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Ps. 86:11, “teach me Your way, LORD, that I may rely on Your faithfulness; give me an undivided heart, that I may fear Your name.”

David has a heart after God. In other words, he desired to be in God’s will and His presence. When he says, “teach me Your way,” he is asking the LORD to show him the way he ought to go. He desired the wisdom of the LORD to direct his life. And, he then says that he wants to rely on the faithfulness of the Father. There is a difference in saying you want the wisdom of the LORD and seeking His wisdom. I’ve always believed that wisdom is seeing things from God’s perspective. In so many ways, David wanted to see things through God’s eyes; to seek Him in His temple; to dwell in His presence.

But, I think the most revealing phrase was David’s plea to not have a divided heart. I wonder how many times we have a divided heart. We want to serve the LORD, but our heart desires the things of our flesh. This is a spiritual battle that will continue until the day that the LORD takes us home. Our only hope is to do as **Heb. 12:1-2** says: **“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

David wanted to keep his heart and mind focused on the LORD rather than on the desires of man. He wasn’t perfect in this conquest. No one is. Even Paul stated in **Rom. 7:22-25**, **“For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!”**

Dear LORD, we are weak but You are strong. Give us an undivided heart to fear Your name and rely upon You. Help us to keep our eyes fixed on You. In Jesus Name, Amen.