

# Hungering and Thirsting for Jesus

As you embark on this five-day journey, let each day's theme guide you closer to the heart of God, drawing you into deeper understanding and application of His Word in your life.

## **Day 1: Embracing Spiritual Hunger**

*Reading: Matthew 5:1-6*

Devotional: Today we reflect on the Beatitudes and what it means to hunger and thirst for righteousness. As Jesus presents these principles for living a life that honors God, we focus on our spiritual nourishment. How does your life reflect a deep desire for God's righteousness? Consider the ways you can seek spiritual growth, aligning your desires with the heart of God.

Question for Reflection: How does my current spiritual life show a hunger and thirst for righteousness, and what steps can I take to deepen this desire?

Prayer Focus: Ask God to stir up a hunger and thirst for His righteousness in your heart, that you may be filled with His presence and joy.

## **Day 2: The Righteousness of God**

*Reading: Romans 10:1-4*

Devotional: The righteousness we seek cannot be self-generated; it is a gift from God through faith in Jesus Christ. As you read Romans, understand that Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. Reflect on your reliance on Jesus for righteousness, and let go of any self-effort that keeps you from fully embracing His grace.

Question for Reflection: In what ways have I been trying to establish my own righteousness, and how can I more fully rely on Christ's righteousness?

Prayer Focus: Pray for the release from any bondage of self-righteousness and a deeper trust in Christ's complete work for your righteousness.

## **Day 3: The Power of God's Word**

*Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13*

Devotional: The Word of God is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. Today, as you immerse yourself in Scripture, allow it to penetrate your heart, revealing areas where you need transformation. How can you engage with God's Word more deeply as part of your spiritual journey?

Question for Reflection: What has God been speaking to me through His Word, and how am I responding to His voice?

Prayer Focus: Pray for God's Word to work powerfully in your life, cutting away what is not of Him and leading you into greater truth and freedom.

#### **Day 4: Surrender and Submission to God**

*Reading: Galatians 2:20*

Devotional: To hunger and thirst for righteousness involves a life of surrender and submission to God. Paul's declaration that he has been crucified with Christ is a profound example of this. As you consider this verse, think about areas of your life that you need to surrender to God. What does it look like to live by faith in the Son of God who loved you and gave Himself for you?

Question for Reflection: What does full surrender to Christ look like in my daily life, and where am I holding back?

Prayer Focus: Pray for the courage and strength to surrender all areas of your life to God, trusting in His perfect will and timing.

#### **Day 5: Victory over Sin and Death**

*Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57*

Devotional: Our sermon culminates with the assurance of Christ's victory over sin and death. As we meditate on this Scripture, we celebrate the freedom and victory we have in Jesus. How does the reality of Christ's victory over death impact the way you live? Let this truth anchor you in hope and embolden you to live a life of faith and victory.

Question for Reflection: How can I live more fully in the light of Christ's victory over sin and death in my life?

Prayer Focus: Give thanks to God for His indescribable gift of victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, and pray to walk in that victory every day.