

## SEQUOIA NOTES

### Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

#### The Path that Leads to True Satisfaction

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“The Scriptures say, ‘People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Matthew 4:4

#### What is the pathway that leads to true satisfaction?

In Isaiah 55 we see five movements that lead us to true satisfaction.

- **Come willingly.**

Isaiah 55:1-2a (NLT) “Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk—it’s all free! <sup>2</sup>Why spend your money on food that does not give you strength? Why pay for food that does you no good?”

- **Listen intently.**

Isaiah 55:2b-5 (NLT) “Listen to me, and you will eat what is good. You will enjoy the finest food. <sup>3</sup>Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David. <sup>4</sup>See how I used him to display my power among the peoples. I made him a leader among the nations. <sup>5</sup>You also will command nations you do not know, and peoples unknown to you will come running to obey, because I, the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, have made you glorious.”

- **Seek passionately.**

Isaiah 55:6 (NLT) “Seek the Lord while you can find him. Call on him now while he is near.”

Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV) “You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.”

- **Turn humbly.**

Isaiah 55:7-9 (NLT) “Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously. <sup>8</sup>‘My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts,’ says the Lord. ‘And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. <sup>9</sup>For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.’”

- **Dwell consistently.**

Isaiah 55:10-11 (NLT) “The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. <sup>11</sup>It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it.”

John 1:1-4,11-14 (NLT) “In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He existed in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. <sup>4</sup>The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone... <sup>11</sup>He [Jesus] came to his own people, and even they rejected him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.<sup>13</sup> They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God. <sup>14</sup>So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.”

**Big Idea: Dwell in Christ because only He truly satisfies.**

#### Which of the five movements do you need to embrace today?

#### What happens in our lives when we look to Christ for ultimate satisfaction?

- **Multiply abundantly.**

Isaiah 55:12-13 (MSG) “So you’ll go out in joy, you’ll be led into a whole and complete life. The mountains and hills will lead the parade, bursting with song. All the trees of the forest will join the procession, exuberant with applause. No more thistles, but giant sequoias, no more thornbushes, but stately pines—Monuments to me, to God, living and lasting evidence of God.”

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service is from the New Living Translation (NLT), the New International Version (NIV) and The Message (MSG).*



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#1 of 3 - April 19, 2020**

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- How have we lived as servants to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you?

3) Have you ever been in a situation where you were desperate for oxygen? What was that like for you?

4) Read Matthew 4:4. What are the implications of this verse for us today? What would it look like in our lives if we were desperate for God's Word in the same way we are desperate for air or food.

5) Read Isaiah 55 and ask God to speak clearly to you. What do you sense He is saying to you through this passage?

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7) Reflect on Is. 55:6 and Jeremiah 29:13. What does it look like to seek God with your whole heart? What steps could you take this week to grow in this area?

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9) Read Is. 55:10-11 and John 1:1-14. What does it look like to "dwell consistently" in Christ? How is this connected to spending time reading and praying through Scripture? What is God saying to you in this regard?

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