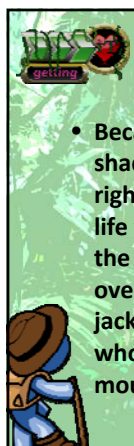



Psalm 63

- You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. I will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night.




Psalm 63


- Because you are my help, I will sing in the shadow of your wings. I cling to you; your right hand upholds me. Those who seek my life will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth. They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals. But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God will glory in him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.



Pursuing God:


- The one thing David chases after is more of God, more of His loving presence in his life. He doesn't pray for deliverance. He doesn't pray for restoration of power. He doesn't pray for comforts. He doesn't pray for return to his family.
- Why does David pursue God as the most important thing in all the world in one of his darkest hours?






Pursuing God:


- David chases God because he has encountered God in the past. He knows the invaluable reality of the presence of God; he recalls the past. V.2, "I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory." (Seer)
- He goes back to his previous experiences with God to anchor him in the hardship. (anchoring words)
- Some may say, "I don't have those kinds of experiences with God." (David)






Pursuing God:

- David chases God because he knows God's love is better than life. V. 3, "Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands."
- God's loving presence is the only thing that can ultimately satisfy our soul. (if he had to choose)
- Worship plays a critical role in connecting us to the surpassing greatness of God's love. (2x to praise; tests – praise; hands up)





Pursuing God:

- God alone can satisfy the deepest longings of the human soul, so David pursues God with all he has. V.6f, "I will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you. On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night."
- God's presence comes at a price, but He is worth the price. v. 8, "I cling to you; your right hand upholds me." Pursue God with all you have . . . Until it comes. (watch – Tom)