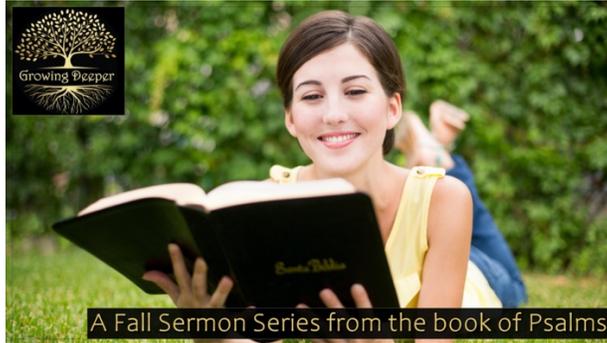


Listening Guide: GROWING DEEPER #5  
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**“GROWING DEEPER in Love with the Lord...  
By Practicing the Presence of the Lord”**



## Psalm 63

**What does the Steadfast Love of God for you do to your heart?**

**Psalm 63** was probably written by David during Absalom’s rebellion\_(compare 2 Sa 15:23, 28; 16:2). David expresses an earnest desire for God’s favor, and a confident expectation of realizing it in his deliverance and the ruin of his enemies.

David sets the example of how to respond with heart to God’s steadfast love (hesed – in Hebrew).

**Grow Deeper in Love with Lord by *Practicing God’s Presence* – How?**

**1. – Pursuing God. Vs. 1**

*“I eagerly seek for you. I thirst for you”*

Engage your heart with God; don’t disengage from Him.

See also – John 4: 14; 7: 37 -38

**2. – Gazing on God. Vs. 2**

*“I gaze on you”*

**3. – Worshipping God. Vs. 3 – 5**

Verbally, Inwardly, Faithfully, Outwardly, Joyfully...

#### 4. – Meditating on God. Vs. 6

*“I think of you... I meditate on you..”* – speaks of the application of the mind and often the imagination to the truths of the faith and esp. to episodes in the life of Christ, with a view to stirring an intense affective response

Encounter Jesus – meditate on [Hebrews 7: 25](#). What does this do to your heart?

#### 5. – Rejoicing in God. Vs. 7, 11

*What are some reasons to rejoice in the Lord?*

#### 6. – Following Closely to God. Vs. 8

*“I follow close to you..”*

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### GROWING DEEPER CHALLENGES From Today’s Sermon:

- **Out of the 6 Ways of Practicing God’s Presence** (expressed by David), *Which one do you experience often? Which one do you desire to give greater attention?*  
**SHARE** your response with a partner or group. **PRAY with one another** for deepened growth in practicing God’s presence in all things for the goal of becoming more like Jesus.
- **DISCUSS** with a partner or group *how you have experienced God’s presence in your life*. **SHARE** any impressions about Practicing God’s Presence from today’s study.
- **Continue Reading 2 chapters of the Book of Psalms**. This week’s reading is *chapters 65- 76*. Focus not on quantity of what is read but on quality meditation and reflection on what God is speaking to you. *Record thoughts in a journal* of how your heart responds to God at the point of His Word.