



Why do you believe what you believe?

CAN YOU EXPLAIN & DEFINE BIBLICALLY THE BELIEFS THAT YOU HOLD TO & LOCATE THEM IN THE BIBLE?

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What Is Spiritual Hunger & How It Relates To God's Word?

Spiritual Hunger

You Have to Choose it

Meaning you have to want more

You Will Be Challenged

Meaning that once you begin the journey life happens, warfare comes & sometimes God just wants to know how committed are you.

Will You Push Through

Meaning that when the challenge comes - you have to decide that pursuing Him is more important. No matter what

Psalm 63: 1-8 says

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. So I have gazed upon You in the sanctuary, To see Your power and Your glory. Because Your lovingkindness is better than life,...

[with deepest longing | **How foreign are these words?**]

... My lips shall praise You. So will I bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your

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name. My soul [my life, my very self] is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, And my mouth offers praises [to You] with joyful lips. **When I remember You on my bed, I meditate and thoughtfully focus on You** in the night watches, For You have been my help, And in the shadow of Your wings [where I am always protected] I sing for joy. My soul [my life, my very self] clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.

Do you **meditate and thoughtfully focus on God when you go to bed**, or are you overwhelmed with the cares of the world?

Psalm 119:10

With all my heart I have sought You, [inquiring of You and longing for You]; **Do not let me wander** from Your commandments [**neither through ignorance nor by willful disobedience**].

Do you **truly desire to not wander**? In other words, do you want to be ignorant of the real Truth. Does it really **break your heart when you are disobedient**?

Jeremiah 29:12-13

Then you will call on Me and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear [your voice] and I will listen to you.¹³ **Then [with a deep longing] you will seek Me and require Me [as a vital necessity]** and [you will] find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

Do you believe that He hears your voice *and* that He listen to you? That if you seek Him that you will find Him?

Luke 8:18

So be careful how you listen; **for whoever has [a teachable heart], to him more [understanding] will be given;** and whoever does not have [a longing for truth] even what he thinks he has will be taken away from him.”

Do you have
a teachable heart?

Spiritual Hunger

Is the difference between
mediocrity & audacity
Between barely burning
& all consuming fire

As Paul said to Timothy...

That is why I remind you to **fan into flame the gracious gift of God, [that inner fire—the special endowment] which is in you**

2 Timothy 1:6

Are you...

Fanning **the flames of the world with all its worry, fear and anxiety** OR, are you **fanning the flames of the Holy Spirit – which leads to life, freedom & purpose?**

WHY?

Spiritual Hunger

Because It Leads to...

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Obedience

- Do You Want To Remain [in] Him? It is a Choice
- You Don't Do It Alone - The Holy Spirit is Our Help - have you missed this?
- But, The Choice Never Stops - It's a daily choice & it must be pursued

1 John 3:4

Everyone who practices sin also practices lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness [ignoring God's law by action or neglect or by tolerating wrongdoing—being unrestrained by His commands and His will]. [ignoring by action or neglect

“I don't have time”...
or the hardest of all..

by tolerating wrongdoing
in other words we see it, we know it goes against God & yet we do nothing

The Word of God tells us that we must remain [in] Him. If you are in God's Word, with a sincere desire to know Him & know His Word- that's your purpose - to not “get” something from Him - but to KNOW Him then, you cannot. . .

1 John 3:6

No one who abides in Him [who remains united in fellowship with Him—deliberately, knowingly, and habitually] practices sin. No one who *habitually* sins has seen Him or known Him.

I get asked...

How do I know if I am saved?
I can't judge you either by saying,
"Oh you are for sure going to heaven" or
"No, you aren't"
because God is the one who know...
But His Word does tell us that...

1 John 3:24

The one who *habitually* keeps His
commandments [obeying His word and
following His precepts, abides and]
remains in Him, and He in him. **By this we
know and have the proof that He
[really] abides in us, by the Spirit whom
He has given us [as a gift].**

**It Results In
BENEFITS**

Spiritual Hunger means you seek.

