

There's a cry of holy dissatisfaction that's rising up from God's people that only He can satisfy



*Lord, I groan; Lord I kneel
I'm crying out for something real
Cause I know deep in my soul there must be more*

There Must Be More!

I had this old David Ruis song in my heart today (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQyn7BuA19I>) and have just played it over and over again. There's an ache in my soul for more. I am growing in my

desire for more of God and increasingly dissatisfied with other lesser things. I am certainly thankful for Yeshua and am confident of His atoning sacrifice for me, but I need more of Him and desire to see more of His activity in my life and others. I see the moral decay and hopeless destruction within our culture. I know that He is the only answer for the significant problems that we face. Only a great move of His Spirit can change the downward spiral we are on.

This morning during my devotional time, I read a constellation of emails and articles that had as a common theme a greater hunger for God and a deeper experience with Him. An outworking of this was a resultant greater consecration to God. After I had read these articles I had a conscious time of assessment and journaling where I began to see a commonality of what I was reading and what was stirring in me.

There were three sub-components of what I read: 1) friendship: in three of the stories, God used a friend or significant other to help birth something needed in the person.

God bring people around us to help us see what You want to do in our lives in this season. May we be receptive to Your servants who You bring to help us.

2) Secondly, suffering was a key part in two of the stories to draw the person into crying out to God and discovering a deeper relationship with Him as an outgrowth from the pain.

Father, use our pain to draw us to You. Rid us of self-pity and offense that leads us away from You and turn our hearts toward You in the midst of our difficulty.

3) Thirdly, the baptism of the Holy Spirit was a repeated theme. There was a need for a repeated experience of a greater endowment of power for weak individuals to be filled afresh by God. Only His Spirit can enable us to be who He has called us to be and to more effectively fulfill His will.

Father we need Your fresh outpouring now in our lives. Forgive us for seeking from others that which only You can provide. Bring a holy tenacity to persistently seek and ask You for Your Spirit's help and power.

The overarching trajectory of all of these stories was prayer--crying out to God and God answering that cry. Only He can bring the needed change in our life and the lives of those around us. He promises to answer us as we consistently engage with Him. The devil wants the dissatisfaction and ache in our hearts to turn us away from God towards lifeless idols and an indifference, offense, apathy, and a fatalistic resignation to the way things are. YHWH wants us to take that kernel ache/dissatisfaction and come to Him with it--to talk to Him about it, ask Him to meet us, and to have Him breathe upon us and produce something redemptive in us and through us.

Dear saints is there a growing ache in your heart for something more? If so, do not despair! God wants us to come to Him. He wants to meet that ache with a greater revelation of who He is. The result of that encounter will mark us and satiate us. And from that infilling will come a fresh power to flow from us into the lives of a dying world around us. But, it all starts with coming to Him. That's where I am today.