

**The Pursuit of Happiness: Famished, Gracious, Authentic  
Matthew 5:6-8**

**What are the signs of new life of someone who's been remade according to the values of God's kingdom?**

**Those who have been remade according to the values of God's kingdom display...**

- I. A new appetite for the righteousness of God: Famished Matthew 5:6**
  - a. Sign of new life: hunger and thirst for righteousness (cf. 1 Peter 2:1-2).
  - b. Promise: they will be satisfied (cf. Psalm 17:15).
  
- II. A new sense of outward sympathy for those who suffer far from God: Gracious Matthew 5:7.**
  - a. Sign of new life: mercy from inward selfishness to outward generosity (2 times in NT cf. Heb 2:17)
  - b. Promise: they shall receive mercy.
  
- III. A new vision for their lives flowing from a heart that is focused on Christ, being purified by faith in his word: authentic Matthew 5:8.**
  - a. Sign of new life: blessed are the pure in heart (cf. Acts 15:9).
  - b. Promise: they will see God (cf. 1 John 3:2, 2 Cor. 3:16-18).

**The unquenchable thirst and insatiable hunger of the human heart can only be quenched and satisfied with the inexhaustible sufficiency and supremacy of Jesus Christ.**

1. How is your appetite for the word of God lately? Your appetite for God is an important marker of your spiritual health. Talk to someone in the care center if you need help getting started in our Remain Bible reading plan.
2. How generous are you? Is the vision of your life one where you live to help others find God's provision and satisfaction or do you live just to please yourself?