

THE GOD GAP

OPENING UP THE GOD GAP





Most of us don't appreciate how toxic our culture is to our souls.



1. The Purpose of Good Things



**When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the
LORD your God for the good land he has given you.
Deuteronomy 8:10**

He humbled you, causing you to hunger and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

Deuteronomy 8:3

Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world ... I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. John 6:32–35

2. Swapping Good for Better



No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment, for the patch will pull away from the garment, making the tear worse. 17 Neither do people pour new wine into old wineskins. If they do, the skins will burst; the wine will run out and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

Matthew 9:16–17

How can the guests of the bridegroom mourn while he is with them? The time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them; then they will fast. Matthew 9:15



It's normal to want more of Jesus.



3. A Call to Fast



**Fast for the fullness of Jesus in our lives,
our church, and in our city.**



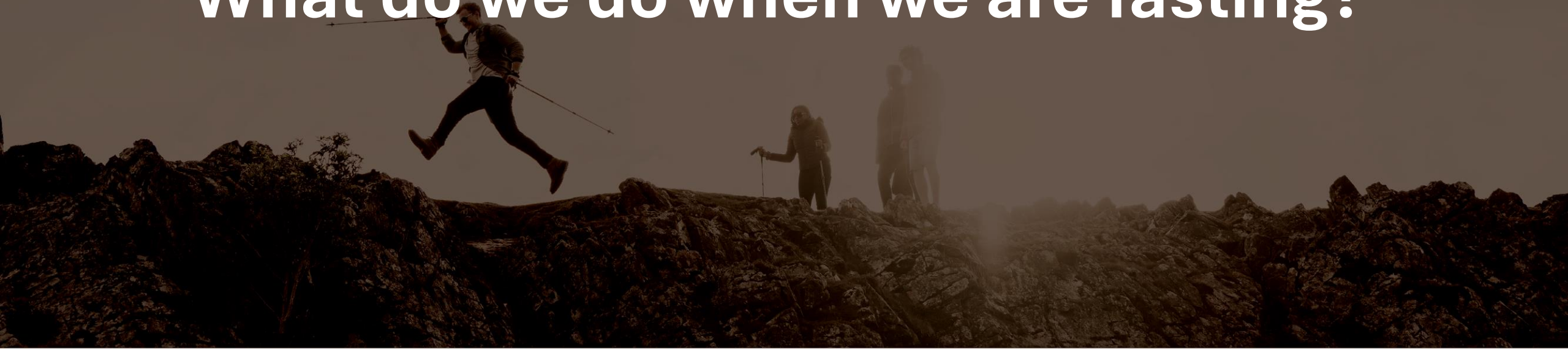
What are we going to fast?



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What do we do when we are fasting?**



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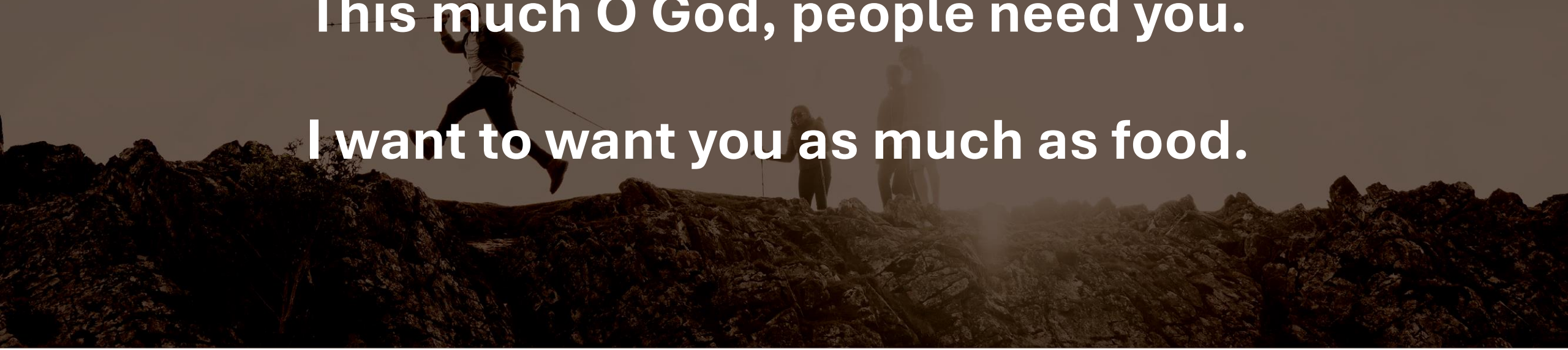


