

## 1 **Spiritual Hunger & Thirst**

Matt 5:6

(Ps Demi - 28/4/13)

## 2 **Hunger & Thirst?**

- ⊙ Hunger: 'A feeling of discomfort or weakness caused by lack of food, coupled with the desire to eat' (noun)
- ⊙ To hunger: 'Have a strong desire or craving for something/someone' (verb)
- ⊙ Thirst: 'A feeling of needing or wanting to drink something'
- ⊙ Synonyms: 'crave, yearn, lust, long for'
- ⊙ Ps 42:1 – As the deer pants for the waters

## 3 **Jesus – our perfect example**

- ⊙ Born of the Spirit – Luke 1:35
- ⊙ Baptised with the Holy Spirit – Luke 3:21-22;
- ⊙ Had the Spirit without measure – John 3:34
- ⊙ Passionate for the father – spent time day & night (Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16, 6:12, 9:28)
- ⊙ Apostles craved His prayer (& power 'lifestyle') – Luke 11:1
- ⊙ Passionate for the father's Cause – John 4:34
- ⊙ But still prayed to be glorified – John 17:1
- ⊙ Wants us 'hot' – not lukewarm! – Rev 3:15-16
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## 4 **Other examples**

- ⊙ Moses – encountered God in burning bush (Ex 3:1-6); had face2face encounters with & knew the ways of God=performed miracles (Ex 33:11-12 & Ps 103:7); show me your glory (Ex 33:11-23)
- ⊙ David – Ps 42:1-2; Ps 27:8 'My heart says of you, "Seek his face!", Your face, LORD, I will seek.
- ⊙ Paul – Phil 3:1-10; encountered Jesus in (Acts 9:1-6); followed the call (Acts 26:9-22); powerful/extra ordinary healing & miracle ministry (Acts 19:11-12); 30yrs later when in prison=that i might know him (Phil 3:1-10); prayed for the church to know him (Eph 1:17)
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## 5 **Bottomline**

- ⊙ If you hunger and thirst you will be filled – Matt 5:6
- ⊙ He who seeks finds- Matt 7:7
- ⊙ But if from there you seek the LORD your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul – Deut 4:29
- ⊙ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart – Jer 29:13
- ⊙ Faithful is He who has promised – Heb 10:23
- ⊙ God is not a man that He should lie – Num 23:19
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