

June 19, 2016

Series: Songs of the 80's

Sermon Title: *I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking For*

1. What are we looking for? WISDOM, PLEASURE, POSSESSIONS, ACHIEVEMENT, POWER, WEALTH

2. What are we really seeking? FULFILLMENT AND SATISFACTION

Galatians 5:13-14 (NIV) ¹³You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. ¹⁴For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

Mark 8:34-38 (MSG) ³⁴⁻³⁷Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

³⁸"If any of you are embarrassed over me and the way I'm leading you when you get around your fickle and unfocused friends, know that you'll be an even greater embarrassment to the Son of Man when he arrives in all the splendor of God, his Father, with an army of the holy angels."

3. What does it take to be truly fulfilled? HUNGER AND THURST FOR GOD

Matthew 5:6 (NIV) ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Psalms 63:1-5 (NIV) ¹You, 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. ²I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. ³Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. ⁴I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

Challenge Questions:

- 1. What are you looking for to bring fulfillment?**
- 2. Are you serving by your power or through God's equipping?**
- 3. What does "hungering and thirsting for God" mean to you?**

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