

Best Sermon Ever: Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

10/05/2025 – MATTHEW 5:6

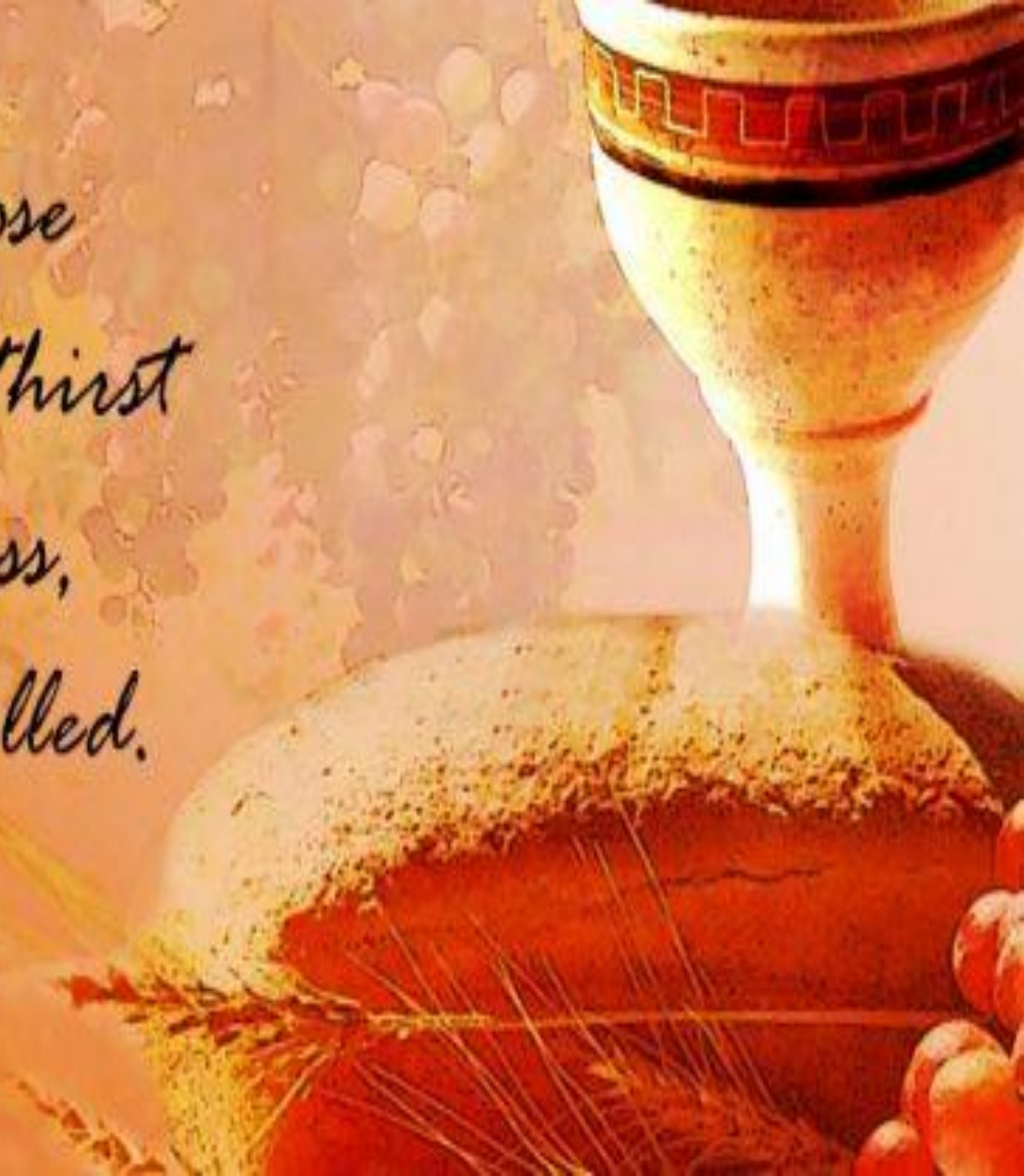
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WE
HUNGER
AND
THIRST
FOR
HOTPOT!!!



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

- Matthew 5: 6



Three Questions



- ▶ Is there a hunger and thirst inside all of us?
- ▶ What does it mean to hunger and thirst for righteousness?
- ▶ How does it look when that hunger and thirst are filled?



