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2025: Flourishing Together: *Rooted in Christ*
1 Corinthians 2:6-16 (Gospel Guide: Matthew)

WINTER 2025: *Happiness Is . . .*

The Beatitudes

January 5 - March 4, 2025

Flourishing in Pursuit

Matthew 5:6

Theme for 2025: Flourishing Together: *Rooted in Christ*

Theme for Winter 2025: *Happiness Is . . .*

Happiness and Life Satisfaction

1. Overall, how satisfied are you with life as a whole these days?

2. In general, how happy or unhappy do you usually feel?

SERMON: *Flourishing in Pursuit*

Text: Matthew 5:6

I can't get no . . . *satisfaction!* So many in our world engage in wrong, meaningless, and/or "less than" pursuits!

HUNGER AND THIRST

**As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

-Psalm 42:1-2

Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money without money and without cost.

-Isaiah 55:1

RIGHTEOUSNESS

For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

-Matthew 5:20

I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please, not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep, but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk or a snooze in the sunshine. I don't want enough of him to make me love a black man or pick beets with a migrant. I want ecstasy, not transformation; I want the warmth of the womb, not a new birth. I want a pound of the Eternal in a paper sack. I would like to buy \$3 worth of God, please.

-Wilbur Rees

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