

## Stay Thirsty

(Ps 42:1-2) As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?

Thirst to be in His Presence - Do we? Should we? (important?)

(Ps 63:1-2) O God, You are my God; early will I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh longs for You in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water. So I have looked for You in the sanctuary, to see Your power and Your glory.

Thirst that Drives Seeking - Seeking is indicator of Thirst

Recognition that Nothing Satisfies but Him (fasting - spiritual hunger exceeds natural)

Seeking Specific Desires (second to Him!)

(Rev 21:6) And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. (Rev 22:17)

Prerequisite? Why? - not earned, performance, proof of love

("Wholehearted Love" - Invitation, not Obligation)

(Isa 55:1) Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

**Thirst is for us** - how we enter into Faith Partnership

(Mk 10:46-52) As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabboni, that I may receive my sight." Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

Jesus Responded to his Thirst

Expressing our Thirst is Faith

these Thirst/Faith interactions produce Intimacy (more Thirst)

(Jn 7:37-38) On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

1. Cultivate Thirst - vs sovereignty, bothersome

Thirst Stealers: Satisfaction - low expectation (Ps 27:13, solution vs 14)

Weariness (Isa 40:29-31, same solution, Gal 6:9, Mt 11:28)

Apathy - laziness (Heb 10:24-25, get around thirsty people)

Boredom (next week - "Appetite for Pleasure")

2. Come to Him with your Thirst - Express it (Faith, Intimacy)

(Jn 5:39-40) You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. <sup>40</sup>"But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life."

3. Drink - hindrances: fear, unworthiness (solution vs 38)

(Ps 34:8) Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good;

He must be Experienced (ex: youth church)

(Jn 4:13-14) Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” (Jn 6:35)

Revealing Himself as the Source of Satisfaction to woman on 6<sup>th</sup> husband

Expresses her Thirst in vs 20, 25 - His answer vs 24, 26

**He will Reveal Himself to Thirsty Seekers!**