

Seeking The Face of God

Prayer Guide

Week 32

Cost of Seeking: Priorities – Relationships

If you want to be my disciple, you must hate everyone else by comparison—your father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even your own life. Otherwise, you cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:26 (NLT)



Prayer Focus: To be one who is seeking the Face of God means that He must be in preeminence in our lives, our possessions, our lifestyles and our relationships. Perhaps to many, this may be the most difficult of all. That maybe why the Lord Jesus uses such blunt terms to describe the path of discipleship. Our relationships with family, husbands, wives, children, grandchildren, mothers and father, are all precious to us. So much so that many have abandoned their faith, in order to pursue a relationship that they desired. Much has been written about the use of the word “hate” in these verses, but the bottom line is simply that God says that He must be at the top of our list of most desired and sought after relationships. What makes this even more difficult is that He is not as physically present for us as our families, friends and loved ones. The decision to seek the Face of God forces us to make perhaps radical and even painful decisions. Suddenly the “romance” of the idea of seeking God’s Face is replaced with the harsh reality that it will cost us. Maybe even at great cost. But for those who will choose to walk this path to pursue the Face of God not matter what the cost. The reward far outweighs the sacrifice here in this world. He is the Ultimate Relationship.

- Day 1:** Spend time today to search your heart. Is seeking the Face of God and a relationship with Him, the number one relationship in your life? Or are there others in that place?
- Day 2:** Submit your heart and mind the Lord today with the purpose of making Him first in your desires.
- Day 3:** Ask the Lord to increase your love and desire for him, especially if your love has grown cold.
- Day 4:** Pray for the relationships in your family to be centered in a supreme love for the Lord and seeking His Face together.
- Day 5:** Pray for the relationships in your church to be God-centered with passionate love for the Lord.
- Day 6:** Pray that this message of discipleship would be preached with power in the other churches in your city and state.
- Day 7:** Interceded today that missionaries in foreign countries would be living and preaching this radical message of love for the Lord.