

I Want MORE (Part 12)

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10:30 AM

SERIES TEXTS:

Matthew 5:6

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

Psalm 63:1

1 You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

Psalm 42:1-2

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

We began by asking...

1. Do I BELIEVE MORE is AVAILABLE?
2. Do I DESIRE MORE in MY LIFE?
3. Am I WILLING to MAKE ROOM for MORE?
4. WHAT will I ASK God for MORE OF?

I WANT MORE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD

I WANT MORE TRUST AND PEACE

I WANT MORE FRUIT

I WANT MORE RECOGNITION OF WHO JESUS IS

I WANT MORE ANOINTING

I WANT MORE SOULS FOR GOD'S KINGDOM

I WANT MORE OF THE CALL OF GOD FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

I WANT MORE RIGHTEOUSNESS (HOLINESS AND GODLINESS)

I WANT MORE KINDNESS, LOVE GRACE AND FORGIVENESS

I WANT MORE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I WANT MORE... PASSIONATE PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Luke 7:36-50

36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. 38 As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

41 "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Some observations about praise and worship that we can learn from this woman...

Her passion and drive to be near Jesus.

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Instead, we often act like (Do I have to go and meet with God)

She was driven, she was determined, she was prepared, she was passionate about completing her mission.

She didn't care about what others thought.

Proverbs 29:25 (NLT)

25 Fearing people is a dangerous trap, but trusting the Lord means safety.

When are we going to stop allowing our fear of what other's think be the determining factor in how we worship God?

- *"The greatest prison people live in is the fear of what other people think."*

If we cry, then so what; if we rejoice, then so what; if we are loud, then so what; if we are quiet and contemplative, then so what; if we kneel at the altar or at our seats, then so what; if we jump up and down, then so what; if other's think we are going too far, then so what

She wasn't afraid to express her love publicly.

Matthew 10:32-33

32 "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. 33 But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.

Psalm 35:18

18 I will give you thanks in the great assembly; among the throngs I will praise you.

Psalm 111:1 (NLV)

111 Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart where those who are right with God gather together and in the meeting of the people.

Psalm 100:4

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

Nehemiah 8:6

6 Ezra praised the Lord, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

Psalm 47:1

1 Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.

She didn't care about the cost.

Hebrews 13:15

15 Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.

2 Samuel 24:18-25

18 On that day Gad went to David and said to him, "Go up and build an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite." 19 So David went up, as the Lord had commanded through Gad. 20 When Araunah looked and saw the king and his officials coming toward him, he went out and bowed down before the king with his face to the ground.

21 Araunah said, "Why has my lord the king come to his servant?"

"To buy your threshing floor," David answered, "so I can build an altar to the Lord, that the plague on the people may be stopped."

22 Araunah said to David, "Let my lord the king take whatever he wishes and offer it up. Here are oxen for the burnt offering, and here are threshing sledges and ox yokes for the wood. 23 Your Majesty, Araunah gives all this to the king." Araunah also said to him, "May the Lord your God accept you."

24 But the king replied to Araunah, “No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.”

So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen and paid fifty shekels of silver for them. 25 David built an altar to the Lord there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the Lord answered his prayer in behalf of the land, and the plague on Israel was stopped.

Her passion arose from a deep understanding of what He had done for her.

Passionate Praise and Worship arises from a continual acknowledgement of all that God has done for us.

Her worship brought its own healing to her life.

There are so many times when what we need from God comes during a time of praise and worship.