



True Identity, True Community Spiritual Appetite: Are you hungry to hear?

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"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." **Matthew 5:6**

Do you hunger to hear from Jesus? Do you hunger to experience Jesus? Do you hunger for more of Jesus?

What hinders us from hearing from God?

-You can miss God's voice when you don't recognize it.

"The sheep that are My own hear My voice and listen to Me; I know them, and they follow Me." **John 10:27 (AMP)**

- You can miss God's voice if you aren't hungry for it.

- You won't be hungry for God's voice if you are spoiling your appetite.

Identify the junk food in your spiritual diet.

"Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." **Psalms 139:23-24**

Questions to ask Jesus:

What spiritual junk food am I filling my life with? What in my life is killing my appetite to hear from Jesus?

Stop eating junk food.

"A wise person is hungry for knowledge, while the fool feeds on trash." **Proverbs 15:14 (NLT)**

How do I stop craving junk food?

Remove it.

"Take every thought captive..." "Put to death..."

Replace it.

"So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want." **Galatians 5:16-17**

We often indulge our flesh to try to fill a need that can only be met by God.

Question for Jesus:

What need am I trying to feed with "junk food" that only God can satisfy?

Taste and See and you will change your cravings.

"Let them praise the Lord for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them. ⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." **Psalms 107:8-9**

Put what you receive into action.

²² Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. **James 1:22**

The more you obey God, the hungrier you will be to experience God.

*"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.'" **John 6:35***