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Crave

“Crave”, now that is quite a word. What does the word crave mean to you? When I crave something, I can't live without what I am craving. When I crave something, it is constantly on my mind. I can think of little, maybe even nothing else, when I am craving something. **Exactly! Could you hold on to deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander in your heart and mind when you are craving my word?** No, deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander are very far from my mind when I am craving your word. **Why is that?** I can't let my craving for your word go unfed. When I am craving your word, I feed that craving by feasting on your word. When I am feasting on your word, your word has all my attention and focus. I want to hear and obey your word. I want to know and do your will. I want to walk in your ways by putting your word into practice. Feasting on your word has had the effect of completely pushing deceit, hypocrisy, envy and slander completely out of my heart and mind and life. I will tell you what. **What?** There are many other very negatives and sinful thoughts, attitudes and actions that your word has pushed completely out of my heart and mind and life. **That is very good.** Yes, it is. I am so very thankful for how your word has been changing my heart and transforming my mind. I can't tell you how many negative and sinful thoughts, attitudes and actions that are no longer in my heart and mind and life because your word has pushed them right out of me, as I have feasted on your word. **You could tell me.** Yes, I could. **But, I already know.** I'm sure of that.

What else has craving and feasting on my word done for you? As I have feasted on your word I have tasted of your goodness. I have come to know and love you more and more every day as I have met with you in your word. It is now the desire of my heart to love you with all my heart and mind and soul in strength. Above all else in life, I want to know and love and follow and serve you. There is nothing I wouldn't do or no place I wouldn't go to serve you. I want to know and do your will. I want to accomplish your purposes and plans. I want to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. I want to completely grow up in you and fully live the life that you have given me to live. **That is very good.**

Lord, I crave your word. I hunger for your word. I want to feast on your word. Every day I want to take in a steady diet of your word. Help me to hear and obey your word. Use your word to change my heart and transform my mind so I can grow strong in you. Amen

Transformation *Crave Pure Spiritual Milk*

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NIV 1 Peter 2:1-3

Transformation *Crave Pure Spiritual Milk*

So get rid of all evil behavior. Be done with all deceit, hypocrisy, jealousy, and all unkind speech. Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

NLT 1 Peter 2:1-3

Transformation *Long For The Pure, Spiritual Milk*

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

NRSV 1 Peter 2:1-3

Transformation *Crave The Pure Spiritual Milk*

SO BE done with every trace of wickedness (depravity, malignity) and all deceit and insincerity (pretense, hypocrisy) and grudges (envy, jealousy) and slander and evil speaking of every kind. Like newborn babies you should crave (thirst for, earnestly desire) the pure (unadulterated) spiritual milk, that by it you may be nurtured and grow unto [completed] salvation. Since you have [already] tasted the goodness and kindness of the Lord.

AMP 1 Peter 2:1-3

Transformation *Long For The Pure Milk Of The Word*

Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation, if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

NASB 1 Peter 2:1-3

Transformation *Long For The Pure Spiritual Milk*

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

ESV 1 Peter 2:1-3

Transformation *Desire The Pure Spiritual Milk Of The Word*

Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

NKJV 1 Peter 2:1-3

Transformation *Drink Deep Of God's Pure Kindness*

So clean house! Make a clean sweep of malice and pretense, envy and hurtful talk. You've had a taste of God. Now, like infants at the breast, drink deep of God's pure kindness. Then you'll grow up mature and whole in God.

MSG 1 Peter 2:1-3

Transformation *Long To Grow Up In The Fullness Of Your Salvation*

So get rid of your feelings of hatred. Don't just pretend to be good! Be done with dishonesty and jealousy and talking about others behind their backs. Now that you realize how kind the Lord has been to you, put away all evil, deception, envy, and fraud. Long to grow up into the fullness of your salvation; cry for this as a baby cries for his milk.

TLB 1 Peter 2:1-3

Transformation *Want Milk...Want The Pure And Simple Teaching*

So then, rid yourselves of all evil, all lying, hypocrisy, jealousy, and evil speech. As newborn babies want milk, you should want the pure and simple teaching. By it you can grow up and be saved, because you have already examined and seen how good the Lord is.

NCV 1 Peter 2:1-3

Crave Pure Spiritual Milk

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

Transformation – 1 Peter 2:1-3

In Context: *Read 1 Peter 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How are you making sure that your life is not being fed by malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy or slander?

What efforts have you made to rid yourself of malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy or slander?

How has feeding on God's word helped you to rid yourself of malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy or slander?

How are you making sure that you are feeding on a daily diet that is rich in God's word?

How has feeding on God's word helped you to taste of the Lord's goodness?

How has feeding daily on God's word helped you to grow up in Him?

How has God use His word to change your heart and transform your mind in all that you think, say and do?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Crave God's word and feed on it daily so that you will be able to grow up in Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that as you crave God's word and feed on it daily you will grow up in Him

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how you are craving and feasting on God's word daily.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you crave God's word allowing yourself to be feed by it so that you grow up in Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will crave your word so that I will be feed by it and grow up in you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how do you want to use your word to feed and grow me up in you today?
