

The GOOD LIFE

The Hungry

Matthew 5:6

*"Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they will be filled."*

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Relational Righteousness

At its core, righteousness is all about _____.

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes... For in the gospel the **righteousness of God** is revealed – a **righteousness** that is by faith..."*

Romans 1:16-17

Even though you've done nothing but _____,
you can be made _____ through Jesus Christ.

Moral Righteousness

Righteousness isn't about doing the right things but honoring the _____.

You may not *hunger and thirst for righteousness* because:

1. You've been trying to fill up on the _____ things.
2. You don't yet know how _____ God is.

The Path to Satisfaction

In the end, _____ is the path to satisfaction.

*"Seek first his kingdom and **his righteousness** and all these things will be added to you as well."*

Matthew 6:33

You are what you eat. Hunger for righteousness.

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Questions from Sermon on January 25, 2026

Getting to Know Me

1. When was a time you were so hungry that you ate something you normally wouldn't?
2. If you had to name one "craving" from your past week – rest, peace, control, pleasure, comfort, food, fun – what was it? What clues tipped you off to that craving?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Matthew 5:6 aloud. What word or phrase stands out to you, and what kind of hunger and thirst does Jesus seem to be describing here?
4. The sermon reminded us that hunger and thirst in Jesus' world could be life-threatening. How does that intensity deepen the way you hear this beatitude?
5. Read Matthew 4:1-11. In what ways do you see Jesus choosing relational faithfulness over immediate, temporary satisfaction in this passage? What stands out to you most?
6. If hungering and thirsting for righteousness is about right relationship and not just rule-keeping, how does that reshape how you understand righteousness – or your own walk with God?

7. Read Romans 1:16-17. What does this passage reveal about how we become right with God, and how does that challenge or encourage you personally?
8. Read Matthew 6:33. How does this verse parallel Jesus' words in Matthew 5:6? Where do you find it easiest – or hardest – to "*seek first his kingdom and righteousness*" in everyday life?
9. Read Psalm 34:8. What do you think it means to taste God's goodness rather than just know about it? When have you experienced this difference in your life?

Making it Personal

10. When you're tired, stressed, or emotionally worn down, what do you tend to 'fill up on' that hasn't truly filled you up?
11. What tends to dull your spiritual hunger (busyness, distraction, comfort, etc.)?
12. Where do you sense God inviting you to develop a deeper hunger for him right now? What is one small, concrete step you could take this week to respond to that hunger?

Prayer

Pray from Psalm 107:9: "*He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.*"

Invite God to shape your desires, awaken a Holy Hunger for him, and to fill you with what truly gives life.

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You may not *hunger and thirst for righteousness* because:

1. You've been trying to fill up on the WRONG things.
2. You don't yet know how GOOD God is.

The Path to Satisfaction

In the end, DISSATISFACTION is the path to satisfaction.

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