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and Thirst Inside All
of Us?**

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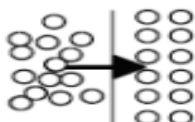
16 DESIRES

WHAT DO PEOPLE WANT?

READ, WRITE, THINK, EXPLORE,
DEBATE, INTELLECTUAL, UNDERSTAND
CURIOSITY
MINDLESSNESS



ORGANIZE, PLAN, STRUCTURE
SCHEDULE, CLEAN
ORDER
CHAOS, GAME OF CHANCE,
MESSY



LOYAL TO TRADITIONS, PARENTS, COUNTRY,
DUTY, ALMA MATER, UPRIGHT CHARACTER
HONOR
SHAMED, GUILT, DISLOYAL



BEAUTY, ART, SEX,
AESTHETICS, COURTING, MAKEUP
ROMANCE
ASCETIC, FRIGID, UGLY



LOYAL TO CHILDREN, NURTURING,
SPEND TIME WITH SIBLINGS
FAMILY
DELEGATE, IGNORE,
OR ABANDON



FUN, FRIENDSHIP,
PARTY, PLAY, EXTROVERT,
COMPANIONSHIP
SOCIAL CONTACT
ALONE, PRIVATE,
HATES PARTIES,
CLOSE FAMILY AND FRIENDS ONLY



SHYNESS, EASY GOALS,
QUITTING, AVOID CONFLICT,
FEAR REJECTION
ACCEPTANCE
SELF CONFIDENT, ASSERTIVE,
THICK SKINNED



ROYALTY, CELEBRITY, RESPECT REPUTATION,
PRESTIGE, FIRST, IMPRESS,
ATTENTION, EXPENSE
SOCIAL STATUS
EGALITARIAN, UNIMPRESSED, HUMBLING



