

O Lord, You're Beautiful

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1 Chronicles 16:8-11 Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

When do you seek the Lord's face? Like the above verses suggest one might seek His face for strength. Other times to seek His face might be, to experience His presence or to feel His love or comfort. I often use singing or praising the Lord to do this. Until recently, I really didn't even think about using singing to seek guidance or direction from the Lord. The following added a new dimension to seeking His face, for me.

Acts 13:1-3 In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Barnabas and Saul received a call from the Lord. Notice it was during worship and fasting that the Holy Spirit spoke. Look at how seeking the Lord's face, worship, fasting and prayer are linked!

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Oh Lord, You're beautiful
Your face is all I seek
For when Your eyes are on this child
Your grace abounds to me

Oh Lord, please light the fire
That once burned bright and clean
Replace the lamp of my first love
That burns with holy fear

I want to take Your Word and shine it all around
But first help me just to live it, Lord
And when I'm doing well, help me to never seek a crown
For my reward is giving glory to You

Lord help us always to seek Your face. Let us seek not only Your strength, love and comfort but also Your guidance and direction, Your will. Let each heart sing Your praises and glory in Your holy name.

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