**What are you looking for?**

Several years ago**,** it was in the news that a man was suing his new wife for fraud because he when he woke up the morning after they were married he found out she wore make-up.

If he had taken the time to get to know his bride before the marriage, he would have known she wore make-up. What do you think this man was looking for in his relationship with his bride?

Matthew 6:33 Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

When I first learned this verse I latched on to it. Because it meant if I started to seek God and and put Him first in my life, live like a believer, doing the Word and Making Jesus Christ Lord in my life and being right with God –doing things His way then I could have peace, less anxiety, acceptance, and a place where I belonged.

Matt 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you, seek, and ye shall find; knock and it will be opened unto you: v8 for everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Luke 15:8-10 Parable of the lost coin

What woman having 10 pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, does not light a candle and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? V9 And when she has found it, she calls her friends and her neighbors together, saying, rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. V10 Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

3 parables here--The shepherd who found the lost sheep and the forgiving father with the parable of the lost coin between these two.

We want to stay with God. Mark 12:30 shows that We should love God with all of our hearts souls mind and strength. Because we love Him we continue seek Him by building a personal relationship with Him through the scriptures and through our prayer life.

Colossians 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sits on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on the things on the earth.

Hebrew 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

Sometimes diligently seeking Him is the reward. Just going to God is very rewarding—to have this wonderful relationship with the One True God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, who is my Father. When we find God—we find what we need. What do you need? Strength, Comfort, healing, companionship? Peace, the rent money? Do you need a little love? We all have needs. God can do amazing things—He can make what seems impossible happen!

Deuteronomy 4:29 If you seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find Him, If you seek Him with all your heart and all your soul.v30 when thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon you, even in the latter days, and shall be obedient to His voice,

{V31 (For the Lord thy God is a merciful God) He will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which He sware unto thee.}

God does not forget His promise to you today either. He keeps His Word.

I Chronicles 16:10&11 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually.( we have a desire to be in His presence as much as possible and the word continually could be understood as “seek Him early and often”)

II Chronicles 12:14 And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the Lord. (talking about Rehoboam)

Prepared=establish, fixed— Be Ready to seek God {We have to build a relationship with Him}

II Chronicles 15:12 15 And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded:

2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The Lord is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.3 Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law.4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.5 And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries.6 And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity.7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded.8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the Lord, that was before the porch of the Lord.9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the Lord his God was with him.10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.11 And they offered unto the Lord the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep.12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;13 That whosoever would not seek the Lord God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.14 And they sware unto the Lord with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets.15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the Lord gave them rest round about.16 And also concerning Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron.17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.18 And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.19 And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

Psalm 34:4 I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Psalm 34:10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Psalm 40:16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

Psalm 63:1 O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;

Psalm 70:4 REPEAT Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

Psalm 105:3&4 Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.4 Seek the Lord, and his strength: seek his face evermore.

\*Psalm 119:2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.AMP Blessed and favored by God are those who keep His testimonies,

And who [consistently] seek Him and long for Him with all their heart.

Proverbs 8:17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me. God wants to be found—He wants a relationship with us!

Daniel 9:3 And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes: Daniel was serious about getting answer

Psalm119:10 With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Sometimes everything is going great and we wander. Or, sometimes the hard times strikes, devastating things happen and we have to make a choice to cling to God or to go the other way. We have to prepare our heart to seek God

What are you looking for? Are you seeking a relationship with your Father God? He wants to be found by you because He loves you intensely. He wants you to come to Him and talk with Him about anything and everything. He wants to answer our prayers and do amazing things with and for us!

Psalm 27:8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.

NLT My heart has heard you say, “Come and talk with me.”

And my heart responds, “Lord, I am coming.”