Through seeking, you come to Know God
& His Word

When You Know God & His Word You
Seek To Live Obedient Out Of Love

The Sum Total IS

A DEEP UNDERSTANDING
OF THE AUTHORITY & POWER
OF GOD'S WORD



**WHAT CAGE NEEDS TO BE
RATTLED IN YOUR LIFE?**

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WHAT CHAIN NEEDS TO BE BROKEN?

1 John 4:4-6

Little children (believers, dear ones), you are of God and you belong to Him **and have [already] overcome them [the agents of the antichrist]; because He who is in you is greater than he (Satan) who is in the world** [of sinful mankind].

1 John 4:4-6

⁵ They [who teach **twisted doctrine**] **are of the world** and belong to it; therefore **they speak from the [viewpoint of the] world [with its immoral freedom and baseless theories—demanding compliance with their opinions and ridiculing the values of the upright]**, and the [gullible one of the] world listens closely and pays attention to them.

twisted doctrine –

- Incapacitating you & your walk
- leaving you powerless.
- **demanding compliance with their opinions**
- Do your **TRADITIONS actually line up with Scripture?**

1 John 4:4-6

⁶ **We [who teach God’s word] are from God [energized by the Holy Spirit], and whoever knows God [through personal experience]** listens to us [and has a deeper understanding of Him]. **Whoever is**

not of God does not listen to us. By this we know [without any doubt] the spirit of truth [motivated by God] and the spirit of error [motivated by Satan].

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Regardless of what I say, your mission should be to Know God through personal experience we were NEVER called to just KNOW Scripture, we were called to KNOW God in HIS entirety

What badge of the world are you owning? What should you be overcoming? What bondage are you in?

Have you been taught to STAND on the Authority & Power of the WORD OF GOD?

We MUST be EQUIPPED!

Ephesians 6:10 says... be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might.

Ephesians 6:12 tells us why For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness,

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against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.

The Invisible World is Real

Read

2 Kings 6:8-14

Daniel 10:12-13

WE have an enemy.

He is as real as you or me.

He is at WAR with us [believer and non-believer] & has been since the day we were born.

WE must study & KNOW how the enemy works. The 1st step is bringing LIGHT into this dark subject. To bring it out into the open.

Because IF we don't - we will NOT KNOW how to FIGHT this war.

Jesus spoke of the devil at least 25 times & there are many encounters throughout the New Testament so why do we shy away from this TOPIC?

Spiritual Warfare exist regardless of whether you want to talk about it or not. I'm here, not to just talk about it, but to ARM & EQUIP you to be a WARRIOR

**GOD DID NOT
SEND HIS SON
TO DIE A HORRIFIC DEATH
JUST TO LET US ALL KEEP**

WALKING IN BONDAGE

AND YET...

The Church has begun to normalize & accept the things that plague the world when we should be rebuking them

Sound Familiar?

Anxiety Fear Depression Living Together
Sexual Confusion Addiction Greed
Insecurity Selfishness Lust Pride

I HEARD THIS PHRASE THE OTHER DAY -
"THE WORLD WILL BE THE WORLD"

The world is as bad as it has always been
we are not going to change that- then
why does it seem worse right now?

**Because the Church no longer looks
like the Church**

If the Church cannot offer a real, living,
absolute solution- Then what sets us
apart?

ABSOLUTELY NOTHING

Paul says in **2 Corinthians 10:3-5**
For though we walk in the flesh [as mortal
men], we are not carrying on our [spiritual]
warfare according to the flesh *and* using
the weapons of man. ⁴ The weapons of our
warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh
and blood]. Our weapons are divinely
powerful for the destruction of
fortresses. ⁵ We are destroying
sophisticated arguments and every

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Respect but DO NOT fear him
KNOW his methods,
but don't dwell on them

2 Corinthians 2:11

to keep Satan from taking advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his schemes. We have been commanded to...

Ephesians 6:11

Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes *and* the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil.

Dig in – hold your ground & tell Satan where to go in the name of Jesus & by the power of the Holy Spirit

We act as though this is optional

There is a reason that these lessons continually teach about the Holy Spirit

How it is ONLY with the Baptism of the Holy Spirit that we are “filled” & given power & ability?

Are you walking in true power & ability OR have you been doing this walk on your own steam?

