

Lord, Give Us A Fresh Hunger

Matthew 5:6

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

John 6:35 says, *“And Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.’”*

“Are you still hungry for Me?”

Because hunger determines pursuit.

- When you are hungry, you search.
- When you are hungry, you sacrifice.
- When you are hungry, you don’t easily give up.
- When you are hungry, you keep coming back.

Hunger is evidence of life

Hunger says: “I need something.”

Thirst says: “I cannot continue without water.”

Spiritually, hunger says: “God, I cannot live without You.”

There is a danger of losing our hunger

You can be around spiritual things and lose your hunger.

The church doesn’t need more activity without intimacy.

We need hunger.

We need deeper prayer.

We need more of God.

I. Hunger for God

Psalm 42:1–2 says, *“As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.”*

David compares his desire for God to a deer desperately searching for water.

Moses was hungry for God

Exodus 33:18 says, *“Please, show me Your glory.”*

Never become satisfied with yesterday’s encounter.

God has more.

Paul was still hungry

Philippians 3:10 says, *“That I may know Him.”*

“Jesus, I want to know You more.”

II. Hunger for God’s word

Matthew 4:4 says, *“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”*

The Word of God is food for the spirit.

Jeremiah 15:16 says, *“Your words were found, and I ate them.”*

That means the Word became nourishment.

III. Hunger for God’s presence

Exodus 33:15 says, *“If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here.”*

God’s presence is more important than the destination.

Psalms 16:11 says, *“In Your presence is fullness of joy.”*

VI. Hunger for God’s will

John 4:34 says, *“My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work.”*

Jesus considered doing the Father’s will as His food.

That means obedience nourished Him.

Romans 12:2 says, *“That you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”*

But God’s will is always greater than our plan.

Jesus in Gethsemane

Luke 22:42 says, “Not My will, but Yours, be done.”

V. Hunger for righteousness

Matthew 5:6 says, *“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”*

Psalms 24:3–4 says, *“Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? ... He who has clean hands and a pure heart.”*

Character determines whether you can remain on that platform.

Character sustains your calling.

1 Timothy 4:16 says, *“Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine.”*

VI. Hunger for souls

Luke 19:10 says, *“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”*

Jesus saw people differently

Matthew 9:36 says, *“When He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them.”*

VII. Hunger for the harvest and revival

Matthew 9:37–38 says, *“The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”*

John 4:35 says *“Lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!”*

Look at the harvest!

Habakkuk 3:2 says, *“O LORD, revive Your work in the midst of the years!”*

Revival begins when people become dissatisfied with spiritual dryness.

Acts 4:31 says, *“When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken.”*

Consider 2 Timothy 1:3–7

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