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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

1 Chron. 16:11 *Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always. (NIV)*

Do you sometimes feel that God is a million miles away? Do you feel He is not answering your prayers? Someone wisely told me many years ago: *If you feel far away from God, guess who moved?*

So, then the second question is: what does it mean to seek His face? This is not a literal or physical statement although one day, we will see Him face to face. The Hebrew word used here is translated 'presence.' We are to seek to be in His presence always. We are admonished to do this and yet many times, we are seeking the world's presence thinking what will gratify my desires here and now. The Israelites had lost their 'first love' for God and had begun looking to other nations and wishing they had what they had. And this caused the LORD to allow these other countries to eventually overtake the nation of Israel. In **2 Chron. 7:14**, the LORD called out to His people and said, *If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*" (NIV)

We should be looking to the only One Who has the answers for the problems we are facing. When we are hurting, we need to seek His face. When we are confused, we need to seek His face. When tragedy strikes, when loneliness settles in, when it seems too difficult to carry on, we must seek His face, always. **Jer. 33:3** *Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. (NIV)*

Dear LORD, help us to look to You and to Your strength. May our desire today be to seek Your face and dwell in Your presence. In Jesus Name, Amen