Are you reading the rest of the NT under the understanding that it is ALL based on life & activity of the 1st Church

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Which means that these are Believers that have repented from sin [against God], they believe in Jesus as the Messiah, they have been water baptized into Jesus & received the Holy Spirit

With THAT in mind – doesn't it challenge you to read the NT from a framework that you may not have read it from before?

Paul understood very clearly on a personal level about Satan and his tactics & that the war is REAL. He gave us a portion of Scripture to arm us for the battles we face.

The Armor of God | Eph 6:13

¹³ Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious].

IT'S A COMMAND. CONSISTENTLY, ALL THE TIME BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T, YOU GIVE UP THE BENEFITS OF WHO YOU ARE [IN] CHRIST.

THINK: LIFESTYLE NOT CHECKLIST

¹⁴ So stand firm *and* hold your ground, having tightened the wide band of truth (personal integrity, moral courage) around your waist and having put on the breastplate of righteousness (an upright heart),

THESE ARE NOT CHARACTER TRAITS THAT WE NATURALLY HAVE. LIES ARE DISTINCT WAYS THAT THE ENEMY ATTACKS US

The Word of God IS Truth. It combats **EVERYTHING.** Without IT, your belief system, your entire foundation is on sand. You either believe ALL of it or none at all. There is no "menu" where you get to pick-n-choose only that which makes you comfortable. To truly **STAND,** you take it all.

BECAUSE LIES SAY THAT ...

● YOU SHOULDN'T BELIEVE ALL OF THE WORD OF GOD, OR, THAT YOU DON'T NEED IT

● LIES THAT DECEIVE YOU BY MAKING YOU FEAR OR DOUBT THE HOLY SPIRIT – THUS DETERRING YOU FROM SEEKING ALL THAT GOD OFFERS

● THAT WILL SHAME YOU INTO BELIEVING THAT WHO YOU WERE & WHAT YOU DID MAKES YOU (UN)LOVEABLE & (UN)USEABLE

● OR THAT YOU CAN'T "LIVE UP TO" IT ALL – SO WHY TRY

IT'S ALL LIES!

WHAT LIE ARE YOU BELIEVING?

¹⁵ and having strapped on your feet **the gospel of peace** in preparation [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news].

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ACCEPTING OUR SALVATION
THROUGH CHRIST JESUS
LIVING DAILY IN PURSIT OF WHO GOD
CREATED US TO BE, KNOWING THAT
THE FEAR OF THE LORD IS THE
BEGINNING OF KNOWLEDGE & THAT
LIFE HERE
IS JUST A TEMPORARY RESIDENCE

If you live for the world, then everything & everyone has the power to mess up your world. But, if you live for Jesus, with a true, complete & full understanding of the Gospel-then nothing & no one can steal your fire, burn you out or cause you to live in fear, doubt or shame.

You will KNOW your identity [IN] Christ
You will KNOW whose you are
[a child of God] & You will be
UNSHAKABLE in faith

¹⁶ Above all, lift up the [protective] shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*.

...which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*.

FAITH cannot grow if you do not take a Step- it is all about trusting that GOD IS who He says He is - That He is good ALL of the time - That He always has Your best interest at heart. That discipline, correction & rebukes are ALL from a Father that loves you DEEPLY

...which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*.

Do NOT miss the word ALL – not some – but ALL!!! Faith shows God that you truly believe – no matter what your eyes see OR what your ears hear.

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God

A helmet protects the head, this battle is largely fought in our minds – Satan works diligently at distorting our thoughts, our emotions & twisting Truth he studies each of us, & knows your weaknesses & he will say & do anything to cause you to falter, doubt or willfully walk away.

It is his mission to take us out – 1 person at a time. The Word of God spoken sends Satan and his demons away. Jesus won & Satan knows it & if he can get you to be angry, afraid, worried, anxious, depressed or indulging he will do it. Make NO mistake.

