

What do you think of when you think of hunger? The first thing is probably getting something to eat. Today we address both natural and spiritual hunger as we give to those in need, have a good meal together and discuss increasing our hunger for God!
May the odds be ever in your favor.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5:3 ESV*

Blessed are the poor in spirit, those who recognize their need for God, those who are hungry for Him.

Series Memory Verse: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Matthew 5:6 ESV*

Hunger Makes Us DEPEND on God

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted there by the devil. [2] For forty days and forty nights He fasted and became very hungry. [3] During that time the devil came and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." Matthew 4:1-3

Temptation comes when you're weakened.

[4] But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4

Jesus didn't give into temptation when He was hungry.

He was quoting from Deuteronomy 8:3

Remember how the Lord your God led you through the wilderness for these forty years, humbling you and testing you to prove your character, and to find out whether or not you would obey His commands. Deuteronomy 8:2

Temptation comes to see if we'll obey His commands.

Yes, He humbled you **by letting you go hungry** and then feeding you with manna, a food previously unknown to you and your ancestors. He did it to teach you that people do not live by bread alone; rather, we live by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Deuteronomy 8:3

When you're in lack, you learn to depend on God or you rebel.

Hunger Reveals Our HEART

"If only the Lord had killed us back in Egypt," they moaned. "There we sat around pots filled with meat and ate all the bread we wanted. But now you have brought us into this wilderness to starve us all to death." Exodus 16:3

They remembered the food but forgot the bondage!

Then the foreign rabble who were traveling with the Israelites began to crave the good things of Egypt. And the people of Israel also began to complain. "Oh, for some meat!" they exclaimed. "We remember the fish we used to eat for free in Egypt. And we had all the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic we wanted. [6] But now our appetites are gone. All we ever see is this manna!"Numbers 11:4-6

They began to complain about what God was providing them.

They began to speak against God and Moses. "Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?" they complained. "There is nothing to eat here and nothing to drink. And we hate this horrible manna!" Numbers 21:5

When we focus on what we don't have, we falsely believe we were better off before we followed God's plan

BE CAREFUL When You're Not Hungry

But that is the time to be careful! Beware that in your plenty you do not forget the Lord your God and disobey His commands, regulations, and decrees that I am giving you today. Deuteronomy 8:11

Be careful when you've got all you need! Be careful, don't forget!

For when you have become full and prosperous and have built fine homes to live in, [13] and when your flocks and herds have become very large and your silver and gold have multiplied along with everything else, be careful! [14] Do not become proud at that time and forget the Lord your God...
Deuteronomy 8:12-14a

We can become proud thinking we have achieved what we have.

Are you hungry for Jesus?

Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35

My Next Steps:

- ☐ **Come to the Hunger Games Dinner TODAY to help feed those in need locally.**
- ☐ **Mark Your Calendar to Attend Christmas at House of Praise (12/20-10am & 12/24-6pm)**

Tithes & Offerings

Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor. Proverbs 22:9

All the money from the dinner today will go to help the needy locally. Let's Eat! I'm Hungry!