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A 7-DAY DEVOTIONAL

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Father, give me a hunger for You that will last me a lifetime

Amen.

DAY 1

“And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.”

-Jeremiah 29:13 NKJV

There is something about desire, about hunger, about searching for something or someone with all your heart, like your life depends on it. In the passage, God is saying to us, you will find Me not when you have prayed a while or a lot. No! He said you will find Me when you have sought Me with all your heart! When I think about this, I think about a hidden treasure for which people would sell all, and devote their lives to finding that treasure because the treasure is an absolute life changer.

In each person is a hole, a God-hole that causes our spirits to yearn for God. What happens many times is that our minds are unable to understand that yearning and so we find that we yearn for everything else but God; we yearn for approval, we yearn for riches, fame, respect, we yearn for significance and relevance and though these things give a temporary relief, they just do not fit the hole perfectly. It soon becomes obvious that what we got is not enough so we add more; more accomplishments, more accolades, more applause, more riches, more fame, you name it, when all our heart yearns for is more of God, because it is God who put that desire in us Ecclesiastes 3:11b “...*He has also set eternity in the human heart...*” and it is only God who can satisfy the longing in our hearts.

Today, would you pray a prayer with me? I find myself praying a lot more these days. Father give me a hunger for you that will last me a lifetime, that nothing else fills temporarily, that I would not replace my yearning for You with the things the world gives as substitutes. In Jesus name. Amen.

Action - Set reminders on your phone at 9am, 12pm, 3pm, 6pm and 9pm to say a word of prayer for hunger for God.

DAY 2

“This is the generation (description) of those who diligently seek Him and require Him as their greatest need, Who seek Your face, even [as did] Jacob. Selah.”

-Psalms 24:6 AMP

There is a generation, a kind of people who seek God, who seek His face. A kind of people who desire God beyond wants, a people to whom God reveals Himself. They are laid down lovers, they are the ones whose hearts are laid prostrate at the feet of the Master, as they know there is no higher calling than that.

There is a generation that yearns for the presence of God, the heart of the Father, whose priority is to be well pleasing unto Him, who seek His will, only His will. A generation of whom it is said *“I must decrease, so that He must increase”*, a kind who do not seek accolades and recognition, who are satisfied in God, whose priority is the Father.

There is a generation, desperate, desperate for His presence, a kind who abide. A people who know that apart from Him, they can-do no-good thing, for they know that it is in Him they live, they move, and life makes sense.

A Jacob generation, a seeking generation. Are you a people of that generation?

Prayer – Father, You are my absolute desire, keep my heart yearning for You. I am that generation that seeks You oh Lord!

Action - Read Psalm 24 at the times your reminders go off.

DAY 3

"O God, You are my God; with deepest longing I will seek You; My soul [my life, my very self] thirsts for You, my flesh longs and sighs for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water."

-Psalms 63:1 AMP

The world gives no satisfaction, the world gives not water, and the world gives no answers, because the world is in a fallen state. So, we must quit, quit running on empty, quit running to the world for answers, quit placing our trust in humans who are fickle. We must quit doing mix and match, adding God to our agenda, making Him a line in our to-do list. We must quit, quit trying to fix God unto our little box, quit using Him to achieve our goals, quit making Him a factor, the G-factor. God is much more! He is the beginning and end and everything in between, He is the answer, He is God. Complete in Himself, the custodian of all, wisdom in itself. He is Lord, Lord over all, Lord over times and seasons, Lord over yesterday, today and tomorrow. We hope for tomorrow, to Him our tomorrow is a memory. He is the giver of time, yet not contained in time, He is life itself, He is everything you need, even what you do not know you need.

So, seek Him as a vital necessity, with your whole self, not in passing, not when it is convenient, not only when in need, not only when you are full. Seek Him with your life itself, seek Him spirit, soul and body. For there is no other way to live, for there is no fulfillment in running around when all you need is right before you. God is all in all and everything in between.

Prayer - Father you are my all. I lay it all before You, my hopes, and my dreams. All I was, all I am and all I could ever be.

Action - Write a hunger prayer in your journal today and this will be something you read daily.

DAY 4

“As the deer pants [longingly] for the water brooks, So my soul pants [longingly] for You, O God. My soul (my life, my inner self) thirsts for God, for the living God. When will I come and see the face of God?”

-Psalms 42:1-2 AMP

It is those who are hungry that get fed, it is the thirsty that get a drink. So, what are you hungry for? What does your heart yearn for? Everyone gets hungry, but hungry for what? For who? There needs to be a yearning, a longing. Remember how we desire to speak to that special one in whom our souls delight? Remember how it feels when you are in transit with no access to internet or calls for a while, and then you begin to playback fond memories and relive those memories to keep them alive and at the first instance of access to a phone, you call, it seems it takes forever for them to pick, yet the phone has not rung. Oh! There has to be a panting of the soul, a yearning for more, more of God; and the more we experience, the hungrier we get. This is a mystery, a good mystery. Just the way a lack of hunger signals that something is wrong in our bodies, a lack of desire for spiritual things; when we no longer hunger for His presence, His word, His ways, when we become listless, indicates that something is wrong with our spirits.

So, do all you can to cultivate your hunger, curate your atmosphere, so you stay hungry everyday of your life, for your one true King.

Prayer - Father, I am here, here for you. Here for your heart, here for Your will. I want your face, to know You beyond all else and not just Your hand.

Action- As you commute today, play worship music, and pray along, focus on songs that speak to hunger pangs.

DAY 5

“For in Him we live and move and exist [that is, in Him we actually have our being], as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we also are His children.’”

