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Matthew 5:6

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Psaln 42

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?
My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me all day long:
"Where is your God?"

These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go with the multitude,
leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and
marching among the festive throng.

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so despondent within me? For your hope is God,
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

My soul is downcast within me, therefore I will remember you from the land of
the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers
have swept over me.

By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the
God of my life.

I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I go about
mourning, oppressed by the enemy?"

My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long,
"Where is your God?"

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so despondent within me? For your hope is God,
for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Isaiah 41:18

I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will
turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs.

John 7:37-38

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,
"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will
flow from within him."

Streams of living water shall flow from within him. This is the Spirit of God
filling us and a picture of Christ in us, the hope of glory. The good we can do
others is not goodness from us, but from Christ in us. The power to change
lives and reach nations must be the power of the Holy Spirit or it is useless,
ineffective and temporary.

We, as God's children, are blessed when we hunger and thirst. We must not
be satisfied with anything but the Righteousness that comes from Jesus. When
we long for God—his presence, his person, his nearness—more than we
long for anything this world has to give... then we are positioned to be a
blessing to nations, for in that place of hunger and thirst, we are blessed.
When we cease to desire more, when we stop being thirsty we have ceased
to be useful, effective for His Kingdom, because all good works flow from a
relational intimacy with the source of life. We can't bring refreshment to
others unless we ourselves are refreshed.

It is not unusual at times to feel empty and distant from God. You may even
feel like God has forgotten you (see Psalm 42). But there is just one remedy.
Go back to the river, the upper spring, the fountain of life—Jesus. It is Jesus
who said: "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink." Don't be
distracted from your mission. Don't let the empty promises of this world
slow you down. Hasten to Him. Run to the fountain. Plunge in. Be filled again.

Much love:

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Find Me In The River
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Find me in the river
Find me on my knees
I've walked against the water
Now I'm waiting if you please

We've longed to see the roses
But never felt the thorns
And bought our pretty crowns
But never paid the price

Find me in the river
Find me there
Find me on my knees
with my soul laid bare

Even though you're gone
and I'm cracked and dry
Find me in the river,
I'm waiting here

Find me in the river
Find me on my knees
I've walked against the water
Now I'm waiting if you please

We didn't count on suffering
We didn't count on pain
But if the blessing's in the valley
Then in the river I will wait