



Connect Notes - 28 September 2015

BEAUTIFUL ATTITUDES - HUNGER & THIRST

- Ps Phil Pringle

***'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.'
Matthew 5:6 (NKJV)***

Unfortunately there is much apathy around our society and the pursuit of any kind of stimuli high. But in Christ we can have 24/7 life and power and enthusiasm available to bubble up within.

Matthew 5:6 says when we hunger and thirst for the things of God we will be filled and we will be blessed.

- This is not a rule or a command; but the facts are, if you keep certain attitudes and pursue certain things then this will determine if your life will receive blessing.
- When you are born again and Jesus is inside your life, your appetites change. When these appetites and desires are submitted to God they are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

John 7:37 – Jesus said if anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink.

- Sometimes we are too casual in our attitude towards God touching us. But He doesn't come to a casual heart, He comes to the thirsty and the passionate heart.

Matthew 3:11 – Jesus said the Holy Spirit will baptise us with fire. The fire is enthusiasm, passion and positive energy.

- If you do not have fire on the inside of you, then you need to ask yourself why?
- Even in the secular world today they have found that those that keep a sense of wonderment about the creation around them are healthier and happier.

These things will put out your fire:

1. Discouragement – If you spend time with people who are not on fire it can be like having water thrown on your desires and enthusiasm. Get around with people that fire you up. We are better together and when we work well together, we can go further than when on our own.
2. Apathy – Jeremiah 48:11. If you do not keep looking, seeking and building then you will not just stand still, you will go backwards. If you do not stoke the fire, it will go out.
3. Worldliness – Hosea 7:8. You are either on fire or you are not. If the cake is not fully baked then it is not worth eating.

Psalms 42:1, 63:1 and 84:2:

- The root meaning of the word enthusiasm means in essence being filled with God.
- When the Word of God is in you and you hunger and thirst for God, then you will be filled and you will be blessed.

King David did many things wrong, but his heart was towards God and he repented.

- He wanted God's presence in his life, his kingdom and for his people. He learnt how important it was to have the presence of God and how terrible it could be to not have it.
- In 1 Chronicles 13 – 15 we can read the story of the Ark of the Covenant returning to Jerusalem. When the Ark was with Obed-Edom, his house was blessed.
- David was determined to get the Ark and God's blessing back to Jerusalem. He displayed a great enthusiasm and excitement, even dancing before the Ark as it returned.

1 Timothy 3:1 – It is good to desire to work and minister for God

1 Corinthians 14:1 – It is good to desire spiritual gifts

1 Corinthians 14:39 – It is good to have drive and passion for the work of God

We all have gifts and talents and things in our lives that God wants to use. Make yourself available to God and let your desires and loves motivate you to fulfil God's calling.

TALK ABOUT

- * **Are you hungry and thirsty for God? Has something killed some of your enthusiasm?**
- * **Are there any fires you need to stoke? What are they are what do you need to do?**
- * **How motivated do you feel for the work of God? Do you need a fresh baptism?**

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTIAN ESSENTIALS

Whether you have been a Christian for a while, have recently made a decision to follow Jesus Christ or are wondering what Christianity and Church is all about, we welcome you to join us at our Christian Essentials Course.

Commencement Date for Oxford Falls Term 4: **Tuesday 13th, October.**

To register, please email: essentials@myc3church.net

CALLING ALL MASTERCHEFS

Have you ever thought how nice it would be to cook a meal for someone in our Church who is need? Our Volunteers Manager Jane McCahon would love to hear from you, please email her at Jane.McCahon@myc3church.net.

When a need arises, we will email everyone who has expressed an interest, to see who would be able to cook a meal and include instructions (where to leave the meal, what to cook etc).

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? 1 John 3:17

C3 CHURCH SYDNEY PRAYER MEETINGS

Each week our locations are gathering together across the City, humbling themselves and lifting up Sydney to God. We would love for you to join us on these powerful nights.

OXFORD FALLS / 7-8pm, every Tuesday

PENRITH / 7-8pm, every Tuesday

ROZELLE / 7-8pm, every Tuesday

SILVERWATER / 7-8pm 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month

OXFORD FALLS PRAYER AND WORSHIP GATHERINGS

Prayer and Worship Meeting held **every Wednesday** evening in the **Prayer Chapel** from **7.30pm - 8.30pm**.

The Prayer Chapel will also be open from **6pm - Midnight** on the **last Friday of every Month** for worship and prayer.

Both gatherings will be led by Minister of Prayer Heidi Wysman.