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## **Earnest Desire**

It is my earnest desire to seek you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. It is my joy to be in your presence. It is my delight to meet with you in solitude and silence. You have placed within me this insatiable desire for you. If I were like a thirsty traveler crawling across the desert floor in search of water, my desire would not be stronger than it is for you. This desire within me is not to my credit. This desire did not originate in me. I have not given birth to this desire, nor would I be able to stir it up within me. You have started this flame of desire within me. You have fanned the flame of this desire within me. For this I give you my wholehearted and undying thanks. **That is very good.**

**What do you hope to gain as you seek me with all your heart? What do you hope will be the outcome of your coming to meet with me? What do you believe I will do in you, for you and through you as you draw near to me?** I hope to come to know you intimately. I want to hear your voice. I want to receive your instruction. I want to follow your guidance. I want you to guard and guide my life. **Is that it?** No, I'm just getting warmed up. As I am in your presence, I want you to mold and shape my life. I want you to change my heart and transform my mind. I want to be able to think your thoughts, speak your words and do your deeds. I want to be able to live a life that is pleasing to you. **Is that it?** No, I have much more that I hope for and believe that you will do in me, for me, and through me as I remain in your presence. I want to be able to shine brightly in the world for you. I want to be able to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I want others to be drawn to you through your life being lived out in and through me. **Surely this must be all you want from me?** No, I am not nearly done with my what I am asking for from you. I want to be able to love you with all my heart and mind and soul and strength. I want my life to be filled with praise and thanks to you. I want to give you the honor and glory that you deserve. I want to worship you with all that is within **Is that it?** Is that enough? Have I asked for too little? Yes, I want more. I want you to show me what I failed to ask you for. I want you to teach me how to pray. I want you to give and grant all the prayers that you would like me to pray. I don't want to miss out on anything that you would like me to receive from you. I want to fully live the life that you have called me to live so I can bring you all the glory due your name. Now, for the moment, I am done with my requests from you. I believe that you will hear and answer these prayers that you have given me to pray. **Yes, I will hear and answer your prayers as you keep on earnestly seeking me with all your heart.**

*Heavenly Father, my soul thirsts for you. My body longs for you. I will earnestly seek you. I will seek you as if I were a thirsty person crawling across the desert floor looking for water. I want to come to know you and give you praise for your steadfast love. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Love*

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary 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.

NIV Psalm 63:1-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Unfailing Love*

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your power and glory. Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

NLT Psalm 63:1-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Steadfast Love*

O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

NRSV Psalm 63:1-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Loving-Kindness*

O GOD, You are my God, earnestly will I seek You; my inner self thirsts for You, my flesh longs and is faint for You, in a dry and weary land where no water is. So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary to see Your power and Your glory. Because Your loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. So will I bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

AMP Psalm 63:1-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Lovingkindness*

O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water. Thus I have seen You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips will praise You. So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

NASB Psalm 63:1-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Steadfast Love*

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ESV Psalm 63:1-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Lovingkindness*

A Psalm of David when he was in the wilderness of Judah. O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise You. Thus I will bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name.

NKJV Psalm 63:1-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Generous Love*

A David psalm, when he was out in the Judean wilderness. God—you're my God! I can't get enough of you! I've worked up such hunger and thirst for God, traveling across dry and weary deserts. So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in your strength and glory. In your generous love I am really living at last! My lips brim praises like fountains. I bless you every time I take a breath; My arms wave like banners of praise to you.

MSG Psalm 63:1-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Love*

A Psalm of David when he was hiding in the wilderness of Judea. O God, my God! How I search for you! How I thirst for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. How I long to find you! How I wish I could go into your sanctuary to see your strength and glory, for your love and kindness are better to me than life itself. How I praise you! I will bless you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer.

TLB Psalm 63:1-4

**Becoming Like Christ** *Your Love*

A psalm of David when he was in the desert of Judah. God, you are my God. I search for you. I thirst for you like someone in a dry, empty land where there is no water. I have seen you in the Temple and have seen your strength and glory. Because your love is better than life, I will praise you. I will praise you as long as I live. I will lift up my hands in prayer to your name.

NCV Psalm 63:1-4

# Your Steadfast Love

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Psalm 63:1-4

**In Context:** Read Psalm 63

**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?)***

Heavenly Father, My soul thirsts for you. My body longs for you. I will earnestly seek you. I will seek you as if I were a thirsty person crawling across the desert floor looking for water. I want to come to know you and give you praise for your steadfast love. Amen

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

How desperately do you want to come to know God and His steadfast love?

**What changes in your life are you willing to make so that you can earnestly seek God?**

What has hindered or helped you in earnestly seeking God with all your heart?

**How are you going about earnestly seeking God on a daily basis?**

How have you come to know that God's love is better than life?

**How has God refreshed and revived your life as you have earnestly sought Him?**

What praise and thanks would you like to give to God for His steadfast love for you?

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**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Earnestly seek God with all your heart so you can come to know Him and His steadfast love.

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**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that you will come to know God's steadfast love as you earnestly seek Him with all your heart.

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**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are earnestly seeking God with all your heart.

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**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you earnestly seek God so you will come to know His steadfast love.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Heavenly Father, I will earnestly seek you so I can come to know your steadfast love.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Heavenly Father, how can I come to know and praise you for your steadfast love?*

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