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Rightly Aligning Your **HUNGER**

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Psalm 34:8-10

- 8 **O taste and see that the LORD is good:** blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for **there is no want to them that fear him.**
10 **The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger:** but they that **seek the LORD shall not want any good thing.**

This passage shows us a couple hungers...one that will not happen to the child of God and one that is essential.

- 1.) When you are a child of God...you will not lack any good thing.
Psalm 23 – We are sheep of His pasture.
Discuss lions in the wild...they can go over a week without eating (due to lack).
- 2.) When you are a child of God...you must SEEK or hunger after Him!
This is a hunger that God desires us to have.
Not a hunger in the FLESH due to NOT ENOUGH...but a hunger in the spirit man for MORE!
More of Him!
My dad called this a dissatisfied satisfaction! I love what I have...I want more!

“Hunger” – strong or eager desire, famished, to long for

Psalm 107:9 – “For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. .”

UNDERSTAND: When He finds a soul/spirit that is hungry for Him...He will fill that hunger with TOWB (absolute goodness)!

When you are not aware of hunger...it will begin showing up like the following:

- * Feeling weary, tired
- * Hope seems to be slipping away
- * Life is filled with stress and anxiety...too much of both
- * Longing for satisfaction in life.

Here is the thing...most people...even Christians see the signs of greater hunger and try to fill it with an other job...another spouse/partner...another church...

If you are aware of your need...and you feed your hunger for Him...you will miss these things (dissatisfied satisfaction), but if you don't, you will be in trouble.

The Bible reveals to us several things that we need to be hungry for...pursue after...and we will miss these symptoms.

1.) Hunger for more of Him.

John 6:1-15 – Jesus feeds the 5,000 with five loaves and two small fish.

John 6:16-21 – Jesus walks on water...they cross the sea.

John 6:22-25 – The people that He fed the day before began hunting for Him and ended up finding him on the other side of the sea.

John 6:26-27

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

NOTE: In verse 2 it says the multitude followed him because of the multitude of healings they saw...hunger for His power.

NOW: They are after him because they are hungry for food...natural.

John 6:35 – “And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.”

BELOVED: We must have that passion...hunger for more of Him. Not just His stuff, but Him...time with Him.

2.) Hunger for righteousness.

Matthew 5:6 – “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”

“Righteousness” – right standing with God...rightness with God.

We have been MADE the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5)...but our passion should be to walk in that righteousness...that rightness.

Romans 8:4 – describes it as walking in the spirit and not in the flesh.

3.) Hunger for the Kingdom of God.

Matthew 6:33 – “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

NOTE: Seek (be hungry) for righteousness too.

“Kingdom of God” – God’s way of doing things...His method of operating!

4.) Hunger for the Will of Him.

John 4:34 – “Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.”

(NLT) – “Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.”

All Jesus was focused on...the thing that drove Him every morning was to tap into the Will of God for His life...and do it!

Misplaced Hunger

Here is the problem when we get overly hungry...and don't eat what we are suppose to eat.

- 1.) If we don't eat what is right...or starve ourselves...we will not get the basic nutrition necessary to sustain life.

- 2.) We will end up eating the wrong stuff....sweets, unhealthy stuff...then we will lose the appetite for the stuff we need.

MOMS SAY: You will ruin your appetite...when you want sweets.

ILLUSTRATION: Lambs will keep eating the grass even when it is gone and will end up eating the dirt and get sick.

- 3.) We will end up desiring STUFF...any STUFF. Not the ONE who has the stuff.

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL – Their main complaints in the wilderness were HUNGER and THIRST. God was setting before them abundance...but ALL they ended up wanting and talking about was the stuff in Egypt.

Exodus 16:3 – “And the children of Israel said unto them, Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Numbers 11:4-6

- 4 And the mixt multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?
 5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt freely; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlick:
 6 But now our soul is dried away: there is nothing at all, beside this manna, before our eyes.

The Prodigal Son

I love the account, in Scripture, of the Prodigal Son (aka the Good Father).

What was the prodigals initial problem? He was hungry for dad's stuff...not dad!

He ended up getting dad's stuff...and left dad! (see the problem?)

UNDERSTAND: God is not opposed to you having stuff...but he knows what it will do to you if you have your hunger properly aligned.

Luke 15:14-18

- 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a ***mighty famine in that land***; and he ***began to be in want***.
QUESTION: Guess who was NOT in want? Dad's house!
 15 And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.
 16 And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him.
NOTE: He was in BAD SHAPE...ate wrong stuff.
 17 And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!
 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee,
NOTE: What does he want? Dad! He just wants dad!
 19 And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants.
AKA: "I want dad!"
Guess what he got when he went back to dad?
 20 And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.
 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.
 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet:
 23 And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry:
 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.
He got all of dad's stuff!

Here is the thing...when you have your hunger lined up correctly...God will supply you with HIS STUFF.

Matthew 6:31-33

- 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Everything that the world is after to take care of their hunger...will be added to you, when you are hungry for the right things of God.