



Taste More... Hunger More



“They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them. For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature.”

The Apostle Paul | Romans 1:19-20 (NLT)

Have you paused to comprehend the vast beauty of a sunset? The delicate intricacies of a blossom? The brilliance of a sea creature? I’ve tried and been drawn in by a sense of awe. Hungering for more, my

eyes simply couldn't take it all in. As if facing a feast so large that I didn't know where to start, I began to envision the glory of God.

Overwhelmed, something compelled me to disengage... as if I was blocked from experiencing God's fullness. Though an incredibly beautiful taste, my hunger remained unquenched... maybe next time?

Reflect: How hungry for Christ am I?

Our enemy promotes that our hunger can be satisfied by the world. We think, "Oh, sitting on a beach on Maui watching a beautiful sunset... that would be amazing!" And it would be... for a few minutes. How long would the memory last? Or we splurge for a fine meal atop a skyscraper overlooking the city... yum! Only to wake the next day hungry again.

Saved, we turn to seek God... perhaps he can quench our hunger? Though I (and I suspect you too) have experienced incredible points of deep Intimacy with God, these also wane. How long does such Intimacy last? Months, weeks, days? Inevitably I find myself wanting again. The enemy taunts, "God is fleeting too... why bother?"

I'm encouraged by the contrast Jesus paints:

"What sorrow awaits you who are fat and prosperous now, for a time of awful hunger awaits you." Jesus Christ (Luke 6:25)

*"God blesses you who are hungry now, for you will be satisfied."
Jesus Christ (Luke 6:21)*

Grasping that I currently reside as a foreigner behind enemy lines has changed my perspective dramatically. My hunger is a good hunger, a blessing actually. It will be satisfied, but not yet. While living here, I can only taste.

Consider: Find peace in having just a taste.

Praise the Lord for giving us glimpses of his nature through creation, and his love amid points of surrender... opportunities to taste what's to come! He wants us to anticipate the complete satisfaction of his presence on a full-time basis.

"If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world." C.S. Lewis

My friend, you and I were made for another world! Accept that your hunger won't be satisfied until you enter your true home. Can you feel the relief?

Imagine: Advancing my Mission increases my hunger for what's to come.

God created hunger with a hope building characteristic – the more you taste, the more you hunger!

Ask, "How might I taste more of God today?"

"When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! This is my

commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you." Jesus Christ (John 15:10-12)

Certainly, ponder creation to gain the flavor of God's invisible qualities. But, to get a strong taste of Jesus' love, you must obey his command to love others in the same way he's loved you. There is no better way than working to advance your Mission. What could match serving those who have been afflicted like you were? Try it! Each day, go out laser focused on your Mission and discover hope building...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- What am I doing to gain a taste of God?
- How will I get more focused on advancing my Mission each day?
- How will I relish my tastes of God each day?

Spirit Talk

Post this where you will see it regularly.

"Taste More... Hunger More!"

"Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Psalm 34:8



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