But again I remind you
Respect but do not FEAR
KNOW & you will live
VICTORIOUS

Which brings us to last & critical component –

¹⁸ with all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] **at all times** [on every occasion and in every season] **in the Spirit**, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people

This Is A Strategic Completion of Our Armor That Often Doesn't Get Taught. In The Original Text There Is No Break Between Verse 17 & 18 - Which Means It's As Important As All The Rest- it's NOT an afterthought

WE DESPERATELY NEED TO BE ACTIVELY ENGAGING IN BIBLICAL PRAYER

- WE MUST LEARN TO ENGAGE IN INTERCESSORY PRAYER
- WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT WAS A COMMAND
- JUST AS THE 1ST CHURCH WAS A PRAYING CHURCH -- WE NEED TO FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE.
- SCRIPTURE TELLS US THAT IT SHOULD BE CONSISTENT, INTENSE & STRATEGIC

The Reality Is That The Bible is Full of Testimony about Satan. Paul spoke of him, as did John, Luke, Peter & yes - Jesus (at least 25 times)

In 1 John 5:19 it states that...
We know [for a fact] that we are of God,

and the whole world [around us] lies in the power of the evil one [opposing God and His precepts].

Satan & his demons are literally behind the scenes in this world & against EVERYONE - they distort Truth through unbelief, deception, fear, false religion & persecution - believe it.

In the book “**The Invisible War**” by Chip Ingram, he puts it this way. . .

“The implications of the biblical witness are more vital than we might think. These numerous references from Jesus mean that if we don’t believe in the invisible world, we are rejecting the words of God’s Son and considering him a naïve product of his age. We are saying that the inspired writings of the early church leaders are not very inspired. In trying to reconcile a naturalistic worldview with the Bible, we are sacrificing huge portions of God’s truth. If we deny the reality of Satan, demons, and angels, we are casting judgement on the Holy Spirit’s revelation to us.”

There is so much more that I would love to teach because I so desperately want everyone to just KNOW how important Spiritual Hunger is & how Obedience is so important and that the Word of God is key. Because, when you truly seek Him - it takes you so much further than mere knowledge. There are a lot of smart

biblical scholars who have no desire to truly live in relationship with God.

Where do we go from here?

THERE IS THIS DEEP SENSE OF URGENCY IN ME & THE CLOCK IS TICKING

I was reminded of a prayer that I've prayed often over the years, but it took on a new light as I was finishing this lesson.

There are a lot of things that I can & do pray for the people in my life. I know that prayer is powerful & important.

But, as I was reminded of this prayer, I realized that these words that Paul spoke were foundational - even life changing & then it was like -WOW what if. . .

It is a documented fact the world is morally shifting faster than it has ever shifted before in any generation or timeframe & we cannot control THAT

What we CAN control is how WE walk out this walk with our Lord Jesus Christ. We can become PRAYER WARRIORS as Paul was...in Ephesians 3:14-19 he prays...

Ephesians 3:14-19

For this reason [grasping the greatness of this plan by which Jews and Gentiles are joined together in Christ] I bow my knees [in reverence] before the Father [of our

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Lord Jesus Christ], from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name [God—the first and ultimate Father]. **May He grant you** out of the riches of His glory, **to be strengthened and spiritually energized with power through His Spirit in your inner self,** [indwelling your innermost being and personality], **so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through your faith.** And may **you, having been [deeply] rooted and [securely] grounded in love, be fully capable of comprehending with all the saints** (God’s people) **the width and length and height and depth of His love [fully experiencing that amazing, endless love];** and **[that you may come] to know [practically, through personal experience] the love of Christ which far surpasses [mere] knowledge [without experience],** that **you may be filled up [throughout your being] to all the fullness of God** [so that you may have the **richest experience of God’s presence in your lives, completely filled and flooded with God Himself**].

Here is the WHAT IF...

WHAT IF WE DETERMINED TO BEGIN PRAYING THIS WAY FOR OUR FELLOW BROTHERS & SISTERS [BY NAME] NOT JUST ONCE IN AWHILE - BUT **FAITHFULLY, DAILY** - EVEN TO THE POINT OF **FASTING** BECAUSE **YOU KNOW** DEEP WITHIN YOUR BEING THAT **IT IS GOD ALONE** WHO MAKES ALL THINGS HAPPEN

Ephesians 3:14

For this reason [grasping the greatness of this plan by which Jews and Gentiles are joined together in Christ] **I bow my knees** [in reverence] **before the Father** [of our Lord Jesus Christ],

ARE YOU WILLING TO LITERALLY BOW BEFORE OUR FATHER PRAYING THAT THOSE IN YOUR LIFE WOULD - *FROM THE INSIDE OUT*, BE SO STRENGTHENED & SO DEEPLY ROOTED IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST THAT THEY WOULD GRASP HOW BIG THIS REALLY IS? WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO CRY OUT - GOD, THEY'VE GOTTA KNOW - PLEASE HELP THEM TO KNOW....

