

When You're Chasing God for Dear Life

"God! God! I am running to you for dear life; the chase is wild" (Ps. 7:1, MSG).

We've now spent several weeks examining the example of the lioness. One of her best-known traits is that of huntress, so today I want to explore this idea and expand your concept of the hunt.

To hunt is not limited to *kill, then eat*. *Hunt* also describes a chase, a search, or even a rescue. I love the concept of a "wild God chase," as Psalm 7:1 presents it. This description is a far cry from half-asleep morning quiet time. These words imply urgency, speed and focused pursuit. Just as the lioness waits in patience, a timed wait is part of our pursuit of God. The psalmist wrote:

"O Lord, in the morning You will hear my voice; in the morning I will direct my prayer to You, and I will watch expectantly" (Ps. 5:3).

The word *hunt* also denotes a search, quest, pursuit or expedition. As children of the Most High God, we chase Him that He might catch us. Once captured, we will reflect His light and life to others.

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever" (Ps. 23:6).

Our hunt for God is also a hunt for answers, insight and strength. Wisdom and counsel can be found in the company of those who've not only chased after God but who have been chased by God. Each wildly awakened heart has a portion of God's love and compassion to express to others.

The earth is waiting to see what happens when God's beauty and love have not only captured but also mobilized a company of His children. You, child of God, are part of this!

So, are you chasing God? How can you bring more focus and intentionality to your pursuit of Him? As you seek God this week, ask the Holy Spirit to awaken a passion for the hunt inside you. Allow the Word of God to feed your wild yearning to know your Creator!

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