**ARE YOU A REAL**

**CHRISTIAN SEEKER?**

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**REAL SEEKERS SEEK INTIMACY WITH GOD!**

True believers have experienced Suffering, failure, intense frustration, weariness, worldliness, selfishness, and disappointment...most of us can relate to these experiences. Life can be so hard at times. However, the intimacy that the Lord desires of us, supports praise and it’s power. Through The Lord Jesus Christ; He is our Rock, Refuge and Comforter!

Who has told us to come to Him when we are weak, weary and heavy-laden and He will give us rest. Is that not love beyond our ability to love Him back? He desires us to seek Him intimately to walk with Him so He may speak to us through His Word and His Spirit.

**Intimacy is defined as a “close familiarity or friendship; closeness.” We all long for unconditional acceptance and closeness. We want to be cared for, known, understood, and loved for who we are.**

We, honestly and secretively, long for relationships where we don’t have to lie about who we are or what we feel for fear of being less or poor in the eyes of others.

**God is the starting place for this kind of intimacy. If we cannot be intimate with a perfect God, then we will certainly struggle to be intimate with imperfect people.**

4 truths about God’s intimacy towards us that we should seek through Jesus:

* God is interested in you…WHY?
* God wants conversation with you…WHY?
* God wants the greater in you…WHY?
* God wants you to hold on…WHY?

Psalms 139:3-6 (NLT) INTERESTED

3 **You see me** when I travel and when I rest at home. **You know everything** I do. 4 You know **what I am** going to say even before I say it, LORD. 5 **You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head**. 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, **too great for me** to understand!

- God knows our ways, our condition, and our conduct.

- The Hebrew verb *zarah*, translated as "search out," or "scrutinize," is used of a

farmer examining his crops to separate the wheat from the chaff. In other words,

God examines our ways so thoroughly that he doesn't miss a thing.

- God was on every side of him; that he could not escape from God’s pursuit. Selah.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT) CONVERSATION

6 **Don’t worry about anything**; instead, **pray about everything**. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. 7 **Then** you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

- When you pray, God is not asking for a formula; He doesn’t want you to pretend to

be something that you are not. He doesn’t want you to only praise Him, never ask

Him for anything, or to say particular phrases to make yourself sound “religious.”

- Anything means anything!

- Everything means everything!

- If you feel something missing in your relationship with God, don’t ignore it. Talk to

him about it.

Romans 12:2 (NLT) GREATER

2 **Don’t copy** the behavior and customs of this world, but **let God transform you** into a new person by changing the way you think. **Then you will learn** to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

- God placed greater in each of us.

- Be unique

- What makes you greater?

- The Holy Spirit alone is the One that implements our inner transformation. He is

the One that causes us to be, "transformed by the renewing of your mind." He

carries out this refining work in the innermost areas of our hearts, "so that you

may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NLT) HOLD ON

14 So then, since we have a great **High Priest who has entered heaven**, Jesus the Son of God, **let us hold firmly to what we believe**. 15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. 16 So let us come boldly to the **throne of our gracious God**. There we will receive His mercy, and we will find **grace to help us** when we need it most.

- Great is His supreme dignity, excellency and all sufficiency towards us

- Nothing can hinder Him in accomplishing His eternal purpose on our behalf

- What makes Him so great is that He is the Son of God, appointed to be the High

Priest, who has made propitiation for our sins and passed through the heavens

and is interceding on our behalf at the throne of God. As our Great High Priest

nothing can hinder Him in accomplishing His eternal purpose on our behalf.

What a great God and Savior! Our great High Priest is the Son of God.