WHEN...

WAS THE LAST TIME YOU DID THAT? WHERE YOU ARE ON YOUR KNEES, BEGGING GOD FOR YOUR HUSBAND, YOUR CHILDREN, YOUR BEST FRIEND... PRAYING THAT THEIR HEART & SOUL IS SO DEEPLY ROOTED IN CHRIST LOVE THAT THERE IS NO OTHER OPTION BESIDES HIM? WITH TEARS STREAMING DOWN YOUR FACE...

Ephesians 3:15

¹⁵ from whom **every family in heaven and on earth** derives its name [**God—the first and ultimate Father**].

THIS JUST REMINDS US THAT THERE IS ONE BEING THAT EVERY PERSON IN EVERY FAMILY COMES FROM & IT IS BY

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HIS GRACE THAT WE EVEN GET TO BREATHE - HE DETERMINES EVERYTHING & IF YOU KNOW GOD FOR WHO HE REALLY TRULY IS - THEN YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS FOR THAT REASON ALONE THAT WE MUST HUMBLY SUBMIT OURSELVES ON OUR KNEES PRAYING & PETITIONING FOR GOD TO MOVE IN THE LIVES OF THOSE WE LOVE

Ephesians 3:16

¹⁶ May He grant you out of the riches of His glory, to be strengthened and spiritually energized with power through His Spirit in your inner self, [indwelling your innermost being and personality],

BEGGING THAT THROUGH THE RICHES OF HIS GLORY -WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? GOD IS SO RIDICULOUSLY RICH IN GLORY THAT HE CAN CHANGE ANYTHING & IT'S ABOUT PRAYING THAT THE PEOPLE THAT YOU SO DESPERATELY LOVE ARE STRENGTHENED & SPIRITUALLY ENERGIZED WITH POWER THROUGH HIS SPIRIT IN THEIR INNER SELF. WHY? BECAUSE WE CANNOT DO THIS ALONE!

INSTEAD OF

PRAYING FOR THE SYMPTOMS
HELP THEM STOP DRINKING
HELP THEM STOP LOOKING AT PORNOGRAPHY
HELP THEM BREAK AN ADDICTION
HELP THEM STOP SLEEPING AROUND
PRAY

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THAT THEY ARE STRENGTHENED WITH POWER THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT TO WHERE IT IS DEEP IN THEIR INNER BEING. WE'VE STUDIED WHERE GOD SAID THAT HE WOULD POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT & THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD GIVE US POWER & ABILITY. WE NEED TO PRAY THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT WOULD COME UPON THEM - JUST LIKE HE PROMISED IN ACTS

PRAY

THAT THEY HAVE A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT [THE HOLY SPIRIT] WITHIN THEM. THAT THEIR HEART OF STONE WOULD BECOME A HEART OF FLESH -A HEART THAT WOULD WANT TO OBEY GOD.

THIS IS SO MUCH MORE THAN

GETTING OUR LOVED ONES TO FOLLOW SOME KIND OF RULES - MEMORIZE THIS, DON'T HANG WITH SO AND SO, IF ONLY THEY WOULD _____, THEN THEY WOULD CHANGE...