INFLUENCE, AMBITION, LEADERSHIP
ACHIEVEMENT, DOMINATION
POWER
SUBMISSION



SELF RELIANT, LEAVE PARENTS,
SET OUT ON OWN, LIKES BEING ALONE
INDEPENDENCE



STRESS TOLERANCE, COURAGE, FEW FEARS
TRANQUILITY
PHOBIC, AVOIDANCE, PANIC ATTACKS,
SAFETY, LOW STRESS TOLERANCE



COLLECTING, PROTECTING,
PRESERVING, FRUGAL
SAVING
EXTRAVAGANT, FREE SPENDING



FOODIE, EATING DISORDERS,
OBESITY, ANOREXIA
EATING
UNINTERESTED IN FOOD



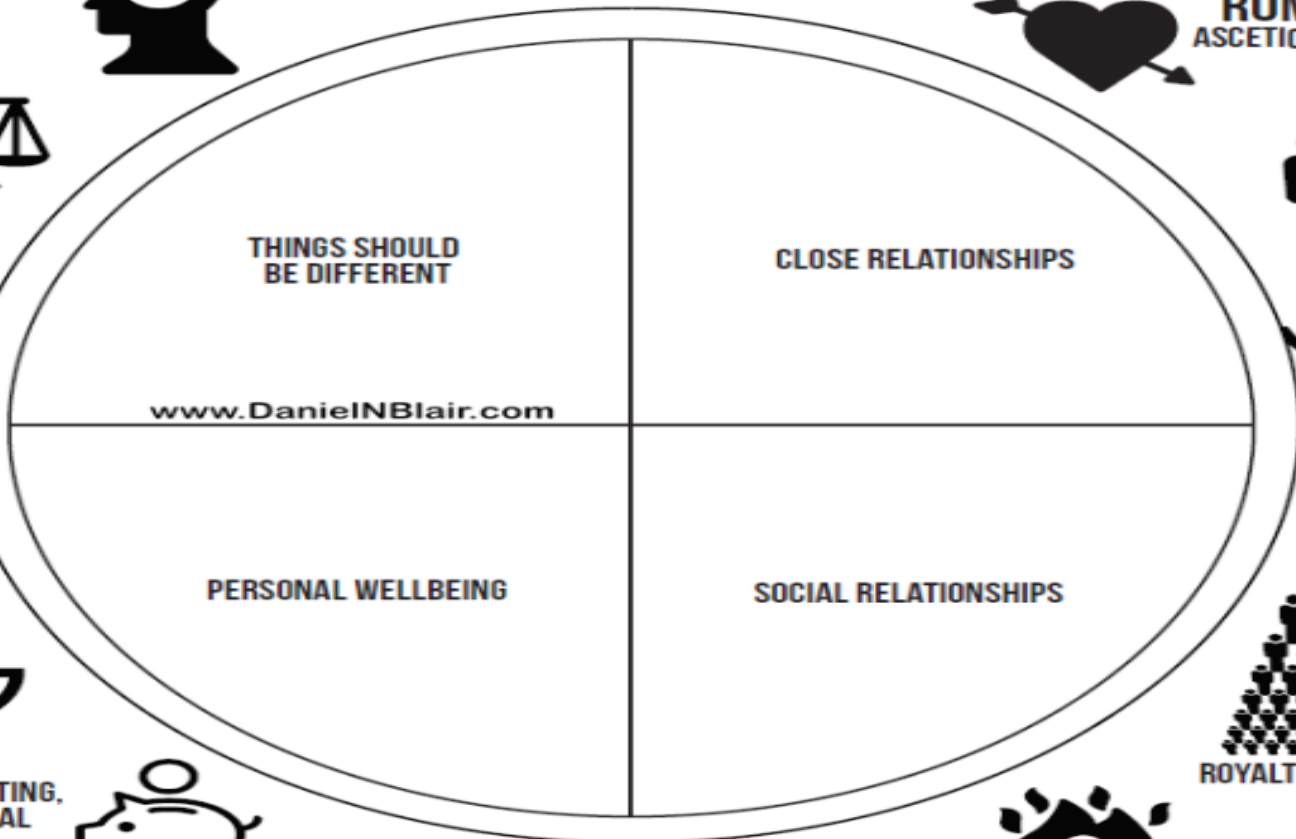
SPORTS, MOVING, EXERCISE,
COACHING, ATHLETICS
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
PACING, RESTING,
LAZY, SEDENTARY



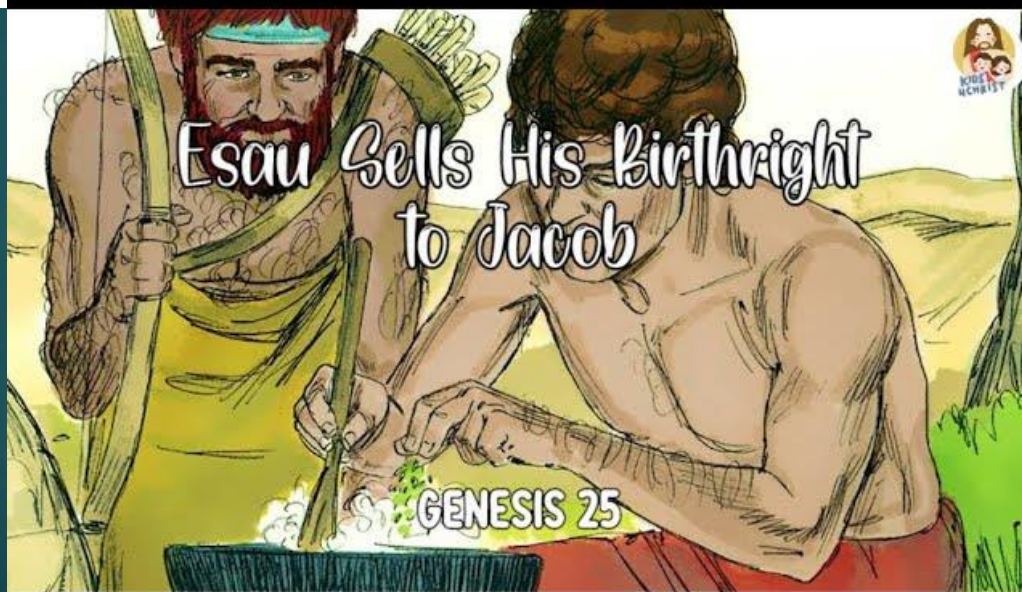
COMBAT, COMPETITION,
CONFRONT, VIOLENT,
AGGRESSION, ANGER
VENGEANCE
PEACEKEEPING, COMPASSION,
FORGIVING, SLOW TO ANGER



VOLUNTEER, PERSONAL SACRIFICE,
EQUALITY, SOCIAL JUSTICE,
SOCIETY ABOVE PERSONAL RISK
IDEALISM
UNCHARITABLE,
UNCARING ABOUT SOCIETY



RESEARCH BY STEVEN REISS
WHO AM I? THE 16 BASIC DESIRES
THAT MOTIVATE OUR ACTIONS AND
DEFINE OUR PERSONALITIES





What Does It Mean to Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness?

