

FAITHFUL DEPENDENCE

Series: "7 Spiritually Healthy Habits"

SCRIPTURE: PSALM 42:1 - 43:5

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I.) DEPENDENCE ON GOD IS NECESSARY

A.) Awareness of Thirst

Spiritual thirst is created by . . .

1.) Memories Ps. 42:4,6

2.) Isolation Ps. 42:9

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Sinclair Ferguson writes:

"Any major change in our lives can have this effect of making us feel distanced, disoriented, useless, and purposeless in our Christian lives. . . God wants to teach us lessons that we cannot learn in fellowship. In our loneliness and separation, we learn to look to God, trust in God, desire God's presence. We discover that in the past we have relied too much on the encouragement of others and insufficiently on the Lord Himself. While before we knew God (quite legitimately) through the help of our fellow Christians, now we must learn to know Him in isolation from them."

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B.) Awareness of Danger Ps. 42:3,9; 43:1-2

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A.) Faith Ps. 42:5b, 8, 11b; 43:1-2, 5b

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen.

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B.) His Word Ps. 43:3-4

Psalms 119:130-131

The revelation of Your words brings light and gives understanding to the inexperienced. I pant with open mouth because I long for Your commands.

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John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again: "I am the light of the world. Anyone who follows Me will never walk in the darkness but will have the light of life."

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John 8:31-32

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

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B.) His Word Ps. 43:3-4

C.) Worship Ps. 42:5b, 11b, 43:4-5

John 4:13-14

Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again--ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life."

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John 4:23-24

But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

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Romans 12:1-2 Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

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GROWING IN DEPENDENCE ON GOD:**