

“Wait...There’s More!”

Last week I wrote about how we need to be desperate for God, especially in a time of need. Then I went to church Sunday and the Pastor presented a message that showed me there was more to the story! He talked about how desperation is good, and needed, but God is looking for more! He finished a series on “The Status Quo,” with a message on hunger, and I’d like to share a number of points he made that I thought were very significant::

“Many believers get stuck in the status quo. They build monuments to old moments. They remember what God used to do, but stop expecting what He still wants to do.” He also said: *“Desperation is often born in the storm, while Hunger is chosen in the calm. Spiritual hunger is all about more of His Presence.”*

Here’s a couple more: *“We are desperate for God until He answers our prayers, then our desperation is satisfied...desperation comes and goes depending on our circumstances, but spiritual hunger comes as a strong desire for His Presence daily. While desperation is birthed in a storm and says “I need you to save me,” hunger is birthed out of a desire for more of Him and says “I need You to stay with me.”*

Our desperation is satisfied when the storm passes, but our hunger for Him should never be satisfied, but should become progressively deeper! I’d like to share my experience with my earthly father. As I was growing up as a child, and even as a teenager and young adult, anytime I had a problem, and didn’t know what to do, I always went to my Dad for help or answers, which he always willingly gave me.

Then when I got married and had children, I still went to Dad for help, but then with all that was going on in life, I never seemed to find the time to just sit down and talk with him. I didn’t get saved until I was 42, and I slowly began to realize the importance of family, and began spending more time with Dad, especially in his ham radio “shack” in his basement, where we had lots of good conversations!

Whenever I achieved a goal I’d set, or accomplished some complicated task, or made a big purchase, the first thing I would do is call Dad! When he passed, I was at a loss - talking to others about these things in my life just wasn’t the same as sharing them with Dad. Our heavenly “Dad” is waiting to hear from us! He wants us to come to Him on a daily basis, not just in times of crisis! Why? Because He loves us unconditionally and enjoys our fellowship with Him.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.” (Mt. 5:6 NIV) Real satisfaction and fulfillment is only found in His Presence! So this week I ask: how HUNGRY are you?! Amen!