-Acts 17:28 AMP

Ever heard about viruses? I am sure you have! They are everywhere. I learnt that a virus is only active in a host. Outside the host, viruses form crystals and stay in the inactive state till they get a host through which they live. This sound like us, believers! It is in Christ that we live, we move and we have our existence. Yes, we can say that people are doing well outside Christ, yes, but it is based on what your definition of doing well is. Jesus said in John 15, “...*outside me you can nothing...*” - that is you can-do no-good thing, you can do nothing that is of eternal implication, and you can do nothing that will make sense to heaven outside of Christ.

So, would you choose to live in Him and function in Him? Would you abide Him and allow Him, and His word abide in you? Would you love according to His design or just mix and match and permute and combine hoping you hit something good in your lifetime?

There is a sure way to fulfillment; that way is in Christ.

There is a sure way to abundance; that way is in Christ

There is a sure way to peace, nothing missing, nothing broken, nothing lacking; that way is in Christ.

We were designed to only function in him. I love **Jeremiah 10:23** which says, “*O Lord, I know that the path of [life of] a man is not in himself; It is not within [the limited ability of] man [even one at his best] to choose and direct his steps [in life]*”. We were designed by God to need God; else life would just be a series of guessing.

Would you choose the only way to live today?

Prayer - Keep me Father. Keep me in Your presence, under Your wings for I know that my life is hid with Christ in You.

Action- Write out on a small card/sticky note Jeremiah 10:23 in the amplified version and meditate on it today.

DAY 6

“And this, so that I may know Him [experientially, becoming more thoroughly acquainted with Him, understanding the remarkable wonders of His Person more completely] and [in that same way experience] the power of His resurrection [which overflows and is active in believers], and [that I may share] the fellowship of His sufferings, by being continually conformed [inwardly into His likeness even] to His death [dying as He did];”

-Philippians 3:10 AMP

Knowing God experientially! This is one thing I pray and desire a lot! That God will not be a story told to me, reduced to a figment of my imagination but that He be real, more real to me than the ground I stand on. I would take you to the story of Israel when they were led out of Egypt, they experienced God as the one who led them through the Red Sea to walk on dry land (Exodus 14), that generation that crossed, had all died in the wilderness having wandered 40 years telling their children about how God led them through the Red Sea. I can just imagine the Israelites using that as a moonlight story where many myths and mystical stories are told that even Rahab said she has heard of that God! (Joshua 2:10). So, what did God do? He made the new generation have their own encounter, by crossing the Jordan (Joshua 3), bear in mind that not all of the tribes of Israel needed to cross the Jordan, as the tribes of Reuben, Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh had their land allocation east of the Jordan river (Deuteronomy 3:1-18) and did not need to cross the Jordan. Yet all the tribes of Israel were all told to cross, so that, that which they had heard of, they could experience themselves.

This is the same with us, in our walk with God, in our quest is to know Him and His heart now. To experience Him now, to hear Him now, to have fresh experiences of God so that we do not live on the tales of the yonder years.

Would you pray with me today, asking God to reveal Himself to us afresh, that we may experience Him afresh and know Him.

Prayer - That I may know You!

Action point - Think about your life in retrospect and write down memorials that show you God's hand on your life.

DAY 7

“Now on the last and most important day of the feast, Jesus stood and called out [in a loud voice], “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink!”

-John 7:37 AMP

There is an open invitation to you this instant, Jesus is calling out to you just as it says in Revelation 3:20 *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me”*. He is standing at the door, knocking and waiting on us to take the first step to draw closer so He could take it from there. Would you honor the invitation today? Would you? Please say yes! Yes, to Jesus, yes to a deeper, more intimate walk with the King, yes to His presence. Say Yes today!

Jesus is saying come to me, and then He goes further, He says come to me and drink! So, He is ready to fill the longing in our hearts, He is ready to fill us with Himself, He is ready to abide, He is ready to transform our very lives. But we must take that first step and come.

If we want to do anything of any significance to Heaven's agenda, we must know that the coming and drinking comes before the sending and going. We were not designed to run by our own strength trying to fulfill God's plans and agenda, it does not work that way.

In Mark 3:13-15, Jesus chose His disciples and the first thing He did was to call them to Himself. To spend time with Him and this they did for 3 years, there after scripture records of the disciples that *“These are the men that turned the world upside down”* (Acts 17:6).

In the Kingdom, fellowship comes before service as we cannot represent a God we do not know.

Prayer - Father, I answer the call to intimacy, to fellowship, to koinonia, today, tomorrow and for a lifetime.

Action - Sit and reflect on this past few days and check your passion for God, your hunger and desire for Him and His word. What did you notice?

A PRAYER FOR HUNGER

Father, I thank You for Your love for me, You are enough for me. I pray that You fill my heart with what is in Your heart. Pour in me a deep desire for You, for Your presence and for Your word. I ask that You open my eyes to the things that touch Your heart. Father, You are my everything, I ask that my hunger for You will never go down. Give me a hunger that nothing or no one can quench. I ask for fresh fire, to burn up all the chaff in my life that all that is left is that which you planted. Help me truly reflect Jesus, in all my ways, all my actions and inactions. Let Your love be the umpire of my heart, let that love flow through me to the lives of people around me, that through me they will experience Jesus and His love for them.

Lord, there is nowhere greater I would ever want to be than at Your feet, as a laid down lover of Your presence, of Your heart. Oh Lord, teach me to love Your presence above all else, set my heart on fire! Set my life on fire! Set my will on fire for You alone. Occupy every nook and cranny of my life, let Your presence fill my life through and through, that there is no part of my life hidden from You.

I love You my King, my Lord, my Father, my Lover, and my everything. In Jesus name.

Amen.

Thank you for going through this devotional, It is my prayer for you that The Father will put a hunger in you that would last you a lifetime and that you will walk closely to His heart all the days of your life.

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