

## Finding Your Happy Place

Week 5 - 4/11/21

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Matthew 5:6 (NIV)

1. \_\_\_\_\_.

**A. Hunger and Thirst:** \_\_\_\_\_ with eager desire.

**B. Righteousness: Quality of being** \_\_\_\_\_.

\* \_\_\_\_\_ of Righteousness.

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

"As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"

Psalms 42:1-2 (NIV)

\* \_\_\_\_\_ of Righteousness.

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work."

John 4:34 (NIV)

**C. Filled: Receive to** \_\_\_\_\_.

"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."

Matthew 7:7-8 (NLT)

"Dear children, don't let anyone deceive you about this: When people do what is right, it shows that they are righteous, even as Christ is righteous."

1 John 3:7 (NLT)

**D. What is the** \_\_\_\_\_?

"What shall we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't he also give us everything else?"

Romans 8:31-32 (NLT)

2. Cultivating and keeping a \_\_\_\_\_ hunger and thirst.

**A. Stick to this** \_\_\_\_\_!

"...I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith."

Philippians 3:9 (NLT)

"Yet he [Abraham] did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness."

Romans 4:20-22 (NIV)

"My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous."

1 John 2:1 (NLT)

**B. \_\_\_\_\_ in this System.**

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."

Hebrews 4:12 (NLT)

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**C. Add** \_\_\_\_\_.

"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. <sup>23</sup> For if you listen to the word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. <sup>25</sup> But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it."

James 1:22-25 (NLT)

3. Pitfalls.

**A. \_\_\_\_\_ food.**

"So I tell you: Live by following the Spirit. Then you will not do what your sinful selves want. <sup>17</sup> Our sinful selves want what is against the Spirit, and the Spirit wants what is against our sinful selves. The two are against each other, so you cannot do just what you please."

Galatians 5:16-17 (NCV)

**B. Goal** \_\_\_\_\_.

"Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me."

Philippians 3:12 (NIV)

**C. Using your** \_\_\_\_\_ as the standard.

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"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NIV)