

**Path Less Travelled By ...**  
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**Lord Teach us to Pray**

“One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek Him in His temple.” Psalm 27:4

**Lingering is a beautiful thing!** This is the idea undergirding David’s statement in Psalm 27:4. His desire was to “dwell in”, to “gaze upon” and to “seek Him”. Looking at each phrase we discover the value of lingering!

**Lingering is about longing to dwell in God’s presence always.** David called God’s dwelling place the “house of the Lord”. In his day this was a literal place called the tent of meeting and later the temple. David wanted to live in God’s house. There he would do life with God and in so doing would come to know, understand and experience Him in ever deepening ways. ***PROXIMITY*** to God was the motivation driving David to declare, “This is the one thing I ask and seek!”

**Lingering is about gazing upon God’s beauty.** Beauty here is not about the outward appearance but rather it is about the beauty of His nature. Psalm 27 provides a fantastic list of distinctive qualities about the Lord:

- He is my might and my salvation (1).
- He is my stronghold (1).
- In the day of trouble He keeps me safe in His presence (5).
- He hides me in the shelter of His tabernacle (5).
- He sets my feet on a rock (5).
- He exalts me above my enemies (6).
- He receives my sacrifices, my shouts of joy, my music (6).
- He embraces me even when others do not (10).
- He is my teacher, my guide and my protector (11).

And so David gazes awestruck over the beautiful nature of God! God’s ***BEAUTY*** was the motivation driving David to declare, “This is the one thing I ask and seek!”

**Lingering is about seeking the face of God!** “My heart says of you ‘Seek His face!’ Your face, Lord, I will seek.” (Psalm 27:8). Those who enjoy the Lord want Him to know He is the one thing they seek, to the exclusion of all else. This brings great joy to the heart of the Father. ***DELIGHT*** was the motivation driving David to declare, “This is the one thing I ask and seek!”

### **The Path Less Travelled by...**

The path less travelled by is communicating to God our total desire to be close to Him, to see His beauty and our absolute delight in the relationship we enjoy with Him.