

## **BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS**

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*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.*

Matthew 5:6

*If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. C.S. Lewis*

*... Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.*

1 Timothy 6:11

*As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.*

*My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"*

Psalm 42:1-3

*Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.*

Psalm 37:4

### **WHAT DOESN'T WORK?**

- **RULE-CENTERED CHRISTIANITY.**
- **LUKEWARM CHRISTIANITY.**

*O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

Psalm 63:1

*O God, you are our God; earnestly we seek you; our souls thirst for you; our churches, our homes faint for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.*

### **WE ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS BY FAITH ALONE.**

*... not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith...*

Philippians 3:9

### **WHAT DOES WORK?**

#### **1) INVOLVE GOD IN YOUR CONVERSATIONS.**

*"In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect"*

1 Peter 3:15

#### **2) MAKE CHURCH NON-NEGOTIABLE.**

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

Hebrews 10:23-25

#### **3) SEEK GOD DAILY.**

*But seek first the kingdom of God **and** his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Matthew 6:33

*... choose this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*

Joshua 24:15