

Faith Christian Fellowship
Sunday, March 6, 2016
Desire Fresh Fire
1 You Can Only Feed the Hungry

TEXT: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 NLT This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. (7) For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. Leviticus 9:23-10:2

We started this year talking about this word: Desire Fresh Fire, not strange fire. We reviewed the things that God has given us for our church family. We got a fresh revelation of what it means to be a member of a church. Now we return to the idea of seeking fresh fire. Today: "You can only feed the hungry." He wants to move among us. Are you hungry?

1) Desire fresh fire, not strange fire

- a) The fire has to be lit by the Lord Lev 9:23-24
- b) Anything else is strange fire Lev 10:1-2. **Question:** What practices and attitudes can you identify in your life religious life that God didn't put there?
- c) Tending the flame is a primary job for the believer Lev 6:13 / Rev 3:15-17. **Question:** What areas in your life have become a little stale? A little lukewarm? A little self-sufficient?
- d) We have the responsibility to fan our own flame 2 Tim 1:6-7

2) "You can only feed the hungry."

- a) Hunger for God is a key to having revival. Psalms 107:9
- b) If you are not filled, maybe it is because you are hungering for the wrong things. Righteousness is being in right relation to God. Are you hungry? Matthew 5:6
- c) Hunger for the right things. What are you laboring for? John 6:26-27 **Question:** If someone else were following you watching your actions and listening to your prayers, what would they think you are hungering for?
- d) Hunger is a great motivator to keep on pressing. How much trouble are you willing to go to? Proverbs 16:26
- e) Jesus will do miracles to feed the hungry. Matthew 15:32
- f) God is looking for one thing - hungry hearts. God moves heaven and earth, and most importantly men, to get to hungry people.

3) Three examples:

- a) Acts 10 A religious military man.
 - i) Here was a man hungry for God though he had everything in the natural. There are religious looking successful people all around us that have hearts hungering for reality
 - ii) Peter required spectacular intervention by God to shake his prejudices. God will go to any lengths to get someone to a hungry heart. **Question:** What kinds of people do you avoid because you are afraid of them, you don't like "their kind." or you assume they don't want to hear what you have to say?
 - iii) Hungry hearts are interested in others. God always sees beyond the obvious.
- b) Acts 8:26-40 Philip and the Ethiopian
 - i) An Ethiopian eunuch - a man of power and importance in government. There are people in places of power who are hungry for God. Don't discriminate because of what they look like on the outside, his heart is still crying out for reality.
 - ii) Philip was humble and obedient and God used and promoted him. Acts 8:39-30, 21:8. **Question:** What things in your life are you afraid you will have to give up if you say "God use me" and you actually mean it?
 - iii) History tells us that this eunuch took the Gospel to Ethiopia and great revival was the result.
- c) Mark 5:1-20 The madman of Gadara
 - i) A man who had been notoriously demonized.
 - ii) Somewhere in his ravings in the tombs, When he saw Jesus that he ran and worshiped him. Somewhere in his heart of hearts, he had called out to God for help and God moved to help him.
 - iii) Note what Jesus overcame to aid this man Mk 4:33-41 All this effort was to reach one demon-possessed man. **Question:** How much is the soul of one-person worth to God? To you? Does your life reflect your answer to the last question?
 - iv) The next time Jesus came there was a great response. God has purpose in your hunger. Mark 7:31-8:1

Question: Will you be one hungry heart? If so, how will your prayer life change? How will your hunger affect your daily life? Ps 42:1-2

We say we want to see a fresh move of God.
The question is, are we hungry?