

# Seeking Revival - Hunger – July 7 – Pastor Mathias

Genesis 2:15-17

"Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

1. The more you eat, the more you crave

### Psalm 34:8 Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

You can't crave what you have never tasted. Imagine a baby trying ice cream for the first time. As she takes her first bite, her face lights up, and she clings to the ice cream, refusing to let go. Once you've tasted the sweetness, you will see how good it is. Similarly, when you taste the goodness of the Lord, it will create a craving within you that makes you dissatisfied with anything else that tries to take His place.

This concept is beautifully shown in the story of the Samaritan woman at the well in the book of John. She came to the well to quench her physical thirst, but Jesus met her there to address a deeper, spiritual thirst.

Jesus knew everything about her—her struggles, her sins, and her deepest needs. Despite knowing all this, He loved her and offered her something that the water she was drawing couldn't provide.

Overwhelmed by this encounter, she left her jar and ran to tell everyone, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Come and taste and see that the Lord is good."

2. Food for the Hungry: Directing Our Hunger to the Right Place

# **QUESTIONS:**

1. Why is experiencing God goodness life changing?

2. How was the encounter of the Samaritan woman with Jesus impacted her life?

3. What happened in your life after you experienced God's goodness?

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# Matthew 5:6

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Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

There are days when we find ourselves opening the fridge, hoping something new will appear. We might close it and then open it again, expecting a change, but nothing is different. It's not the lack of food that drives us to keep looking; we're craving something specific.

# Deuteronomy 8:3

He humbled you and allowed you to be hungry and fed you with manna, a substance which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, so that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD.

In Deuteronomy, God says He caused the people of Israel to hunger to humble them and show them their true need. They needed more than physical food; they needed His word. God provided manna, something their fathers hadn't known, to teach them to rely on Him. This is why Jesus said, "When you pray, say, 'Give us today our daily bread." God wants His children to crave more of Him, not just the revival of yesterday, but something new every day.

# Isaiah 43:19

For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland.

God is the same, but yet new every day. His words are fresh and new each day. The people of Israel ate manna and died, and some who experienced past revivals have walked away from the faith. Therefore, let us hunger for what Jesus speaks of in:

# John 6:57-58

Just as the living Father sent Me and I live because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your fathers, who ate the manna and died, the one who eats this bread will live forever.

# **QUESTIONS:**

1. How is our thirst for righteousness be filled?

2. What does God want his children to crave?

3. What should we hunger for?

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# Putting it all together (Application)

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**1. Seek what really nurtures you.** There are different types of foods, all of them fill our stomach and we stop eating as a reflex when our stomach says "no more – I am full". But not all nurtures us. Its hard to make the correct decision, like deciding between a double Big Mac with fries and a Coke or a salad with water. Both will fill our stomach but only one is beneficial for us.

Every day we make decisions between spiritual food that fills us but is unhealthy and the one that also fills us but is nurturing us. Praying or scrolling social media? Praying or sleeping? Worshipping or too busy? We must make intentional decisions for getting closer to God. By doing so we will nurture the relationship with the holy spirit that lives in us therefore growing and nurturing our soul.

# 2. To truly satisfy our deepest hunger, we must direct it towards:

# i. Greater interest in God's Word:

This is our ultimate source of knowledge about His character, works, and ways.

# ii. More desire for prayer:

Through prayer, we deepen our relationship and fellowship with God.

# iii A longing to understand the ways of God:

Knowing His thoughts, ways, and desires is the most satisfying knowledge we can attain.

# iv Greater yearning for God's will and way in our lives:

Our goal should be to follow His direction and seek His guidance in all circumstances.

# v. Increasing faith in the Lord:

### HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE?

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The more we know Him, the more we will trust Him with every aspect of our lives.

Let us pray for a generation that directs its hunger not to temporary satisfactions but to the eternal bread of life—Jesus Christ. By doing so, we will experience a true revival and a deep, abiding relationship with God that transforms our lives and satisfies our souls.

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