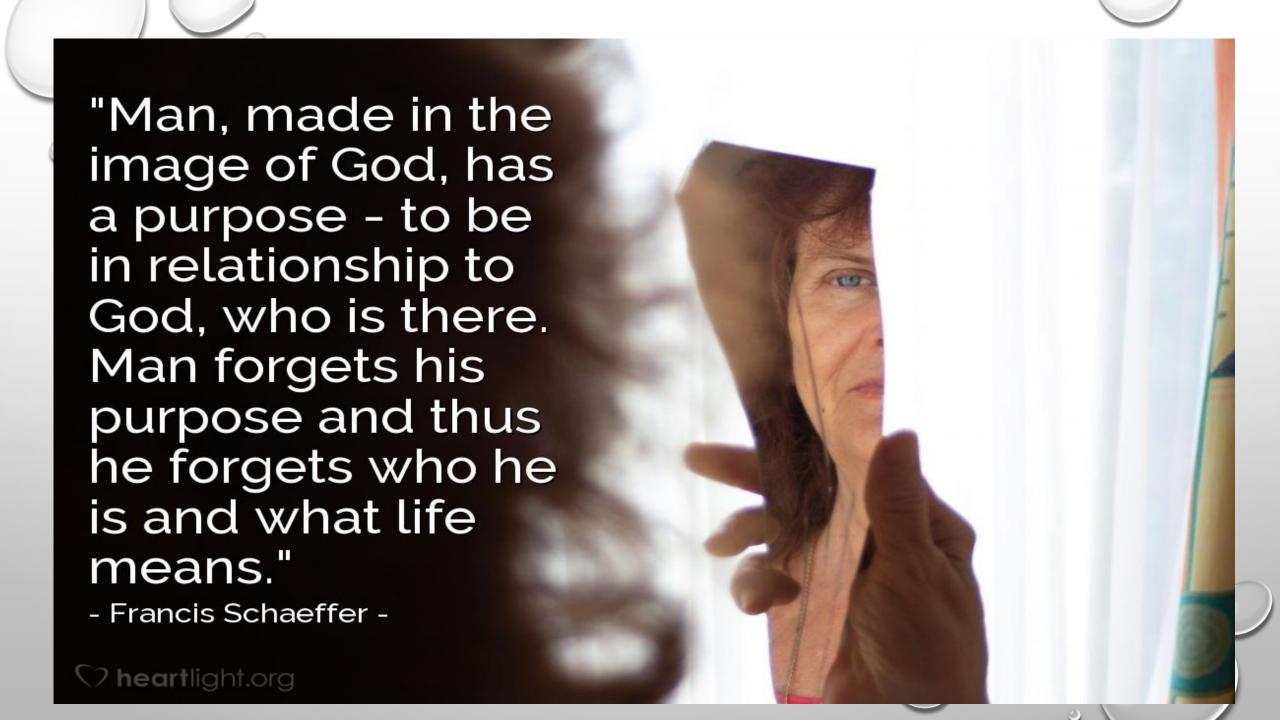
#### MAN'S RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

GOD DELIGHTS IN MEETING US WHERE WE ARE.

"WHAT IS MAN THAT YOU ARE MINDFUL OF HIM, AND THE SON OF MAN THAT YOU CARE FOR HIM?"

**PS 8:4** 

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#### THE "IMAGE OF GOD IN MAN"

- -HUMANS BEAR A **CERTAIN LIKENESS OR REFLECTION** OF GOD, AS STATED IN GENESIS 1:27.
- -THIS DOESN'T MEAN HUMANS HAVE A PHYSICAL RESEMBLANCE TO GOD,
- -BUT RATHER THAT THEY **POSSESS QUALITIES, CAPACITIES, AND A RELATIONSHIP** WITH GOD THAT ARE UNIQUE TO THEM.



#### THE QUALITIES ASSOCIATED WITH BEING IN THE IMAGE OF GOD OFTEN INCLUDE.

#### I.REASON AND INTELLIGENCE:

HUMANS POSSESS A CAPACITY FOR THOUGHT, REASON, AND UNDERSTANDING,

#### 2.SELF-AWARENESS:

HUMANS HAVE A SENSE OF THEIR OWN EXISTENCE AND CONSCIOUSNESS,

#### 3. SPIRITUALITY:

HUMANS ARE CAPABLE OF KNOWING AND RELATING TO GOD, WHICH IS UNIQUE TO THEM.

#### **4.CAPACITY FOR LOVE AND RELATIONSHIPS:**

HUMANS ARE CAPABLE OF LOVING EACH OTHER AND WITH GOD.

### -HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE YOUR **RELATIONSHIP**WITH GOD TODAY?

-WHAT WOULD IT TAKE TO **INCREASE** YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD?

-WHAT VISION, GOD SHOWS YOU OF YOUR FAMILY?

-WHAT DOES GOD WANT FROM YOU?.

-HOW DO WE CONNECT WITH GOD?.

## -WHEN **A CHILD** LEADS THE WAY IN CHURCH COMMITMENT, ONLY **3.5** % OF FAMILY FOLLOW.

-WHEN MOM LEADS THE WAY 17% FOLLOWS.

