

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? Psalm 42:1-2 (NIV)

When

There is no more important question than the one that is before you. What question is that? **When can you come to meet with me? When will you set aside a time and a place to come into my presence? We both know that you are tired. We both know that you are weary and worn out. We both know that your soul desperately needs to be revived, refreshed and restored. I know that you have a thirsty desire that only I can satisfy. You have an emptiness that only I can fill. You are thirsty for me. Your soul is panting for me.** Do you think that I don't know that I have a thirst that only you can satisfy? **That's a good question, for you to consider. I know you know that I can satisfy your thirst. It does not seem obvious to me that you are convinced in knowing that nothing else can satisfy your soul. Why do you say that?**

If you knew that only I could satisfy your thirst wouldn't you set aside a time and a place to meet with me? Wouldn't you come to rest in my presence? Wouldn't you allow me to speak into your heart and mind and soul and life? Wouldn't you listen attentively to all that I had to say to you? Wouldn't you carefully consider my every word? Wouldn't meeting with me be the first and highest priority in your life? Wouldn't our time together become something that never gets set aside? Wouldn't our meeting together become as regular and consistent as clockwork? I do know that only you can refresh my soul and satisfy my thirst for you. All my meaning and hope and purpose come from you. You are my counselor and guide. You supply all my needs. You give me strength. You show me where you want me to go. You give me what you want me to do. Yes, I will listen attentively to you. Yes, I will carefully consider every one of your words. Yes, I will set aside a time and a place to meet with you. I will firmly establish the "when" I will come to meet with you. That question will not go unanswered because I know that you and you alone can refresh my soul and satisfy my thirst for you. Meeting with you will be the first and most important priority of my life. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I might as well be crawling across the desert floor under a blazing hot sun. You have made me thirsty for you. You have my full attention, love and devotion. I am consumed with thirsty desire that only you can and do satisfy. I will come to meet with you. Amen

Prayer *My Soul Thirsts For God*

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NIV Psalm 42:1-2

Prayer *My Soul Thirsts For God*

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?

ESV Psalm 42:1-2

Prayer *I Thirst For God*

As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?

NLT Psalm 42:1-2

Prayer *My Soul Thirsts For God*

As the deer pants for the water brooks, 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?

NKJV Psalm 42:1-2

Prayer *My Soul Longs For You*

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

NRSV Psalm 42:1-2

Prayer *I Want To Drink God*

A white-tailed deer drinks from the creek; I want to drink God, deep draughts of God. I'm thirsty for God-alive. I wonder, "Will I ever make it— arrive and drink in God's presence?"

MSG Psalm 42:1-2

Prayer *I Pant And Long For You*

As the hart pants and longs for the water brooks, so I pant and long for You, O God. My inner self thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God?

AMP Psalm 42:1-2

Prayer *I Long For You*

As the deer pants for water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for God, the living God. Where can I find him to come and stand before him?

TLB Psalm 42:1-2

Prayer *My Soul Pants For You*

As the deer pants for the water brooks, So my soul pants for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; When shall I come and appear before God?

NASB Psalm 42:1-2

Prayer *I Thirst For The Living God*

As a deer thirsts for streams of water, so I thirst for you, God. I thirst for the living God. When can I go to meet with him?

NCV Psalm 42:1-2

My Soul Thirsts For God

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Prayer – Psalm 42:1-2

In Context: *Read Psalm 42*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have you been so consumed with thirst that you could think of nothing else?

What lengths would you go to satisfy an all-consuming thirst?

When have you felt a spiritual thirst in your soul that rivaled your physical thirst in your body?

Why is realizing that you are consumed with a spiritual thirst for God a real gift from Him?

When have you cried out in prayer asking God to refresh your soul and satisfy your desire for Him?

How has going and meeting with God been a time and place of spiritual refreshment for your soul?

How has your hope and trust in God been renewed and strengthened as you have met with Him in prayer?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Meet with the Lord in prayer and allow Him to refresh your soul and satisfy the thirst that you have for Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that as you meet with God in prayer He will refresh your soul and satisfy your thirst for Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how God has refreshed your soul and satisfied your desire for Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you meet with the Lord so He can refresh your soul and satisfy your thirst.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will come to meet with you so you can fresh my soul and satisfy my thirst.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to refresh my soul and satisfy my thirst as I meet with you?
