

WOULD YOU RATHER?

One of the things I do at camp as a teacher is spend a few minutes at the beginning of each class trying to get to know the students. One of our discovery activities this year was a game called "Would you rather?" Each student was asked a hypothetical question where they would have to choose between two very difficult things. One of the favorite questions was, "Would you rather never be able to see or never be able to chew?" Surprisingly, most participants chose never to be able to see again to maintain their ability to chew and eat. Eating is a powerful and pleasurable force within us.

After a week at camp, I found myself bottle feeding an infant in the middle of the night. During this particular feeding, she happened to be wide awake. As she consumed the bottle of formula, her bright eyes stared at my face. Occasionally, when she caught me peeking over the bottle at her, she would light up with a smile. Wow!

I think this is how it is supposed to be with God. While we often put more emphasis on earthly pleasures, the enduring blessing is seeing the face of God. When we see his face, we can be assured that the blessing of nourishment is not far away. Therefore, our call is to seek him continually.

Psalm 105:4

Seek the Lord and his strength;
seek his presence continually!

Some translations of the Psalmist say, "seek his face always." The associated promise is that when we seek, we will find. Moreover, we will be blessed.

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

The "would you rather" questions are quite thought-provoking. With that in mind, we should ask ourselves daily, "would I rather enjoy the pleasures of this world or seek the face of God?"

Psalm 27:7-8

Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
"Your face, Lord, do I seek."

Hesed,
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