NO

IT IS ONLY 1 INFLUENCE HIS NAME IS THE HOLY SPIRIT & EITHER HE ENTERS IN THEM & CHANGES THEM FROM THE INSIDE OUT OR THE CYCLE JUST KEEP GOING

THE HOLY SPIRIT BREAKS CHAINS. THE HOLY SPIRIT UNLOCKS THE CAGE. DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T LOOK ANY DIFFERENT THAN

**THEY DID BEFORE?
PRAY THIS PRAYER**

NO MATTER WHAT PROGRAMS YOU DEVISE OR WHAT BOUNDARIES YOU SET IF THERE IS NOTHING GOING ON IN THE INSIDE... IT WILL BE A TEMPORARY FIX THAT QUICKLY FADES ONCE THE ACCOUNTABILITY ISN'T THERE

IF A PERSON NEVER REALLY UNDERSTANDS WHO GOD IS & IF THE HOLY SPIRIT ISN'T INSIDE CHANGING THE WAY THEY ARE - IT'S JUST A MASK and then it says...

Ephesians 3:17

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through your faith. And may you, having been [deeply] rooted and [securely] grounded in love,

IMAGINE ASKING GOD THAT THEY WOULD BE SO DEEPLY ROOTED & GROUNDED IN THE LOVE OF CHRIST. WHERE THEIR ROOTS RUN SO DEEP THAT THE HEAVIEST OF STORMS WOULD BARLY CAUSE A SWAY.

IN THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER JESUS EXPLAINS THAT SOME HEAR THE WORD OF SALVATION BUT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND OR GRASP IT -WHY? BECAUSE THE ENEMY COME & TAKES AWAY WHAT WAS SOWN. OR, HOW ANOTHER CAN HEAR IT & WELCOME IT

WITH JOY & YET, BECAUSE THERE ARE NO ROOTS – IT'S TEMPORARY

& WHEN PRESSURE OR PERSECUTION COMES BECAUSE OF THEIR FAITH – THEY STUMBLE & FALL AWAY ABANDONING CHRIST, WHO IS THE SOURCE OF THEIR SALVATION. THEN, THERE IS THE ONE WHO HEARS BUT THEN THE WORRIES & DISTRACTIONS OF THE WORLD AND THE DECEITFULNESS OF RICHES CHOKES OUT THE TRUTH & NO FRUIT IS YIELDED. THAT IS WHY PRAYING THIS WAY IS SO CRITICAL (SEE MATTHEW 13)

- WE HAVE HIGH SCHOOLERS LEAVING THE CHURCH
- WE HAVE COLLEGE STUDENTS BEING SWAYED FROM THEIR FAITH
- WE HAVE MARRIAGES BEING DESTROYED
- WE HAVE A CHURCHES PLAGUED WITH BROKENNESS, SICKNESS & DISEASE
- WE HAVE AN ELDER GENERATION THAT FEELS LIKE THEY HAVE “DONE THEIR TIME”

**WHY?
IT NEVER TOOK ROOT**

BECAUSE IF YOU ARE...

strengthened *and* spiritually energized with power through His Spirit in your inner self, & IF, you KNOW exactly WHO God is & IF, your faith is so deeply rooted & securely grounded in Christ love

You would never walk away from Jesus
You would never want to – You would
rather die. Because He would be your
EVERYTHING. You would know that
you can't TRULY live without Him

That's not saying that temptations don't
exist or that sometimes it's not really
hard – but if you are His true servant-
HE is all you will want or need. This isn't
something that comes from us – it is
something inside of us -the Holy Spirit.
He is the seal of our salvation. He
gives us roots. He enables us. He
empowers us.

Ephesians 3:18

¹⁸ be fully capable of comprehending
with all the saints (God's people) the
width and length and height and depth
of His love [fully experiencing that
amazing, endless love];

LIKE PAUL, WE NEED TO PRAY THAT THEY
HEAR, UNDERSTAND AND GRASP IT – TO
FULLY COMPREHEND THE WIDTH AND
LENGTH AND HEIGHT AND DEPTH – TO
FULLY & PERSONALLY EXPERIENCING HIS
AMAZING, ENDLESS LOVE. TO HAVE THE
STRENGTH TO SEE HOW MUCH BIGGER
THIS TRULY IS.

