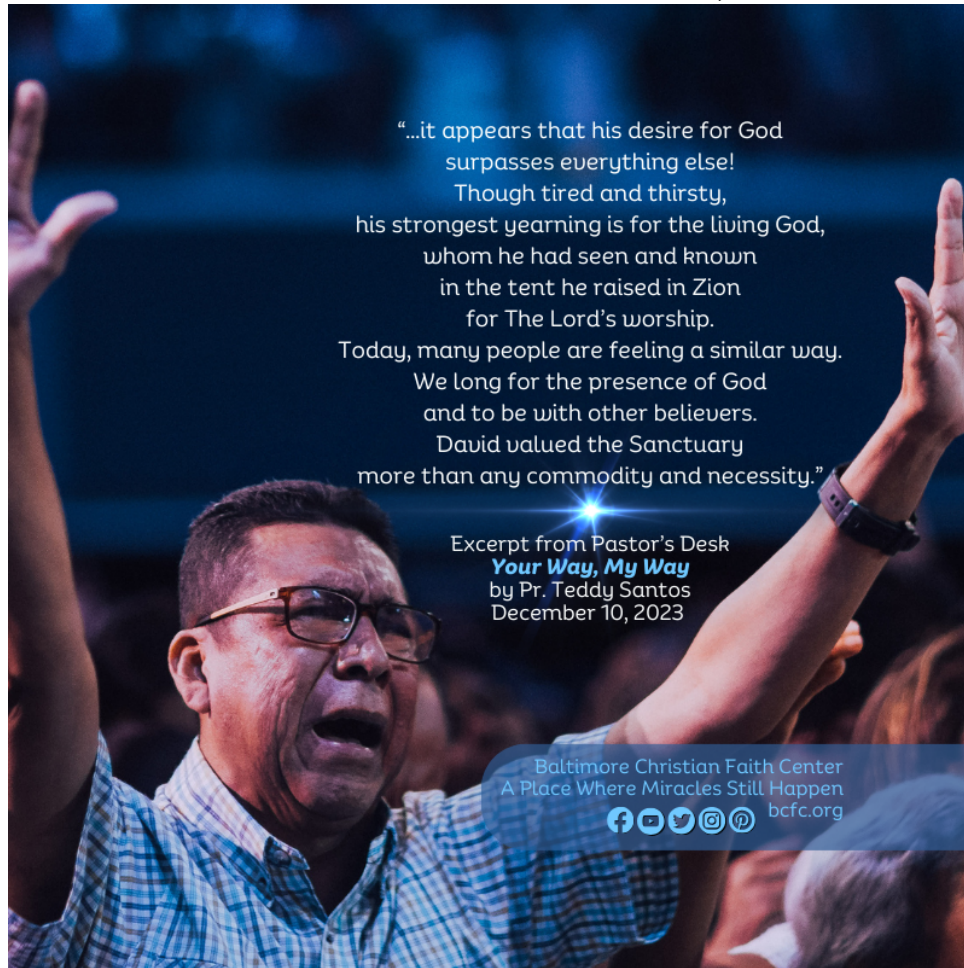


## Your Way, My Way Pastor's Desk – December 10, 2023



**Psalms 63:1** A Psalm of David When He Was in the Wilderness of Judah. *“O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water.”*

This psalm is particularly intriguing to those unable to attend gatherings with God's people. David was fleeing from Absalom. The surrounding land is dry and barren, and his enemies are on his trail.

But it appears that his desire for God surpasses everything else! Though tired and thirsty, his strongest yearning is for the living God, whom he had seen and known in the tent he raised in Zion for The Lord's worship. Today, many people are feeling a similar way. We long for the presence of

God and to be with other believers. David valued the Sanctuary more than any commodity and necessity.

As we desire for God, we find Him. As we search, we possess. **Isaiah 41:17-18** “17 The poor and needy seek water, but *there is none*, Their tongues fail for thirst. I, the LORD, will hear them; *I*, the God of Israel, will not forsake them.18 I will open rivers in desolate heights, And fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, And the dry land springs of water.”

The yearnings for God within us are a response to the beat of His heart and the knock of His hand. Prayer is the response. *When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, LORD, I will seek. Psa 27:8*

Remember Him when you lay down and throughout the night. Keep in step with His motives! Follow closely behind Him! Trust and rejoice in Him. Reach out and feel His strong and tender grasp, steadying you against weariness and failure, making His footsteps your way!

At His service,  
Pr. Teddy Santos