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**Ps. 42:1** *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for You, my God. (NIV)*

Have you ever been really thirsty? I can attest to you that this is one of the most powerful needs that we can have. I recall the days of 'chopping cotton' in North Central Texas. When the temperatures were over 100 degrees and the rain had not come for a while, just hoeing out the weeds would sap you of all of your hydration. We had a five gallon cooler filled with ice water in the pickup at the end of the field. By the time we chopped to the end of the field and back, it was time to get a big drink. Our clothes would be soaked with sweat and we had to keep the water coming.

This is such a strong need that the psalmist uses this for comparison to our need for the refreshing presence of our LORD. I wonder if we truly thirst after Him? It reminds me of the passage found in **Ps. 63:1-3** *You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for You, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water. I have seen You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory. Because Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You. (NIV)*

My hope is that we would strongly desire to seek Him with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. Are you thirsty for the LORD?

**Dear LORD, help us to have a thirst for Your presence and a passion to fulfill Your purpose. We need You more than anything this world can offer. Give us the desire to walk in Your love. In Jesus Name, Amen**