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Satisfied

I had this hunger and thirst within me. I wanted and needed more. More of what, I was not sure. All I knew is that I felt empty inside. There was this void within me, of that I was sure. I wanted to know that my life had purpose and meaning and direction. I wanted to receive hope and comfort and encouragement as I lived my life. That was just the beginning of the list of my desires that I could identify. There were many more, without a doubt. I had no idea how all these desires could be satisfied. I tried to ignore and hope that these desires would go away. They did not. Instead, they grew in intensity. So, I felt lost. So, I set out on a journey to look for something else or more in life. I did not know what that was. I did not know where I would find it. I sometimes told myself that I was on a journey to find myself. What that meant, I did not know. I was not alone in my search. **No, you were not.** As I was searching for that something else or something more, you were pursuing me. **Yes, I was.**

One day, when I was at my lowest point and in my greatest need, I cried out to you. I asked you to show yourself to me if you were real. Actually, my cry was more like a scream. **Yes, it was. Did I hear your cry? Did I answer your prayer?** You accepted my scream as a prayer? **Yes, I did.** That was one intense prayer, wasn't it? **Yes, it was.** Yes, you heard and answered my prayer. I did not realize it at the time, but now I know that my desire or hunger or thirst was for you. The emptiness I felt was an absence of any relationship with you. You changed all that. **How so?** You drew me to yourself. One day, I confessed all my sin to you. I told you that I wanted to follow you. You forgave my sin, cleansed my unrighteousness, and filled me with your Holy Spirit. You adopted me into your family. You accepted me as your child. You made me your own. You are now leading and guiding me through life. **Yes, I am.** I have never felt empty inside since. **That is very good.**

You still do hunger and thirst? Yes, I do. Every day I hunger and thirst to live in an even more intimate relationship with you. Each day, I want to go deeper with you. Each day, I hunger and thirst for more of you. There is no place I would rather be than in your presence. There is nothing I would rather do than live the life that you are calling me to live. Each day, my hunger and thirst are satisfied as I live in an intimate relationship with you. **That is very good.**

Lord, I have hungered and thirsted for you. I have wanted what you have desired to give me. You have caused me to come to you and made it so I can live in an intimate relationship with you. Thank you for giving me all that I need as I love, follow and serve you. Amen

Becoming Like Christ *Bread Of Life*

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NIV John 6:35

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Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

ESV John 6:35

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Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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Jesus said, "I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with me hungers no more and thirsts no more, ever.

MSG John 6:35

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Jesus replied, I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to Me will never be hungry, and he who believes in and cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me will never thirst any more (at any time).

AMP John 6:35

Becoming Like Christ *Bread Of Life*

Jesus replied, "I am the Bread of Life. No one coming to me will ever be hungry again. Those believing in me will never thirst.

TLB John 6:35

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NASB John 6:35

Becoming Like Christ *Bread That Gives Life*

Then Jesus said, "I am the bread that gives life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

NCV John 6:35

Bread Of Life

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Becoming Like Christ – John 6:35

In Context: *Read John 6*

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)*

When have you hungered and thirsted for something that only the Lord could provide?

When has your hunger and thirst for something you needed from the Lord caused you to come to Him?

How has your hunger and thirst for the Lord drawn you into a daily ongoing relationship with Him?

How has the Lord satisfied your need for forgiveness and cleansing of your sin?

How has the Lord satisfied your need for belonging, comfort and encouragement in life?

How has the Lord satisfied your need for hope and meaning in life?

How has the Lord satisfied your need for purpose and direction and destiny in life?

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

Come to the Lord and allow Him to satisfy all your hunger and thirsts in life.

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

Have faith that the Lord will satisfy your hunger and thirst for Him.

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

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has satisfied your hunger and thirst in life.

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 come to the Lord so He can satisfy your hunger and thirst for Him.

Prayer To Carry

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

Lord, I will come to you so that you can satisfy my hunger and thirst for you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how will you satisfy my hunger and thirst as I come to you today?