TO UNDERSTAND THAT IT'S NOT ABOUT
THE CHECKLIST: GO TO SERVICE, SERVE,
DON'T DO THIS, DON'T DO THAT...
A PLACE, WHERE WE ARE CRYING OUT
SO DESPERATELY TO GOD THAT THEY

WOULD UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS MORE THAN SAYING A PRAYER FOR FIRE INSURANCE – THAT IT IS MORE THAN PAYING THE BILLS, OR HAVING A RETIREMENT, OR HAVING NICE KIDS OR THE PERFECT HOUSE

LITERALLY, CRYING OUT KNOWING WHAT GOD CAN DO... TO CHANGE THEIR HEART... TO OPEN THEIR HEART.. TO GIVE THEM STRENGTH

Ephesians 3:19

¹⁹ and [that you may come] to know [practically, through personal experience] the love of Christ which far surpasses [mere] knowledge [without experience],...

LORD, THAT THEY MAY KNOW PRACTICALLY

THROUGH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, THE LOVE OF CHRIST... SURPASSING MERE KNOWLEDGE.

YOU SEE, IT'S NOT ABOUT THE LESSON, OR GETTING INTO THE GREEK OR HEBREW OR JUST EDUCATION IN AND OF ITSELF -IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU CAN HEAR & KNOW – IT MUST BE EXPERIENCED.

IF IT MUST BE EXPERIENCED & THE WORD SAYS IT DOES – TO LITERALLY KNOW THE LOVE OF CHRIST – THE KIND WHERE YOU WILLINGLY PICK UP YOUR CROSS & FOLLOW HIM, WHERE YOU WILLINGLY

SELL EVERYTHING, WHERE YOU WILL WILLINGLY DIE, WHERE YOU WILLINGLY LOSE A JOB BECAUSE YOU REFUSE TO COMPROMISE YOUR FAITH

NO MATTER HOW MUCH I SHOW UP HERE AND TEACH - I CANNOT DO IT FOR YOU. IT IS ONLY THROUGH PRAYER & THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

I CAN'T MAKE ANYONE LOVE JESUS - NOT MY HUSBAND, NOT MY SONS, MY NIECE, MY NEPHEW...

IT'S ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

AND THE LAST PART OF 19 SAYS...

... that you may be filled up [throughout your being] to all the fullness of God [so that you may have the richest experience of God's presence in your lives, completely filled and flooded with God Himself].

FILLED WITH ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD - I SO DESPERATELY WANT TO BE DESCRIBED THAT WAY & IT IS THE WAY THAT I WANT MY FAMILY & FRIENDS DESCRIBED... TO NOT BE NORMAL. TO LIVE SUPERNATURALLY FILLED WITH THE FULLNESS OF GOD - IT'S WHAT I PRAY FOR THE CHURCH. BECAUSE A LIFE COMPLETELY FILLED & FLOODED WITH GOD HIMSELF WITH BE POWERFUL & ALIVE.

MY HEART IS SO OVERWHELMED WITH THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS LESSON. I BELIEVE IT IS TRULY THE KEY TO THE LIFE WE'VE BEEN CALLED TO LIVE. I CANNOT MAKE ANYONE WANT WHAT GOD OFFERS- BUT I CAN PRAY FOR YOU & IF I KNOW YOU-THEN ALSO SPECIFICALLY BY YOUR NAME, KNOWING WHAT GOD CAN DO. THIS IS MY PRAYER FOR YOU.

I PRAY THAT IT WILL BE YOUR PRAYER FOR YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS.

GOING DEEPER

What does it mean to long, thirst, hunger & seek the Word of God in regards to you & your walk?

Do you believe that you have a teachable heart?

How do you think that having a spiritual hunger leads to obedience?

Do you suffer from: Anxiety, Fear, Depression, Living Together, Sexual Confusion, Addiction, Greed, Insecurity, Selfishness, Lust, or Pride? How do you think a relationship with God [Father, Son & Holy Spirit] & His Word can help overcome these areas of life?

Do you believe that Satan is real? Explain

Now that you have completed this lesson:

- *Briefly give a definition of your Biblical stance for your belief.*
- *Write down 3 specific places in Scripture that clearly states your understanding.*

As defined by the Bible, what is Spiritual Hunger: _____

Scripture that supports this statement is:

NOTE: YOU MAY FIND THAT YOUR UNDERSTANDING WILL GO DEEPER AS YOU MOVE THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LESSONS. FEEL FREE TO REVAMP & ADD TO YOUR STATEMENTS AS YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY MATURE.