

*"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. Isaiah 55:1-3 (NIV)*

## **Are You Thirsty?**

**Are you thirsty? Are you hungry?** Am I hungry and thirsty for what? **Are you hungry and thirsty for a new kind of life?** What do you mean by that? **Perhaps, I should ask you several more questions to help you to know what I am talking about?** That would probably be very helpful. **Alright then, I will ask you these questions. Are you weary? Are you worn out? Does your life lack hope and meaning and purpose? Do you feel lost and without direction in life? Do you feel like your life is running on empty? Have you tried to fill that emptiness? Have you discovered that chasing after all the world has to offer will never satisfy your soul? Do you know that this world will never supply what will refresh your life?** That's probably enough questions. I have a very good idea of what you are talking about. **That's good.**

**How will you answer my questions? Do you have any answers?** I know what you are talking about. **You do?** You are talking about me. You know me. **Yes, I know you.** You know that I have chased after all that the world has to offer. You know that I have tried to fill the emptiness inside of me. **Yes, I do.** You know that I am out of gas. You know that I am weary and worn out. I have let my life get too busy. I have chased after what is not important. I have neglected what is vital. **What is vital?** That is such an important question. I need to ask myself that question every day. What is unimportant and what is vital? That question should be ever before me. The things of this life that will one day all pass away are ultimately unimportant. My relationship with you is vital. Living in an intimate relationship with you is vitally important. Only you can refresh and satisfy my soul. In your presence, I can find peace and rest. You are the one who gives hope and meaning and purpose to my life. You will fill me up. You will keep me from running on empty. With you, I will never run out of gas. **That's true. That's right. That is for sure.**

**So, what will you do?** I will draw near to you. I will come to rest in your presence. I will listen to you. I will hear your voice. I will walk with you through life. I will live out the moments of my day with and for you. I will live my life in a constant dialogue with you. **That will be very good.**

*Lord, I'm thirsty for you. My soul is weary. I have made the mistake of pursuing what will not satisfy. I have chased after all the things of this world. I will return to you. I will come to live in an intimate relationship with you, so you can refresh and satisfy my soul. Amen*

**Transformation** *All Who Are Thirsty*

"Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and your soul will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; hear me, that your soul may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David.

NIV Isaiah 55:1-3

**Transformation** *Is Anyone Thirsty?*

"Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink— even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk— it's all free! Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good? Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. "Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unailing love I promised to David.

NLT Isaiah 55:1-3

**Transformation** *Everyone Who Thirsts*

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

NRSV Isaiah 55:1-3

**Transformation** *Everyone Who Is Thirsty!*

WAIT and listen, everyone who is thirsty! Come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Yes, come, buy [priceless, spiritual] wine and milk without money and without price [simply for the self-surrender that accepts the blessing]. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your earnings for what does not satisfy? Harken diligently to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness [the profuseness of spiritual joy]. Incline your ear [submit and consent to the divine will] and come to Me; hear, and your soul will revive; and I will make an everlasting covenant or league with you, even the sure mercy (kindness, goodwill, and compassion) promised to David.

AMP Isaiah 55:1-3

**Transformation** *Everyone Who Thirsts*

"Ho! Every one who thirsts, come to the waters; And you who have no money come, buy and eat. Come, buy wine and milk Without money and without cost. "Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And delight yourself in abundance. "Incline your ear and come to Me. Listen, that you may live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you, According to the faithful mercies shown to David.

NASB Isaiah 55:1-3

**Transformation** *Everyone Who Thirsts*

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

ESV Isaiah 55:1-3

**Transformation** *Everyone Who Thirsts*

"Ho! Everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters; And you who have no money, Come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk Without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, And your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, And let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you-- The sure mercies of David.

NKJV Isaiah 55:1-3

**Transformation** *All Who Are Thirsty*

"Hey there! All who are thirsty, come to the water! Are you penniless? Come anyway—buy and eat! Come, buy your drinks, buy wine and milk. Buy without money—everything's free! Why do you spend your money on junk food, your hard-earned cash on cotton candy? Listen to me, listen well: Eat only the best, fill yourself with only the finest. Pay attention, come close now, listen carefully to my life-giving, life-nourishing words. I'm making a lasting covenant commitment with you, the same that I made with David: sure, solid, enduring love.

MSG Isaiah 55:1-3

**Transformation** *Is Anyone Thirsty?*

"Say there! Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine and milk—it's all free! Why spend your money on food that doesn't give you strength? Why pay for groceries that do you no good? Listen and I'll tell you where to get good food that fattens up the soul! "Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, for the life of your soul is at stake. I am ready to make an everlasting covenant with you, to give you all the unailing mercies and love that I had for King David.

TLB Isaiah 55:1-3

**Transformation** *All You Who Are Thirsty*

The LORD says, "All you who are thirsty, come and drink. Those of you who do not have money, come, buy and eat! Come buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend your money on something that is not real food? Why work for something that doesn't really satisfy you? Listen closely to me, and you will eat what is good; your soul will enjoy the rich food that satisfies. Come to me and listen; listen to me so you may live. I will make an agreement with you that will last forever. I will give you the blessings I promised to David.

NCV Isaiah 55:1-3

# All Who Are Thirsty

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**Transformation** – Isaiah 55:1-3

**In Context:** *Read Isaiah 55*

**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?)***

Lord, I'm thirsty for you. My soul is weary. I have made the mistake of pursuing what will not satisfy. I have chased after all the things of this world. I will return to you. I will come to live in an intimate relationship with you, so you can refresh and satisfy my soul. Amen

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

When has chasing after all the things of the world brought weariness into your soul?

When have you chased after all that the world has to offer to try and refresh and satisfy your soul?

When have you had a thirst within that you discovered nothing from the world could ever satisfy?

How is the world very good at advertising enticing things that will never satisfy your soul?

**When has drawing near to God refreshed and satisfied your soul?**

**How are you living in an intimate relationship with God so He can continually refresh and satisfy your soul?**

**What are warning signs indicating that you need to return to the Lord so He can refresh your soul?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Draw near to God and live in an intimate relationship with Him so that your soul can be refreshed and satisfied.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that your soul will be refreshed and satisfied as you come into the Lord's presence.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how your soul has been refreshed as you have drawn near to God.

**Close With Prayer:**

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you come into the Lord's presence so He can refresh and satisfy your soul.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will come into your presence so you can refresh and satisfy my soul.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how do you want to refresh and satisfy my soul as I rest in your presence?*

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