



Hungry For More Of God.

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Jesus says that ***blessed are those that hunger and thirst for righteousness*** for they shall be filled (Matthew 5:6). In John 7:37 we read, ***if any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.***

This is how I felt for years and am still feeling in my heart--***Hungry for more of God.***

In order to receive more of God we will have to believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that ***diligently seek Him***. In the same verse (Hebrews 11:6) it also says that it is ***impossible to please Him or connect with Him without faith in Him. So we are not talking here about faith in faith.***

Jacob was hungry for more of God when he wrestled with God in Genesis 32. He said to God: "***I will not let you go unless you bless me.***" ***This is how we too should pray when we want God's help, with faith and determination based on the Word.***

Jacob was determined to receive the grace and blessing that God had promised for the firstborn son, which is a type of Jesus. Esau, Jacob's older brother and ***the real firstborn, was more interested in feeding his flesh than the blessings of God***. Now up to that point Jacob had tried to receive that promise through other means than faith (in his case through deception and trickery). The bible says that everything that is not by and of faith is sin (Romans 14:23). The bible also tells us in Ephesians 1:3 that ***we have received all the blessings of the firstborn Jesus--this comes by faith through grace.***

Going back to Jacob asking God to bless him, not taking no for an answer. What was God's response to Jacob? ***The Lord weakened Jacob's flesh or his natural man in order to make him more dependent on His help.*** He struck the strongest joint in Jacob's flesh and made him ***dependent on His help in order to walk.*** The bible says that he walked with a limp. This is a picture of us having to work together with God as the Word says that in 1 Corinthians 3:9 "***we are workers together with God,***" and 2 Corinthians 5:7, "***for we walk by faith, not by sight.***" Jacob took one step and had to lean on God (his staff) for the next step.

When I was a teenager living in Sweden, an American preacher came to visit our church in Gothenburg. He preached strongly about ***committing your life 100% to God's will no matter what may come***, and then told a true story about a young man that did this and almost got killed in an airplane crash.

When he had finished preaching in his thunderous voice, scaring the congregation half to death, he invited anybody who was willing to make the same 100% commitment to stand up. I felt that God was strongly prompting me to stand up so I did, and from that moment to this day my life has never been the same again. ***God changed me from independent to God-dependent.***

As we commit ourselves 100% to first seek Him, His kingdom, and His righteousness, He is committed to bless us and help us in every way to fulfill our prophetic destiny, and to add more blessings to our lives than we had ever thought was possible. (Matthew 6:33)

Words to study: Matthew 5:6, John 7:37, Hebrew 11:6, Genesis 32:24-32, Ephesians 1:3, 1 Corinthians 3:9, 2 Corinthians 5:7, Matthew 6:33.

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