BREAD FOR THE GOD-HUNGRY



The Sower has an endless supply of seed.

He's generous.

He never skimps.

Some seed falls along the path.

Some is scattered on rocks.

Some lands among the thorns.

But some always falls on good soil..... And bears fruit.

The good soil stands for those who are God-hungry.

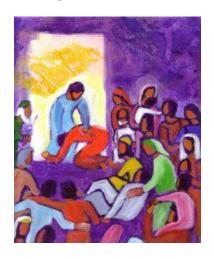
The God-hungry are everywhere, in every age.

At the appointed time Living Bread from heaven came to feed the God-hungry here on earth.

He fed their souls.

He healed their bodies.

He gave them Life.



"I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh."

John 6

The God-hungry are always among us.

The living bread is always nearby.

But who will feed the God-hungry with this bread?

Paul met the Living Bread on the Damascus Road.

He spent the rest of his life feeding the God-hungry.

He found them in the synagogue.

He found them at the riverbank.

He met them aboard ship.

Wherever he found them he fed them.

Paul let the Lord call the shots.

He let the Spirit to open the way.

He just fit in and did his part.

And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together.

Acts 16

Paul and his friends sat down and talked with the women.

Soon they were feeding their souls with Living Bread.

It was not complicated.

It was simple.

It was not forced.

It was natural.



Our objection:

"People were God-hungry in those days. They were not hard and cynical like today's world."

The Lord's response.

"This world has always been hard and cynical.

And the God-hungry are always searching.

You will find them in churches and synagogues and mosques and temples.

You will find them in bars and nightclubs.

You'll find them on beaches.

They might even live next-door.

You are going to feed them.

They will come to your table in a coffee shop.

An old friend will call you out of the blue, sharing a heavy burden.

An associate will send an e-mail to challenge your faith.

A hard-nosed neighbor will beg you to pray for his dying wife.

And you will feed them.



"But Lord, I have nothing to give them!

My hands are empty!"

"Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything'? I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him whatever he needs."

What else can we do but cry out to the Father for Bread?

Our cupboards are always bare.

We always have to pray for bread from above.

And bread always comes to us, when we keep asking for it.

Always.

And I tell you, Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

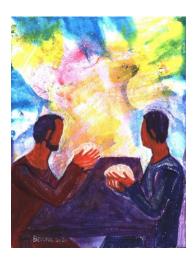
What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?

If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke11

Lord, give us eyes to see the God-hungry.

And give us bread to feed their souls.



Prayer: Yes, Lord give us eyes to see the God Hungry. Give us the faith and the vision to see their emptiness, their hunger, their need... even though it's dark, it's midnight and we are afraid to wake you up.... Even though we are empty handed and have nothing to give them. Lord help us, what other power do we have without you? What other hope does this world have without you? Many are weak, many are starving, many need Living Bread. And yes Lord, give us Living Bread to feed their souls when we see their needs. Teach us, lead us, show us, and give us your Holy Spirit so we can feed their souls, heal their wounds, and bring them true life.

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