

Have you ever found yourself in a place of need in the natural, and wondered if there was a parallel spiritual need?

Jesus had fasted in the wilderness for forty days and was very hungry when the devil showed up and tempted Him. If You are the Son of God turn these (bread shaped) stones into bread.

There was a parallel need of the natural and the spiritual, natural bread and spiritual bread. Our natural needs often lead to our awareness of spiritual needs.

Jesus responded to the devils temptation affirming the spiritual need was more important. After fasting forty days eating bread could have made Him quite sick and could have even been fatal.

Jesus responded “man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.” His spiritual hunger paralleled His Spiritual hunger.

In the Lord’s Prayer we are taught to pray for the Lord to give us this day our “daily bread”, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...”
Can being forgiven and being forgiving can impact our daily bread? God uses natural needs to parallel spiritual needs.

As a matter of fact fasting increased His natural hunger that led Him to His greater need spiritual hunger. Man hungers spiritually for the Word of God that proceeds out of the mouth of God.

In this forty day fast we are choosing to let our natural hunger lead us to greater spiritual hunger and thirst. Our theme for this year is to hunger and thirst for more in 2024!

What greater way is there to do that than a forty day fast? It’s important that when we are withholding natural food and drink that we seek more spiritual food and drink!

These daily devotions are a great opportunity to receive spiritual food and drink through this season of fasting and prayer. I encourage you to stick with it and receive the full benefits of fulfilled hunger and thirst for more in 2024

Jesus was on His way to Galilee and had to travel through Samaria and stopped at Jacob’s well. Many of the people in the surrounding area traveled to draw water from the well.

Jesus went to the place of natural thirst to find those with a parallel spiritual thirst. There he met and asked a Samaritan woman whom He asked to give Him a drink from the well.

The woman was shocked because Jews had no communication with Samaritans. Samaritans were historically considered spiritually compromised and were to be avoided. They were looked down upon by all the Jews.

It was at the natural place of thirst that Jesus found a spiritually thirsty woman thirsty for living waters. She found her spiritual thirst quenched by her Messiah.

She dropped her water pot and went immediately back to her town and told all the men about her experience with living water from the Messiah. Revival broke out in that naturally thirsty place paralleling the natural and spiritual.

Could the Lord be leading you from your natural needs to your more important spiritual needs? During this season of fasting ask Him to make you hunger and thirst for more in 2024?

If that's what you want, I'd like to pray for you?

Heavenly Father reveal to us our greater spiritual needs as we fast and pray. In the absence of natural food show us our need for more living bread and water. Holy Spirit help us to break the bread of life and feed our spirit. Give us living water to refresh and restore our soul in Jesus' name, Amen

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