What is Righteousness?

Being in right relationship
with God

Romans 5:1-2

1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.



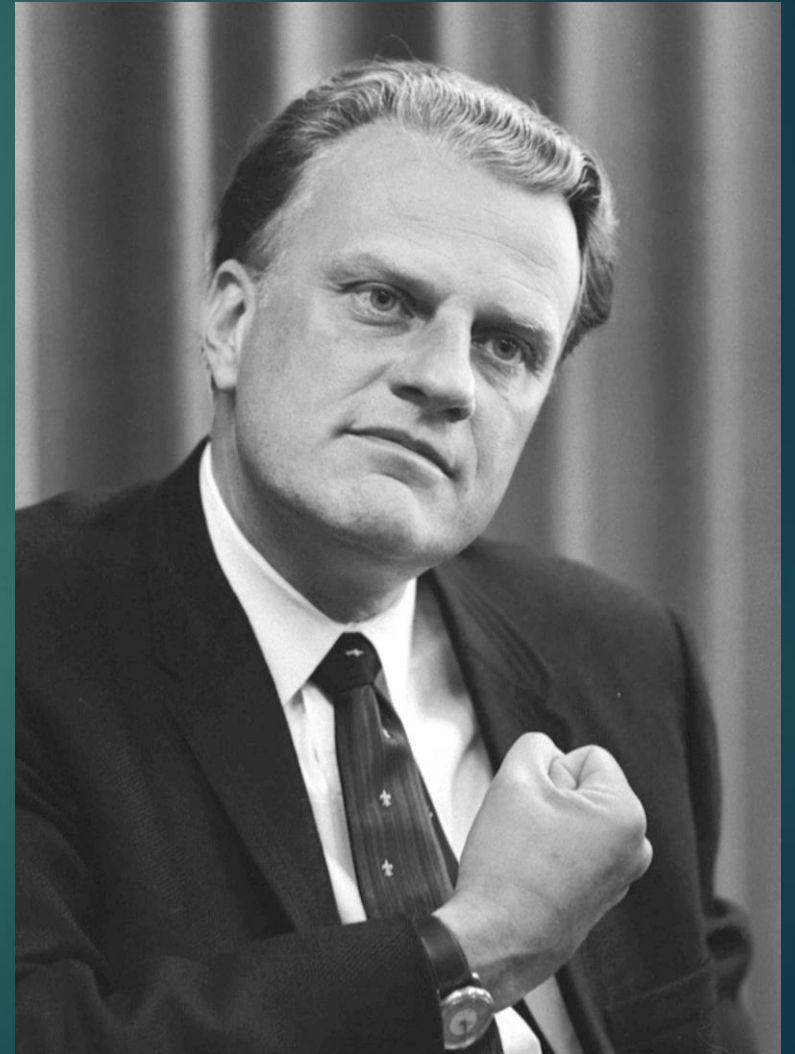
Ephesians 2:4-5

4 But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **5 made us alive with Christ** even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved.

