Growing a longing for God!

* Do you cherish and seek God’s Word like a thirsty person longs for a glass of water?
* A wrong longing - Ref John 4:21-24 Jesus spoke to a lady once and told her that she was longing for the wrongs things!
* A wasted life - How sad it is to be longing for the wrong things!
* A joyful Correction is needed - It can be that you are not longing for the right things in life and you will regret it if you don’t stop and think about what you are doing and why?

**King David was in exile because of the rebellion of his son Absalom!**

* David was longing for God in a dark time!
* David was remembering the fellowship at the house of God!
* David always found encouragement in God’s house and with God’s people!
* Now life has turned upside down!
* Life Lesson – Learn how to worship and praise God when times are good, so when hard times come you will be ready!
* Don’t be unprepared!
* The unprepared “breaks” under the slightest of pressure!
* The prepared “bounces” the pressure off!

**Today I want to help you not break and be prepared to be all God is calling you to do!**

* An average adult needs 8-10 glasses of water per day.
* Perhaps God made us this way so we can remember the need of our spirit refreshed!
* An elderly lady named, Salina lived in Kansas had a daily regimen of exercise and followed by 8 glasses of warm water which she drank in one sitting. It must have worked because she was over 80 and in excellent health
* Just as our physical bodies need and crave water, so our souls craved the water of Life in the person of Jesus Christ!
* Do you see your need for Jesus and His Word?

**3 Key Points in Ps.42 to help us grow in our longing for God!**

**#1 v1 - Kind David compares his spiritual thirst for God to that of a deer seeking water in a dry season!**

* Make your longing for God a Necessity and Priority!
* What dis Jesus says in Matthew 5:6?
* Jesus compares longing for God like longing for food! “Who Hunger”
* Are you hungry? Not for Lunch! Hungry for God!
* In this life do you need to Eat? Yes!
* So we need to long/hunger for God with our spirit!
* God created your physical to thirst and hunger and God made a quenching for those needs…. **And so it is true,** that God created man’s soul with a thirst and hunger that only God can quenched!
* Never stop having a hunger for God. What substitutes your hunger for God?

**#2 v2 - King David centers his satisfaction for life in the living God! “**

* Ps 62 – My soul waits for God alone!
* King David found satisfaction in God! Where is your satisfaction?
* David had a longing in His soul and only God could fill that longing!
* God says He rewards those that seek and long for Him diligently. Heb.11:6
* David says in Ps 62
* God is his Salvation
* God is his Rock
* God is his Defense
* God is his Expectation
* Do you see God this way?
* Have you told God that He is this to you?
* David teaches us to center our eyes on God and not on money… Ps 62:10
* David teaches us that power and mercy is from the Lord Ps 62:11-12

**#3 King David cared his cross daily and was encouraged by the Lord!**

* David was faced with negative people!
* David was attacked by prideful people!
* David had to be strong mentally and emotionally!
* David found that help in God! Have you found help in God?
* God has called us to let His light shine bright! Light is Truth!!!!
* And God will shine bright in you! God will use you!
* But, there is opposition!
* And you must be prepared to fight it!
* V4-5 David had admits he was cast down! 3 times In this chapter David admits he is struggling!
* Do you ever admit your struggles?
* God wants us to be open and honest about our life to Him!
* He knows already, but this is for us!
* We need to open-up to God!

**When we make God our priority -When we make God our satisfacation - When we make God our encourehament then we can say what David said in v8**