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SO MUCH MORE

*"Seek the Lord and his strength,
seek his presence continually"*

1 Chronicle 16:11

REFLECTION

The childhood game "Hide and Seek" is familiar to many of us. Everyone seems to know what to do when the seeker counts to 100. The seeker then purposefully set out to find the other players who are hiding.

Today's passage reminded us to "Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually!". To seek God is an important theme in both 1-2 Chronicles. The word "seek" used in this text, is a verb imperative in the original Hebrew text. When this form is used, it refers to a direct command or instructions for the hearers. It is not a causal mention, nor an option for the hearers to choose. David was giving a firm summon to God's people in this thanksgiving psalms to express their thanksgiving through the worship of God, and that is, to seek God!

We tend to understand "to seek" in the context of finding something that is missing or desired, as in the case of Hide and Seek. However, in this passage, the way to understand "seek", is not only to find God, but when God is found, it is to worship Him and to follow Him. It refers to a dependent, expectant and obedient attitude in worship.

What a beautiful realization, that when we seek God, He will be found by us, we can admire and adore Him as well as to draw deeper into His presence by worshipping and following Him. There is so much more than we can expect when we seek God and His strength. There is so much more to experience and encounter when we seek His presence continually!

PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, how beautiful it is to know that when we seek You, we will find You. There is so much more we can expect You to do in our lives as we worship and follow You. We love You Lord and we want to seek Your presence daily. Lead us into deeper worship to experience and encounter You more and more. Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- As you mediate on 1 Chron 16:11 today, what is the Lord saying to you? Respond to God's invitation through prayer. Consider taking a day or two to reflect on this verse and allow His Holy Word to sink deep and take root in your life.
- When we seek God, we are also saying that we will worship and follow Him. Is this an easy or difficult position for you? Pray and ask the Lord what might hinder you from drawing close to Him. Pray also about what would help you to draw closer to God. Commit these revelations to God in prayer.
- When seeking God, our attitude of worship is one that is dependent, expectant and obedient. Of the 3 attitudes mentioned, which one do you resonate the most with? Why? Which one appears to be the most challenging? What is God saying to you about this challenge?
- Do you know of someone who is seeking the Lord but seems a little lost? Ask the Lord, how you can pray and encourage this person.
- There are many in the world in need of God and His strength. Pray for those who are facing chaos in their countries and lives. Pray that as they seek God, they will receive the strength to face the day, to worship and to follow Him, no matter how difficult their situation may be.

*As worship begins in holy expectancy,
it ends in holy obedience*

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