude, to ask help and healing for others, and to ask guidance and forgiveness.

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SEEK & FIND

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him, the greatest human achievement.

Saint Augustine

As you pray, take time to quiet your mind and listen for that still, small voice to lead and guide you. Write down thoughts and ideas that come to you during these times and meditate, or reflect on these things. Test your answers. The Voice of God's will never contradict the Word of God.

You must develop a *habit* of prayer. The more time you spend in the word and in prayer, the more time you will want to have with the Lord.

Open your heart to God. He is ***waiting for you*** to open the lines of communication.

SEEK GOD

Read: Deuteronomy 4:29-31

“But if from thence thou shalt _____ the LORD thy God, thou shalt _____ him, if thou _____ him with all thy _____ and with all thy _____.” (Deuteronomy 4:29 KJV)

In your own words, what is the promise of this verse?

Find is one of the most important words in this verse. Explain what it means to you.

What 2 things must we do when tribulation comes upon us? (vs 30)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____

How do we know God is Merciful? (vs 31)

Read: James 5:14-16

What must we do for the sick? (vs 14) _____

What will save the sick? (vs 15) _____

What must we do for healing? (vs 16) _____

What _____ it is dynamic and can have tremendous power when God’s mercy is activated? _____

Read: 2 Chronicles 7:14

“If my people, which are _____ by my _____, shall _____ themselves, and _____, and _____ my face, and _____ from their wicked ways; then will I _____ from heaven, and will _____ their sin, and will _____ their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14 KJV)

What do you think this verse means? _____



GOD'S LOVE

"How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them! ¹⁸If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee." (Psalm 139:17-18 KJV)

God's mind and heart are not limited by time and space. His capacity for thought is not finite. He can have loving, personal thoughts of you and me while thinking of everything and everyone else.

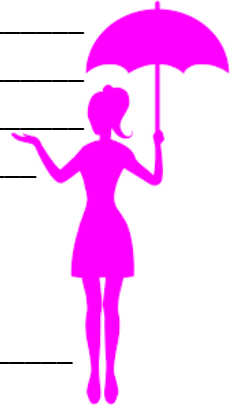
His Word tells us that His thoughts toward us are more than the grains of sand on the planet. How many is that? How many grains of sand are in the desert or beach? How many in a child's sandbox or in a plastic bucket?

A scientific test was done to answer this question. It was loosely estimated that more than 10,000 grains of sand are in 1/4 teaspoon. When multiplied by all the beaches and deserts in the world, God thinks of you more than 7 quintillion, 5 hundred quadrillion **times a day**. God Loves you!

Read: Isaiah 55:6

"_____ ye the LORD while he may be _____, _____ ye upon _____ while he is _____: (Isaiah 55:6 KJV)

What do you think is the meaning of this verse?



READ: PSALM 145:18

Who is the Lord near? _____

READ: PSALM 27:4

⁴One thing have I _____ of the LORD, that will I _____ after; that I may _____ in the _____ of the LORD all the days of my life, to _____ the _____ of the LORD, and to _____ in his temple." (Psalm 27:4 KJV)

READ: PSALM 69:13

"But as for me, my _____ is unto thee, O LORD, in an _____ time: O God, in the _____ of thy _____ hear me, in the _____ of thy salvation." (Psalm 69:13 KJV)

READ: PSALM 105:4

When do we need to seek God?

READ: Psalm 54:2, 55:1, 61:1, 64:1

What is David's request? _____

READ: James 4:8

“Draw _____ to God, and he will draw _____ to you. _____ your hands, ye sinners; and _____ your hearts, ye _____ minded.” (James 4:8 KJV)

READ: Philippians 4:6

“Be careful for _____; but in _____ by _____ and _____ with _____ let your requests be made _____ unto God.” (Phil. 4:6 KJV)

*“Seek the Lord and His strength;
seek His presence continually!”*

READ: HEBREWS 11:6

What must we have if we want to please God? _____
Who does He reward? _____

READ: Matthew 21:22

Write this verse in your own words.

READ: PROVERBS 15:8, 29

Explain these verses in your own words.

READ: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

What is it God’s will that you should do?
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____





READ: ACTS 17: 24-28

Verse 24: God does not dwell in _____.

Verse 25: He does not need _____, because He created _____.

Verse 26: He created all men, of all nations, of one _____. He determines our appointed _____ and how and where we will _____.

Verse 27 tells us that we should seek him *if* we happen to be led to, and that we can find in, although he is really not very far from us. What do verses 27 and 28 mean to you? _____

“Draw nigh to God and He will Draw nigh to you.”

READ: MATTHEW 7:7,8

What happens when we ask God for something?

What happens when we seek God?

If we knock, or turn to God in respect, but persistence, what will happen?

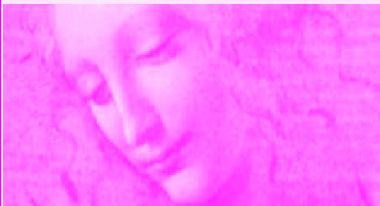
We must ask and keep _____. Seek and keep _____. Knock and keep _____.

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READ: JAMES 1:5

“If any of you lack _____, let him ask of God, that _____ to all men _____, and _____ not; and it shall be _____ him.” (James 1:5 KJV)

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