

MESSAGE NOTES

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FAMILY VALUES: *Spiritual Hunger*
Deuteronomy 8:2-3
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- Reality is, we never " _____ " into spiritual _____. Rom 8:29
- Spiritual hunger is _____ in _____ chapter of Christian life.

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna... to teach you that man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Deuteronomy 8:3

DEFINING SPIRITUAL HUNGER

- *Hunger* = to have a _____ to know & follow Christ.
- We _____ hunger or seek after God on _____. Rom 3:11; Jn 6:44
- Paradox: As God _____ us hungry, we can _____.

GOD MAKES US HUNGRY ...

- ① By emptying us of _____ & _____-sufficiency. Deut 8:2,16; Rev 3:15-20
- ② So He can _____ us in ways we've not _____. Deut 8:3,16; Matt 4:2-4
- ③ To _____ us what truly _____ in life. Deut 8:3; Mt 5:6; 6:33; Phil 3:7-14

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death. *Philippians 3:10*

LIVING MORE INTENTIONALLY (with V-I-M)

- VISION. _____ God's invitation to _____ & become like _____.
- INTENTION. _____ to hunger & _____ hungering for _____.
- MEANS. _____ the spiritual disciplines He's _____.

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Our 9 Family Values

- **We value the Bible.**
Because it is God's unchanging Word to us, we seek to submit to His life-giving teaching & authority in every area of our lives, even when it's painful. *Psalms 119:105; Matthew 4:4; John 8:31-32; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:14-17; 4:2; Hebrews 4:12*
- **We value living as God's stewards.**
Because everything we have belongs to the LORD, we seek to generously give Him our whole lives, and manage well the money, possessions, time, bodies, jobs & relationships He's entrusted to us. *Psalms 24:1; Matthew 25:21; Luke 12:48b; 1 Corinthians 4:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-7; 9:6-12*
- **We value right relationships.**
Because God took the costly initiative to make us right with Him, and because wrong relationships block His Holy Spirit, we seek to be right with others, to build a sense of family and to be a caring community. *Matthew 5:23-24; 18:15-18; Mark 11:25; Romans 12:10-21; Ephesians 3:14-15; 4:2-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Hebrews 12:14-15*
- **We value authenticity.**
Because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble, we seek to humbly and transparently represent Christ in all we do and say. *Matthew 23:5,25-26; Ephesians 5:8-17; Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 5:5-6; 1 John 1:5-10*
- **We value excellence.**
Because God gave His best for us, we seek to give Him our best, for excellence honors God & inspires people. *Ecclesiastes 9:10; 2 Corinthians 8:9; 9:15; Col 3:23; 2 Timothy 2:15*
- **We value spiritual hunger.**
Because we want to be followers of Jesus who never lose the desire to love & worship Him wholeheartedly and know Him better. *Deuteronomy 8:2-3; Psalm 37:4; 63:1-8; Matthew 5:6; Mark 12:30; John 14:21-24; Ephesians 1:17-19; 1 Peter 2:2-3*
- **We value every person serving.**
Because Jesus didn't come to be served but to serve, and He's given every believer spiritual gifts to glorify God & edify others, we want to give our lives away in His name. *Mark 10:42-45; John 13:12-17; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31; Ephesians 4:11-16; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Peter 4:10*
- **We value those still on the way with Jesus.**
Because we're called to be His witnesses in this world, we want to lovingly "show and tell" the gospel of Jesus. *Matthew 5:13-16; 28:18-20; Luke 19:10; Acts 1:8; Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 3:15-16; 2 Peter 3:9*
- **We value prayer.**
Because prayer is a primary way God works in and through His people, we want to continuously & expectantly call on the name of the LORD. *Jeremiah 33:3; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Acts 2:42; Ephesians 3:14-21; 6:18; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; 1 Timothy 2:1-4*