

**STAY THIRSTY**  
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*“Listen! Are you thirst for more? Come to the refreshing waters and drink. Even if you have no money, come, buy, and eat. Yes, come and buy all the wine and milk you desire – it won’t cost a thing. Why spend your hard-earned money on something that can’t nourish you or work so hard for something that can’t satisfy? So listen carefully to me and you’ll enjoy a sumptuous feast, delighting in the finest of food. Pay attention and come closer to me and hear, that your total being may flourish. I will enter into an everlasting covenant with you, and I will show you the same faithful love that I showed David.” (Isaiah 55:1-3, PT)*

**1. BECOME AWARE OF MY THIRST.**

*“Anyone who is thirsty may come to me!” (John 7:37, NLT)*

**2. SHIFT MY THIRST TO JESUS.**

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (Matthew 5:6, NASB)*

*“As a deer longs for a stream of cool water, so I long for you, O God. I thirst for you, the living God; when can I go and worship in your presence?” (Psalm 42:1–2, GN)*

*“Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, Thou Fount of life, thou light of men, from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn unfilled to thee again.”  
Bernard of Clairvaux*

**a. Righteousness is a right relationship with God.**

*“This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, “It is through faith that a righteous person has life.” (Romans 1:17, NLT)*

**b. Righteousness a flourishing life.**

*“In the way of righteousness is life, And in its pathway there is no death.” (Proverbs 12:28, NASB)*

*“Once you’re convinced that he is right and righteous, you’ll recognize that all who practice righteousness are God’s true children.” (1 John 2:29, Message)*

*“Are you hungry, are you thirsty, Jesus of Nazareth?... Where’s the water you talked about?... Where’s the never-failing bread?... Nothing up your sleeve now, conjurer? (Laughter) Loaves and fishes! Loaves and fishes!”*

*“MARY MAGDALEN: He fed you with the bread of heaven and the water of life freely—and you have given him vinegar to drink.”  
-Dorothy Sayers, *Calvary Hill**

**c. Righteousness is the gift of God through Christ.**

*“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins. For God presented Jesus as the sacrifice for sin. People are made right with God when they believe that Jesus sacrificed his life, shedding his blood. This sacrifice shows that God was being fair when he held back and did not punish those who sinned in times past,” (Romans 3:23–25, NLT)*

## **GROWTHWORK**

### **1. FOR NINETY DAYS WRITE “GOD LOVES ME SO MUCH!”**

*“And may you have the power to understand, as all God’s people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.” (Ephesians 3:18–19, NLT)*

**2. DECIDE TO EAT HEALTHY FOOD NOT JUNK FOOD.**

*Why spend your hard-earned money on something that can't nourish you or work so hard for something that can't satisfy? (Isaiah 55:2, PT)*

Everyone has a hunger for God, but our tastes (needs) are screwed up. We've been raised on junk food, so what we ask for is often wrong or twisted.

*-Eugene Peterson*

**3. BRING A BUCKET NOT A TEACUP!**

*“Just as rain and snow descend from the skies and don't go back until they've watered the earth, Doing their work of making things grow and blossom, producing seed for farmers and food for the hungry,”  
(Isaiah 55:10, Message)*