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Thought For the Day

For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Psalm 84:10

You know it when it happens. It might be someone you feel could mentor you in your vocation. Or it might be a new friend with whom you establish an immediate connection. Or it might be the love of your life. Regardless of when and how, there are times when you think, "I'd give up next week for the chance to spend one more day with this person!"

The author of Psalm 84 felt that way, only he was ready to give up more than a week: He was ready to give up a thousand days for just one day in God's presence. In the gospels you meet a young Jewish man named Andrew who followed Jesus as soon as he met Him and spent the rest of the day hanging out with Him (John 1:39). That's how most people today feel when they meet Jesus—they just can't get enough of Him. Most hearts reflect the feeling expressed in Psalm 73, verse 25: *In heaven I have only you, and on this earth you are all I want.*

There is something irresistible about Jesus! The more we know him, the more we want to know him. His life becomes like a spring that bubbles up and wants to flow over out of our lives. His presence transforms the world around us as his presence transforms us in the world. He is that friend who is closer than a brother.

Aren't you glad to know him?

All I want is to know him and the power that raised him to life.

The Apostle Paul