Being Alive

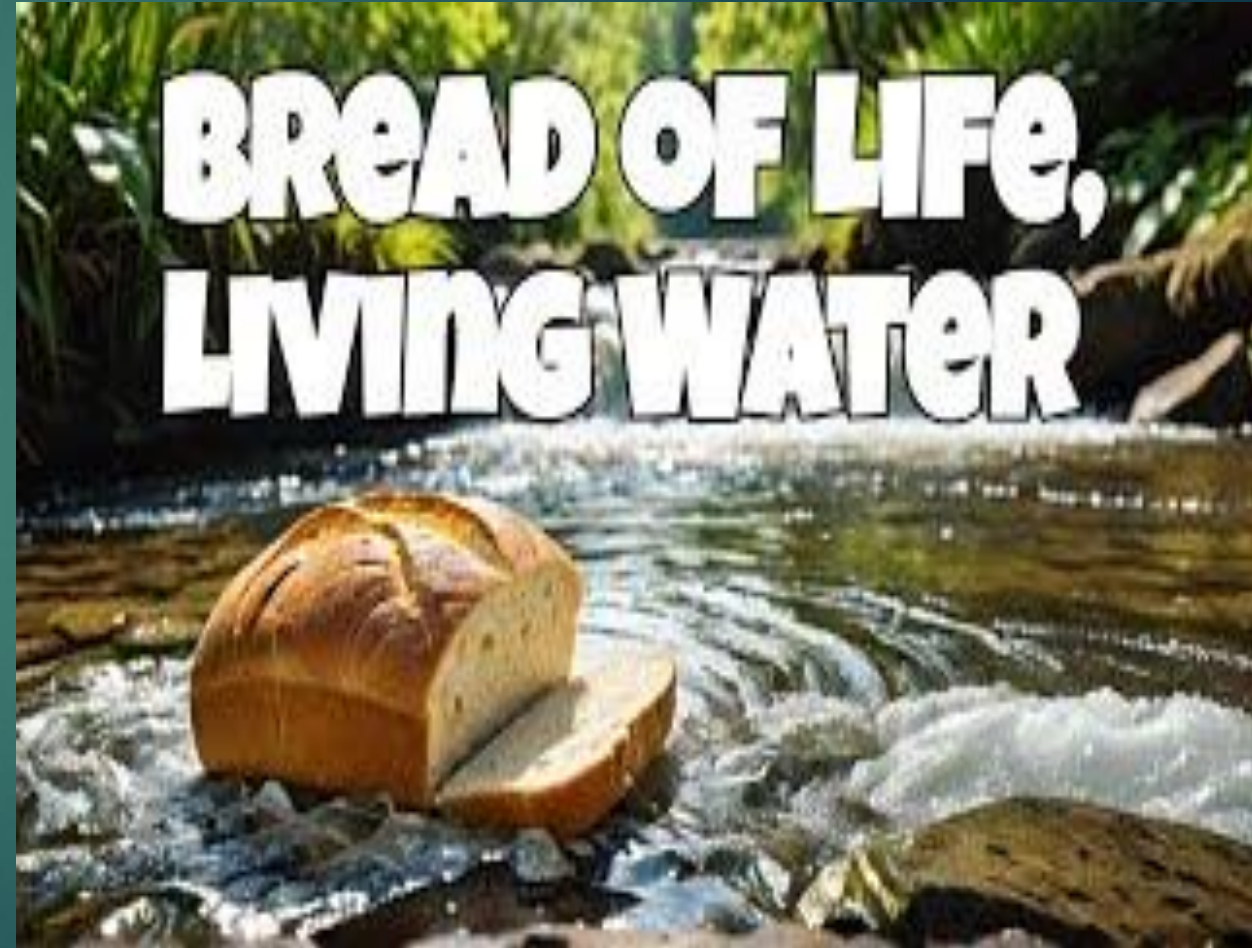
"Hunger, in the physical sense, is a sign of life. Dead men need no food; they crave no water. Humans must have nourishment or they'll starve. The Bible teaches that the soul must feed on the things of God otherwise one's heart can become hardened."

- Billy Graham



John 6:35

35 Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.



"BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR
THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH."

Matthew 5:5

"BLESSED ARE...

THOSE WHO HUNGER
AND THIRST FOR
RIGHTEOUSNESS,
FOR THEY WILL
BE FILLED."

Matthew 5:6





How Does it Look
When that Hunger
and Thirst are filled?

Empty versus Full

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn
for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek for they
will inherit the earth.

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

7 Blessed are the merciful, for
they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children
of God.

10 Blessed are those who are
persecuted because of
righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

The Trap

Righteousness is not about you earning your way to heaven by knowing the law, following the rules, or being better than the next guy ...

Matthew 5:20 - 20 For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.



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CONCLUSION



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.

-CS Lewis

Benediction



24 “““The Lord bless you and keep you;
25 the Lord make his face shine on you and be
gracious to you;
26 the Lord turn his face toward you and give
you peace.””