



Message Notes
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Week 6
Righting the Religious Rut

Someone once said, "A rut is simply a grave with the ends knocked out." That could be said about a dead religion too! Many people say they have "religion" but few have a living, intimate bond with God. Some have known a personal relationship with the Creator but have found over time that they have slid into a stale, stagnate religious rut.

As we continue in our series we come to a song that will help us leave the treadmill of ritualistic religion and walk hand in hand in a vital fresh day to day relationship with the Lord.

I. SEEK HIS PRESENCE:

- A.. God desires a _____ with us, not religion.
- B. Focus on the _____ not a _____.

II. HONOR HIS PERSON:

- A. Mentally _____ what God has done.
- B. Express your _____ to the Lord.
- C. Remember His _____.

III. IGNITING OUR PASSION:

- A. _____ the problem.
How important is this to you?
- B. _____ add freshness to your relationship with God.
What could you do differently?
- C. _____ to find other spiritual partners.
Who are you doing life with?

SCRIPTURE TEXT

Psalm 63

God, you are my God. I search for you. I thirst for you like someone in a dry, empty land where there is no water. ²I have seen you in the sanctuary and have seen your strength and glory. ³Because your love is better than life, I will praise you. ⁴I will praise you as long as I live. I will lift up my hands in your name.

⁵I will be content as if I had eaten the best foods. My lips will sing, and my mouth will praise you. ⁶I remember you while I'm lying in bed; I think about you through the night. ⁷You are my help. Because of your protection, I sing. ⁸I stay close to you; you support me with your right hand.