When I Awake...

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INTRODUCTION

- And the psalm is about God knowing us intimately.
- Wouldn't you like to wake up every day? And the first thought that hits your mind is, I am with God.
- How can I, like David, more consistently have God as my first thought when I wake?

1 Spiritual Training

1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 3:14–15; Psalm 86:16

- How did David get there? Had to involve spiritual training.
- His grandmother and mother, Lois and Eunice, and the faith that dwelt in them.
- Show your strength in behalf of your servant. Save me. Because I serve you just as my mother did.
- You don't get to where David was without training.
- Now you may not have had parents who introduce you to the truth, but you're going to need spiritual training.
- And yet he was in love with God's truth and the guidance that it gave and the counsel and the wisdom that came from God.

2 Assurances of God's Presence

2 Samuel 5; 1 Chronicles 29

- David did not wake up in the morning and say, Yep. I wonder if this whole faith thing is real. I wonder if God is really there.
- What is impossible to men is possible to God.
- And after the battle, David doesn't say, I wonder if God was with me.
- He encouraged him in God. And he says, You will be king.
- Even the people know this is the doing of God.
- All the way along, all the way along, he has access to God's voice.

3 Practice Devotion That Cements Faith

Psalm 122:1

- God had been real to David his whole life.
- The reason why we struggle in faith is that we question God's realness, his nearness, and that he encloses us behind and before.
- That leads me, that compels me to practice devotion that further cements this response to God.
- It's the long practice devotion that keeps cementing the faith that leads us to God.
- I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord.

- Wouldn't it have been better if you would have wakened on the Lord's day and said, I can't wait. I can't wait to worship God with His people.

4 Wake Up With God, End Your Day With God

- If you're going to wake up with God, you're probably going to end your day with God. And the one leads to the other.
- But you know what prayer before meals does? It keeps thoughts of God regularly throughout your day.
- You need to have regular thoughts about God.
- If God is only a Sunday thing, and you go home and Monday, God is not a thing in your life, you won't get there.

THE CHALLENGE

Search me God and know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is in any way something offensive in me, and lead me in the everlasting way. Boy, put that on your prayer list.

MY NOTES