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Where Are the Hungry Ones?

What are all of the following good indicators of? A person in a worship service goes to the bathroom several times out of boredom and disinterest, not out of necessity. Another looks at his watch repeatedly knowing that they have nowhere to be for several hours. While others are engaged and the Holy Spirit is moving through them, this individual keeps daydreaming and dozing off. Then there are the ones that never make it to the service. The excuses are plentiful, ranging from the creative to the ridiculous. "I have to work. No one else can do it." "I have to clean the house right now." "My relatives are in town." "I need to take care of my kids." "My stomach hurts, so I can't go." "I can't miss my football games." While these behaviors are sometimes necessary, for the most part, each of these demonstrates a lack of hunger for the things of God. A hungry person would not act this way. They continually desire more from the LORD. This causes me to ask, "Where are the hungry ones?"

Exodus 33:11 ESV Thus the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. When Moses turned again into the camp, his assistant Joshua the son of Nun, a young man, would not depart from the tent.

John 6:66-69 ESV After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. (67) So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" (68) Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, (69) and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

To be spiritually hungry, is a truly noble pursuit. It means to intensely desire to please the LORD, to expand His Kingdom and to have intimate fellowship with Him. Those with this hunger will be satisfied. That means that these things that they hunger for, they will receive in abundance. What makes it nobler is the fact that so few are truly hungry. That does not mean that they cannot be found if you know where to look. Let's start looking for them now.

Most likely you will find them away from the multitudes. Sometimes they will of course be among the masses of people in organized gatherings of God's people. They will be in attendance, but at that time they will not be so easy to identify. That is because everyone appears to be engaged as they should be. Plus the crowd motivates those with little to no hunger to participate although it never goes beyond superficial interaction.

Do you know where you will find them? They will be like Joshua. When everyone else has had enough and gone home, they will still be chasing God. They do not leave or quit when the rest do. After a certain amount of time, many start to give up. It is not as easy or popular as it once was. They become offended at what Lord says and does and start dropping out. However, the hungry ones keep pursuing until they receive what they earnestly desire. Peter had this hunger and He knew only Jesus could fill it.

Having found them, it is important to connect with these hungry ones. There is one thing that you must remember if you do align with them. You must be hungry yourself. It is not too late to become a hungry one. Start pursuing like never before righteousness, the Kingdom and communion. In finding these hungry ones, your hunger and your effectiveness will increase all the more. Let's find them.

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