



Developing an Intimate Walk with God

Psalm 91:1 (ESV)

“He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.”

Reflection Questions:

- 1) What are the areas in your life where you mostly dwell?

- 2) What delights your soul? What gives you joy?

- 3) What steps can you take in your life to truly delight in Christ?



Extended Devotion:

Do you find it difficult to have intimate relationships with people? Whether it's a friend or even your spouse, some people struggle with relationships. Cultivating relationships is often tough due to busy schedules and seasons of life. It's no wonder we struggle with developing deep relationships. We can't get close to someone that we don't really know. We also don't realize we're missing out on something wonderful.

We all juggle full schedules at some points during the year and it's easy to settle into that rhythm. The problem is that it becomes easy to find comfort and security in the material things of this world. But they don't bring true joy. God, the Creator of relationships, desires that we draw closer to Him. We can't do that if we don't know Him. Knowing Him takes commitment and intentionality on a daily basis. Developing a deep relationship with God brings true joy as we dwell and delight in Him. This true joy comes from worshipping the Creator rather than the creation.

When we dwell in the presence of Almighty God and earnestly seek after Him, our souls delight in Him. In Psalm 91:1, David writes about the joy he experiences through delighting in God. **Man often looks to his own power and glory but David is enamored with God's.** The more time David spent in the presence of God, the more he knew who God is.

Psalm 16:11 says, *You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.* Let's dwell in God's presence and experience true fullness of joy.

Application:

1. The more we draw near to God, the more we delight in Him. Grab your journal and write down one step you can take today to draw closer to God.
2. True worship is informed by the truth of God's Word. In your journal, write down one verse from this episode that resonated with you. Place this verse where you can see it every day as a reminder to continually dwell in God's presence.

Takeaway:

We can develop an intimate walk with God by earnestly seeking after Him and dwelling in His presence.