-WHEN DAD LEADS THE WAY 93% FOLLOWS.



## GOD PREPARES GREAT MEN FOR GREAT TASK BY GREAT TRIALS.

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-DAVID WAS NOT PERFECT, YET HE WAS FAVORED BY GOD.

-THE **CONTRAST** BETWEEN DAVID AND HIS **PREDECESSOR** 1 SAM 13:13-14.

-THE **DIFFERENCE** BETWEEN TWO SEEM OBVIOUS **FOOLISH** AND **DISOBEDIENCE** AND THE REVERSE.

- HOW DO OTHERS **DESCRIBE YOU** CF DAVID 1 SAM16:18 ON EXTERIOR, FOR INSIDE MUSICALLY INCLINED, POETIC, CREATIVE AND TENDER.

# -WE DO NOT **NEED TO BE LIKE DAVID**, BUT WE NEED TO MAKE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD THE TOP PRIORITY CF PS.42:1

-JUST AS WE **HYDRATE** YOUR BODY REGULARLY WITH CLEAN DRINKING WATER, TAKE DAILY SIPS OF LIVING WATER JOHN 7:37-38.

-DESIRE TO BALANCE BETWEEN PHYSICAL DEMANDS
AND SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES.

# A REAL MAN HAS A PERSONAL MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PR

#### RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

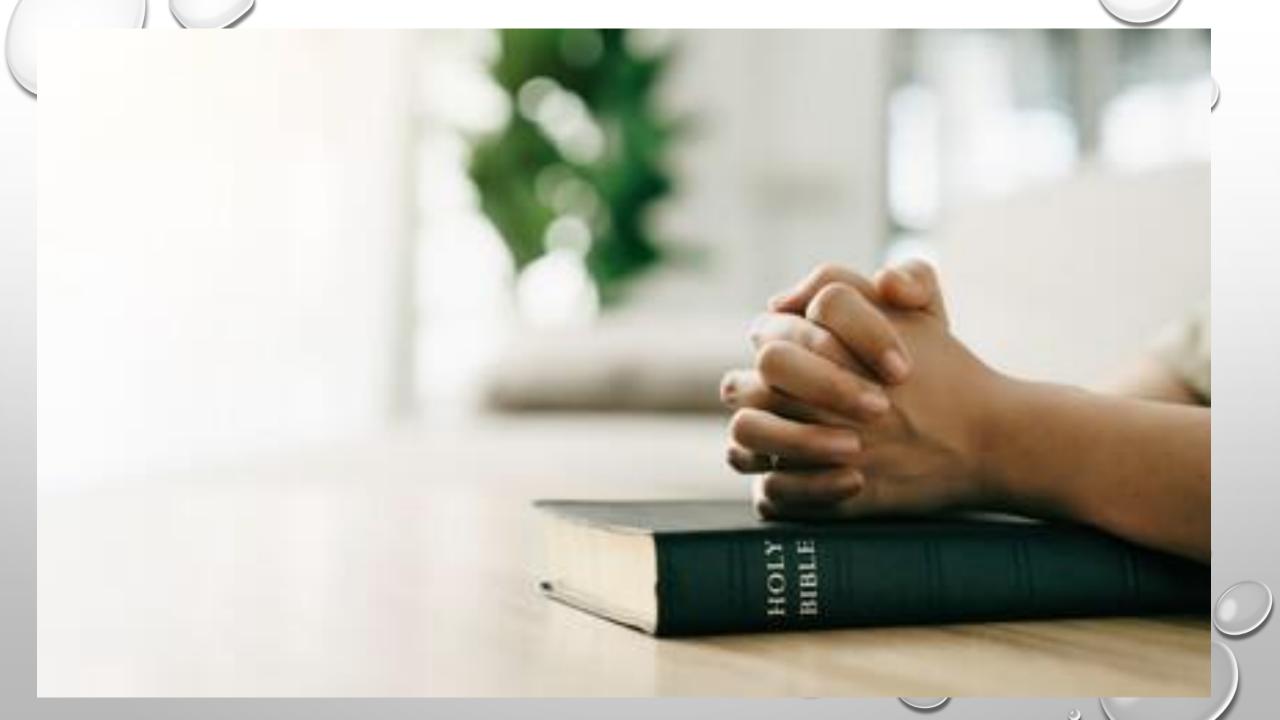
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#### -LIKE A MAN TRAVELLING THROUGH **SAHARA** WHO DOES NOT PAY ATTENTION FOR WATER WILL DEHYDRATE HIMSELF.

-IT **DOES NOT MATTER** YOUR ACCOUNT, INTELLIGENCE ,CAREER YOU STILL NEED GOD.

-MANY MEN HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO **RELIGION** WITHOUT **PERSONAL ENCOUNTER** OF THE BURNING BUSH AND THE SON OF GOD.

- UNTIL YOU HAVE **RELATIONSHIP** WITH ONE WHO CREATED YOU, YOU WILL HAVE **CHALLENGES** WITH ALL OTHER RELATIONSHIPS.



