



faster forward

launching into a new season of spiritual growth

1. Stir up some fresh spiritual hunger

Psalm 42:1-2 *For the director of music. A maskil of the Sons of Korah.*

1 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

- ▶ **Do you have a hard heart?** —unbelieving, unyielding, unrepentant, unashamed, unwilling
- ▶ **Do you have a hardened heart?** —unimpressed, ungrateful, unfeeling, undesiring, uninterested
- ▶ **Do you have a hardening heart?** —unfocused, undisciplined, unguarded, unaccountable, unaware
- ▶ **Do you have a hungry heart?** —unbridled, unrestrained, unashamed, undeterred, unquenched

The passions of a hungry heart

▲ **A hungry heart longs for relationship with God**

Psalm 42:1 As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God. 2 My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

Psalm 84:2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Philippians 3:10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow,

▲ **A hungry heart listens and responds to God**

1 Samuel 3:8 Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. 9 So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

Psalm 25:4 Show me your ways, O LORD, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Mark 4:9 Then Jesus said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

▲ **A hungry heart leans and relies on God**

Psalm 105:4 Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.

▲ **A hungry heart loves the richness of relationship with God**

Psalm 18:1 I love you, O LORD, my strength.

Psalm 13:5 But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

Psalm 26:8 I love the house where you live, O LORD, the place where your glory dwells.

Luke 10:27 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.

Jude 21 Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life.

The practices of a hungry heart

▲ **The hungry heart feeds frantically**

Psalm 81:10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of Egypt. Open wide your mouth and I will fill it.

▲ **The hungry heart is filled fuller**

Psalm 16:11 You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

▲ **The hungry heart is full faster**

Matthew 5:6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

▲ **The hungry heart feasts on fresh and fulfilling flavors**

Psalm 34:8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

1 Peter 2:2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

The procuring of a hungry heart

▲ **Decide to draw nearer**

2 Corinthians 6:17 "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you."

James 4:8 Come near to God and he will come near to you.

Psalm 73:28 But as for me, it is good to be near God.

- ✓ *Shake off the spiritual sloth and sleepiness*
- ✓ *Implement immediacy and intensity*
- ✓ *Clear away the chaos and clutter*
- ✓ *Press past petty priorities and proceed into his presence*
- ✓ *Make it a major movement*

▲ **Decide to delight in dwelling near**

Psalm 84:1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! 2 My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Psalm 84:10 Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.