

YOU CAN HAVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH THE LORD – You Must Puruse – Friday, July 16

- **To have a relationship with the Lord you have to pursue it-*Js4:8-Draw nigh unto God...***
 - God invited us into relationship with Him-It won't happen automatically-*Js4:8,Ps34:8,Rev3:20*
 - You must purpose and pursue-I want a relationship (purpose), I'm going after it (pursuit)
 - Your relationship with the Lord is in direction portion to the degree with which you pursued one
 - You can have a relationship with God you want to-You can get close to God, know him intimately and have a strong relationship with the Lord if you want to
 - You have His word on it-If you seek Him with all your heart you will encounter Him-*Jr29:13*
 - A strong relationship with The Lord will not happen through a half-hearted pursuit-*Jer29:13- You shall see me and find (meet, encounter) me when you search for me with all of your heart*
- **Relationship with the Lord has to be a priority to you, you have to value it before you will pursue it and have one**
 - How important is it to you to have a relationship with the Lord?-This determines your pursuit
 - You will not pursue that which you do not value-If you don't value a relationship with the Lord you won't pursue it and if you don't pursue it you won't have it
 - A relationship with The Lord was important to Paul. he valued it and that's why he had one-*Ph3:10-For my determined purpose is that I may know Him [that I may progressively become more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him, perceiving and recognizing and understanding the wonders of His Person more strongly and more clearly; 2Tm1:12-AM-I know [and am personally acquainted] the one in whom I have believed*
 - It was Paul's priority. purpose and aim-He was willing to sacrifice anything necessary-*Ph3:7-What things were a gain to me, those I counted for loss for Christ 8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but dung, that I may win Christ, 10 And That I may know him*
- **Nothing is more valuable than a relationship with God – So we should pursue it**