-MEN WHO FIND THE CHURCH AFTER A LIFE FULL OF STRUGGLES NEED THE CHURCH THAT UNDERSTAND, CONFRONT AND DEVELOP THEM.

-MEN NEED A MORE **TRANSPARENT**, AND LESS COMPLICATED ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH TO GROW.

-A MAN FROM **UNCHURCHED BACKGROUND** WANTS TO DISCUSS OPENLY OF HIS BATTLES WITH WORLDLY MATTERS.

### MAN NEEDS **ENCOURAGEMENT** IN FIGHTING ALL THE VICES ONE HAS ENCOUNTERED.

-CHURCH THAT CAN OFFER THEM **SUPPORT SYSTEM**,
ARENAS OF SUPPORT AND FELLOWSHIP WITH
GOD

-YOUR **RELATIONSHIP** WITH GOD MAINTAIN YOUR **SANITY** AND **SECURITY.** 

-GOD OFFERS PEACE, COMFORT AND SOLACE IN THE SHADOW OF HIS WINGS.



#### PRIMARY REASONS WHY MEN OFTEN GIVE UP ON GOD

-AS LITTLE BOYS WE WERE TOLD NOT TO CRY.

-AS YOUNG MEN WE WERE TOLD TO CONTROL OUR EMOTIONS

-AS **ADULTS** WE WERE TOLD TO BE **RESPONSIBLE** AND **PRODUCTIVE**.

WHILE ALL THE ABOVE ARE NECESSARY, MAKE MEN TO FEEL LIKE NO ROOM TO BE OTHERWISE.

### THE ABOVE, LEAD TO **SELF- MADE MAN....**PLAYING THE GAME OF **PRIDEFUL MANAGEMENT**.

-NO MATTER, WHO WE ARE ,WE ARE STILL HUMAN AND MUST **RELY ON GOD**.

-IN **BOREDOM OF HIS MIDLIFE YEARS** AND PRIDE,
DAVID MESSED UP 2 SAM11

-WHAT DOES IT **TAKES** FOR YOU TO BECOME AWARE OF YOUR OWN **TRANSGRESSIONS**?

### GOD CONTINUE TO SEND NATHAN INTO OUR LIVES , IF ONLY WE LISTEN.

-PS 51, WE SEE DAVID **CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE** AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF HIS SIN

-HE FINALLY QUITS PLAYING GAMES.

-MANY MEN CONFUSE CHURCH WITH GOD, DO NOT LET THE **PAST** STOP YOU FROM FINDING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

## -DAVID'S **LIFELONG RELATIONSHIP** WITH GOD EMERGES IN POEMS HE WROTE AND COLLECTED AS PSALMS.

- -THEY **REVEALS** HIS EXPERIENCES IN LIFE.
- -YOU MUST BE **STRONG, PRAYERFUL** AND **BALANCED**TO BE A GREAT MAN.
- -DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE OR ANYTHING TO DISSUADE YOU FROM YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.

## - GOD IS ABLE TO ASSIST YOU AS YOU GROW AND EVOLVE THE PROCESS OF LIFE AND LIVING.

-ALLOW GOD TO TAKE THE WHEEL OF YOUR LIFE TO STRENGTHEN AND FORTIFY YOU.

-GOD CAN HANDLE US **NO MATTER** WHERE YOU MEET HIM ON OUR JOURNEY OF LIFE'S PS 27.

-THE AMAZING THING ABOUT GOD IS HIS **ABILITY TO**KNOW THE WORST IN US AND LOVINGLY BRING

OUT THE BEST IN US.CF JOB, JEREMIAH

## LIFE IS **OVERWHELMING** AND MOST MEN DO NOT TAKE **ADEQUATE CARE** OF THEMSELVES.

- -THERE IS A GREATER NEED FOR A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.
- -MEN GET SO CAUGHT UP IN **DIGITALIZED WORD**THAT IT IS SO DIFFICULT TO HEAR **STILL VOICE OF GOD**.
- -IF MAN IS GOING TO SUCCEED IN MANEUVERING
  THROUGH VARIOUS **HE- MOTION**, HE MUST HAVE
  THE **ULTIMATE GPS** THAT WILL NEVER FAIL HIM.

- -WHEN YOU **OVERLOOK** YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD OR CAUGHT UP IN **WORSHIPPING FALSE IDOLS** THEN YOUR SOUL DRIES OUT LIKE SPONGE.
- -YOU CANNOT RUN AWAY FROM YOURSELF OR LIFE, DAVID WAS CERTAINLY AWARE OF THIS TRUTH PS. 139:7-8.
- -WE CANNOT **RUN AWAY FROM GOD**, WE MUST SPEND TIME ALONE WITH HIM, SEEKING HIS WISDOM.

## GOD WANTS US FOCUSED ON OUR NEED FOR HIM AND TO BE GOOD STEWARDS.

#### -LIKE **DAVID PS.27**, REGARDLESS OF YOUR PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES KEEP YOUR

-HEART SOFT AT ITS CENTER

-PRIDE UNDER CONTROL

-PREJUDICE AGAINST GOD'S GOODNESS,

