



21-DAY FAST Devotional #5 – THIRSTY!

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Have you ever been really thirsty? Thankfully we have sources of water all around us so that we are able to drink. Water is very important, with two thirds of the earth's surface covered by water and the human body consisting of 75 percent water, it is evidently clear that water is one of the prime elements responsible for life on earth. Water circulates through the land just as it does through the human body, transporting, dissolving, replenishing nutrients and organic matter, while carrying away waste material. Water is essential to life!

This past summer a small Blue Jay got trapped in our garage. When I opened the garage door and the light came flooding in, he fluttered around looking for water to drink. I poured some water in a bowl for him to drink. He sat on the ground drinking for the longest time before flying away. That little bird was thirsty! As I pondered that little Blue Jay I was reminded that God longs for us to thirst for Him in that same way. David wrote in **Psalm 42:1-2 (NLT) As the deer longs for streams of water, so I long for you, O God. 2 I thirst for God, the living God. When can I go and stand before him?** And then he wrote in **Psalm 84:10(NLT) 10 A single day in your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked.**

In a world that is bombarding us with sights, sounds, thoughts, etc., we need to direct our attention toward God and thirst for HIM. Today take some time to get by yourself and seek Him. Pray as David did "I long for you!"

Questions for today: What are you thirsty for? What one thing can you do today to spend more time thirsting for God?

Verses to look up: John 7:37b-38, Matthew 6:20, Mark 12:30, 1 Timothy 6:10-12

Prayer for this week: Dear Jesus, I ask that you will help me to fully depend on you in ALL things! Help me during this 21-day fast to learn to live a Home Run life! I pray not only for myself, but for my church, the staff, the elders, and all the attendees that we will sharpen our vision in 2016 to know Your desires, Your heart, and Your will. Help PFWC to depend on you in ALL things. Change my heart, change my home, change my church and let it begin with me!