

## Study Guide

**Message:** *I'm In Relationship – With God!*

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**Scripture:** Psalms 27.8 (NKJV)



**Introduction:** Our Scripture beautifully captures God's desire for a close relationship with humanity.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ of God: When you said, '*Seek My face*.' God desires a two-way relationship. God initiates relationship with us to come *close to Him* into His presence. James 4.8

**In the beginning...**Genesis 1.27. 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness...' (NKJV)

- Created by God - intentionally
  - In His image – reflect His nature
  - For His purpose – carry out His plan
  - God *intentionally* made you for **relationship**. You are **known** by Him, **loved** by Him, and **pursued** by Him.
  - He created you in His *image* to *reflect* His *nature*, so that you can **belong** to Him, **know** Him, and **walk** with Him. He did this so you can carry out **His purpose** for creation. 2 Corinthians 5.19, Revelation 21.3
2. \_\_\_\_\_ of God: '*My heart* said to you.' This is a conscious decision to seek God *actively* and *intentionally* from the heart.
    - Your pursuit of God expresses a *longing* from your *heart*, not just your *head*, to know Him personally. Matthew 15.8, Romans 10.9
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ of God: '*Your face, Lord, I will seek*.' It's a promise you make to God. You seek God with your *whole heart* to speak with Him face to face.
    - **It's transformative.** You come as you are, but don't stay as you are because in God's presence, His presence is *transformational*. Your *head* knowledge becomes *heart* knowledge. Jeremiah 29.13, Psalms 119.11, John 14.21
    - **Friend of God: Psalms 25.14.** The **secret** of the Lord is with those who **fear** Him, and He will **show them His covenant** (to make known His knowledge, His emotions, and His desires). James 2.23, Exodus 33.11, Psalms 103.7, John 15.15

### In His Presence – God is Spirit

1. Knowledge – know what He knows

2. Emotions – feel what He feels
3. Desires – you see what he sees

Relationship with God grows like any relationship, over time. It's not about being perfect, it about being present with an open heart to know what He knows, feel what He feels, and see what He sees.

**Reflections:**

1. Am I seeking God with my whole heart, or just through the motions?
2. Do I make my **head** knowledge (information) **heart** knowledge (transformation)?
3. Do I get information from Scriptures or intimacy from the Scriptures?
4. Do I speak honestly with God about my feelings toward Him?
5. Do I seek God more to be with Him or for what He can do for me?

**Takeaway Notes:**

1. What is the heart of God for relationship? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What did the Scripture say to you? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What actions do you need to take to come closer to God? \_\_\_\_\_

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