

**INTERNATIONAL HOUSE OF PRAYER ATLANTA**  
**PURSUING GOD, PT. 5**  
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**I. David's greatest Psalm of pursuit and spiritual hunger**

**Psa 42:1-11** As the deer pants for the water brooks, So pants my soul for You, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night, While they continually say to me, "Where is your God?" 4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, With a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast. 5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him For the help of His countenance. 6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me; Therefore I will remember You from the land of the Jordan, And from the heights of Hermon, From the Hill Mizar. 7 Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me. 8 The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song shall be with me—A prayer to the God of my life. 9 I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" 10 As with a breaking of my bones, My enemies reproach me, While they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" 11 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

**II. The Power of Reminder**

- A. There is something so powerful and unique about the human capacity to remember. Not only are we able to recall events, the emotions we experienced around those events are often as real in recollection as they were at the time we first experienced them. Times of joy and times of sadness are within our reach, just a momentary memory away.
- B. It's clear that the Lord designed and uses our memory as a key way to stir up spiritual desire and to bring us back to a place of passionate pursuit.
- C. Throughout the Bible there is a continual call to remember the works of the Lord and His truth as a means to strengthen the fainthearted and urge us on to pursuit

**III. Biblical Examples**

- A. Peter

**2Pet 3:1** Beloved, I now write to you this second epistle (in both of which I stir up your pure minds by way of reminder), that you may be mindful of the words which were spoken by the Holy prophets and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord.

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**2Pe 1:12, 13, 15** For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.13 Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you,...15 Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

B. David

**Psalms 42:4** When I remember these things I pour out my soul within me.

C. Asaph

**Psalms 77:10 - 11** And I said, "This is my anguish; But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High." 11 I will remember the works of the LORD; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old

D. The Prodigal Son

**Luk 15:17** "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

E. Paul

**1Ti 1:18** This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare,