

Dependence

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Matthew 5:3-6

- **Step Four: Dependence**, Choose dependence over independence. God, I can't do this without you.

Luke 15, The Prodigal Son-One is dependent, and the other is independent.

1. We are all hungry.

God has created you to be hungry and thirsty. Desire is good-the key to freedom is learning to satisfy your desires with good things.

What brings you satisfaction?

Jeremiah 2:13, “For my people have done two evil things: They have abandoned me— the fountain of living water. And they have dug for themselves cracked cisterns that can hold no water at all!”

Psalm 63:1-7

Be with Jesus!

2. We were all created for righteousness.

Righteousness means right standing with God. Therefore, if I am righteous, I am in right standing. Nothing is coming between us.

I want to greet Jesus in the morning and try to follow Him throughout the day.

- I want to stop when He stops
- I want to go when He goes
- I want to speak when He speaks

The Christian life is learning to live in the presence of God. We do not do devotional time to appease Him. Jesus has already settled our account. We spend time with Him because we love Him, because we are captivated by Him, because we enjoy His presence.

3. We can all be filled!

Jesus promises us a full and blessed life. The key is living in a right (close) relationship with Jesus. If you do, Jesus promises you will be filled.

I believe the most satisfying experience in life is knowing you are close to Jesus, in God's will, feeling His presence, and seeing Him work in you and through you.

John 4:13-14, “Anyone who drinks this water will soon become thirsty again. But those who drink the water I give will never be thirsty again. It becomes a fresh and bubbling spring within them, giving them eternal life.”

You have to get to the end of yourself to find life.

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- Come to Jesus.
- Rest in His grace.
- Take His yoke
- Let Him teach you to live this way
- He is gentle and humble- you can trust Him.

Prayer of dependance: Jesus, I am so tired of trying to follow you but feeling so far away. I am worn out. I long to walk with you, please you, and be transformed by you, but I cannot do it on my own. Jesus. I renounce my pride and independence and admit I am totally dependent on you. Jesus, I trust you to produce your life in me. Help me to stay in step with you. I want to see you working in me and through me every day.