

# VINEYARD church

## PRAYER & FASTING

### DAY 8

#### Scripture Focus

*One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.*

*- Psalms 27:4 (NIV)*

#### What would you ask for?

If it came down to it, and you could only ask one thing of the lord what would it be? I think what we would ask reveals a lot about our heart...are we asking for gifts and things from the lord or like David... do we want just to be with him...spending time in his presence.

Last year, my daughter, who was about 2 years old at the time, got sick and so I took her to the doctor's office. To me it wasn't special, she was sick, and I was frustrated that the doctors weren't that helpful. Afterwards, we went to grab some Chick Fil A and of course she got some ice-cream as well. To this day, almost a year later she still talks about it. Every time we drive over in that part of town, she will talk about how we went on a "date" to the doctors and got Chick Fil A. She even brings it up randomly in conversation, "Daddy, remember that time when we went on a date to the doctors and got Chick Fil A". And it makes me laugh every time...because to me it wasn't my idea of a date, but to her all she sees is that she got to spend time with her dad. It didn't matter if it was at the doctor's office or Disney World, she got to spend time with me.

#### Challenge

Is this how we feel about our heavenly father? Does it have to be a perfect date for us to want to spend time with Him? Could it be as simple as just you and Him in the car as you drive to work? Or maybe it's after the kids are down for bed? It doesn't have to be extravagant. He doesn't care what it looks like, He just wants to spend time with you.

I want to challenge us...to prioritize His presence today. Where in your day can you prioritize Him? Before work? On your lunch break? Before bed? Whenever it is take some intentional time today in His presence.

#### Prayer

*Lord, would you grip our hearts to hunger and thirst for more of you. Would our one desire be to dwell with you! Would you help us get in the habit of prioritizing your presence. Help us in the midst of the chaos of life to look to you and be captivated by your love for us! In Jesus name, amen.*

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