

# Morning Glory!



*Oh God, thou art my God;  
early will I seek thee;  
my soul thirsteth for thee...*

Psalm 63:1

## “Livin’ Large!”

*“Because thy loving-kindness is better than life,  
my lips shall praise thee”*

Psalm 63:3



Ever see somebody moving and flowing in their life and ministry and wonder what makes them so strong? Ever observe how somebody else has got it going on to the point that it gives you a glimpse of how you’re supposed to have it, and rather than slipping into fleshly envy, you respond by working harder on your own game? I have. I remember going to William Jewell College in 1981 to try out for a basketball scholarship, only to leave with Missouri Hall of Fame Coach Larry Holley saying to me in so many words “no thanks, but good luck.” They had a guy named Ernie Dale who was slam-dunkin’ bad, (that means he was good) playing the position I was trying to get. Next to Ernie I wasn’t much. Coach Holley was right, I wasn’t ready. The only problem was, he saw what I was, not what I could be. So I detoured to somewhere in Kansas and for two years I lifted weights, honed my ball handling, developed my jump shot, learned how to become a leader on the court, and developed the eye of the tiger in my heart. I returned to William Jewell a few years later and became the team’s Player of the Year, was voted by the league’s coaches as the Heart of America Athletic Conference Most Valuable Player, and led the college to its first basketball conference championship in years. Thanks Ernie. Thanks Coach Holley.

The game of life is similar. We sometimes look out and observe others who go where we can’t go, who do what we know not how to do, who achieve what we never have achieved. We wonder, “What’s the key to their success?” Well, a huge part of going and growing in life and ministry has to do with the level of zeal, and passion, and desire, and internal fortitude you possess. It’s not always the most gifted or talented or connected or popular or rich who arise to greater works within life and ministry. Often, the difference-maker is the extent to which you allow God to be your inspiration. For David, the difference-maker was the zeal and passion and desire and fortitude that came from his experience of God’s *loving-kindness!* For David, God’s love was better than life, and thus, it propelled David’s life to reach the full potential which God had placed within him.

*God’s love causes you to live large, to dream big, to hope endlessly, to work tirelessly, to speak boldly, and to walk softly. For David, God was better than life, and thus, God made David larger in life, chasing and catching dreams, fulfilling his vision and destiny, responding courageously to the callings for which he was anointed and appointed.*

What about you? Are you driven by His love?

**Pray this:**

**Lord of glory, today I am inspired, uplifted, focused,  
and strengthened by your loving-kindness toward me.**