

Close your eyes. Describe the face of your spouse in as much detail as possible. If you are not married, describe the face of your best friend.

Where did you get the knowledge of your spouse's/friend's face?

The face is the gateway to a person's mind and heart. How well could you describe the face of God?

Describe the difference between seeking God's face and seeking God's hand? Which do you most often seek?

**Seeking is like sailing.**

- Are you sailing? You are pointed in the right direction, sails raised to catch the wind of the Spirit, holding on for the ride of your life?
- Are you rowing? Pointed in the right direction but seeking God is a chore?
- Are you drifting? You have been caught in a current taking you off course far from God?
- Are you sinking? You have been caught in a storm, taking on water, secretly mad at God for allowing the wind and waves?

**1. God awakens an available heart. (1-2)**

What were you seeking when you were 8 years old?

You cannot choose your heritage, but you can choose your legacy. What obstacles did your heritage give you to seeking God? Will you leave a legacy of seeking God?

It's never too early or too late to begin to seek the Lord, but the longer you wait the more difficult it will be. Have you found this to be true? When did you begin to seek the Lord?

**2. God awakens a seeking heart. (3a)**

What were you seeking when you were 16 years old?

Describe the difference between "walking in the ways of your father" and "seeking the God of your father." Describe how you have done either or both.

**3. God awakens a purged heart. (3b-7)**

What were you seeking when you were 20?

Seeking God requires the total annihilation of every competing influence for the worship of your heart. What do you need to "chop down, break into pieces, burn, or beat into powder" in order to seek the face of God?

Do you need to purge your home of things that compete for your worship? Do you possess books, magazines, artwork, games, movies, music, or apps that draw your heart away from God? Is it time to go through your house with a trash bag?

Have you attempted to tame the alligator rather than kill it? Do you try to manage your sin rather than kill it?

#### 4. God awakens a tender heart. (8-31)

What were you seeking when you were 26 years old?

Would those who know you best use the word “tender” to describe your heart? Why or why not?

#### Five actions of a tender heart

- I will repair the place of worship. (10)

Have you put as much effort into your place of worship as you have into your home?

- I will find the book of God’s law. (14)

Have you neglected, ignored, rejected, forgotten, or lost the Word of God?

- I will inquire of the Lord. (21,27)

Is your heart in such a state that you would do anything and go anywhere to obey what God says?

- I will keep my covenant with God. (31)

Our relationship with God is based on covenant. Are you keeping your covenant with God to walk with him faithfully?

- I will remember the Passover Lamb of God. (35:1)

Jesus is our Passover Lamb who was slaughtered for our awakening. How often do you think of the cross to remember the price that was paid for your redemption?

#### Additional Scripture

- 2Chronicles 16:9
- Proverbs 8:17
- Jeremiah 29:13
- Amos 5:4
- Matthew 6:33
- Exodus 33:20
- 2Corinthians 3:18
- 2Corinthians 4:1
- Acts 19:19
- Isaiah 40:8