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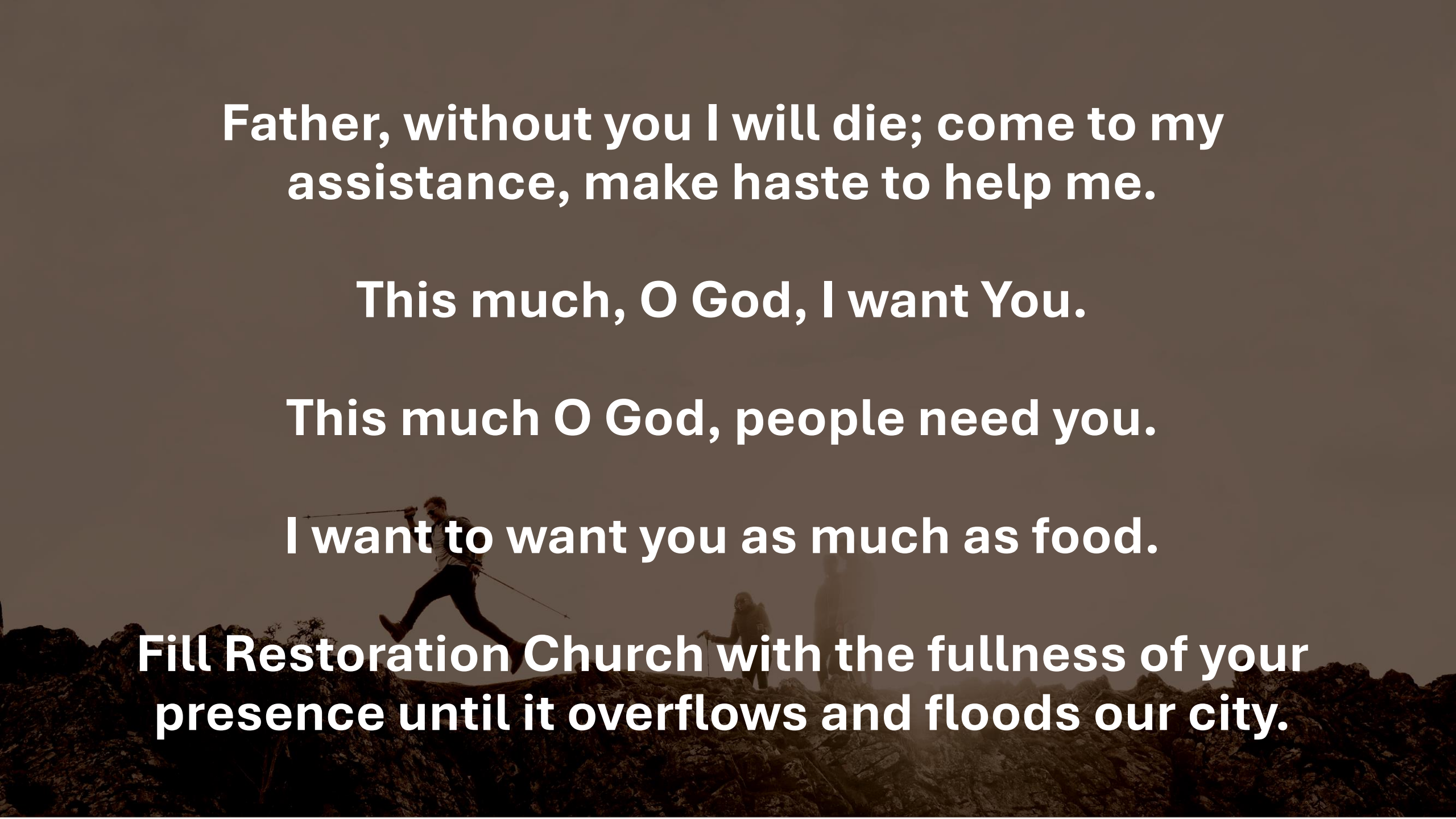
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**Fill Restoration Church with the fullness of your
presence until it overflows and floods our city.**

A person is running across a rocky, uneven terrain. They are wearing a light-colored shirt and dark pants, and are holding a long pole or stick. In the background, two other people are visible, one standing and one sitting, both also holding poles. The scene is set against a dark, hazy background, suggesting a mountainous or rugged landscape.

**What we hunger for most, we worship ...
When God is the supreme hunger of our
hearts, he will be supreme in everything.
John Piper**

