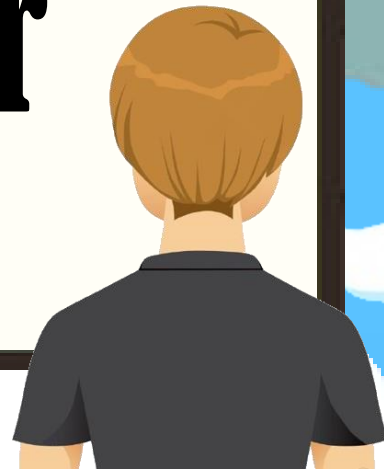




**SIMPLY  
THE  
BLESSED**

**Naturally, hungering and  
thirsting are NOT what we in  
America see as something to  
delight in or rejoice over**



**Jesus is painting a passionate  
longing for something  
which if you DON'T get  
RIGHT NOW you will DIE**



# Matthew 5:1-12



**Blessed are those who hunger  
and thirst for righteousness, those  
who have an insatiable appetite  
(an immense longing) which is  
ONLY satisfied in Jesus Christ**



**BLESSED ARE  
THOSE WHO  
HUNGER AND THIRST**



# Matthew 5:6

**“Hunger” = to crave ardently; to seek with eager desire (Greek word is actually where we get our English phrase – to pine after)**



**“Thirst” = to suffer from thirst;  
to painfully feel one’s need to  
be quenched**





**It's the Lord who initiates this  
hunger and thirst and it's the  
Lord who ratchets up our  
hunger and thirst for Him  
Psalm 34:8**



**It's that tiny tidbit that's tickled the tip of our tongue that tends to tantalize us to taste even more (ONLY Jesus satisfies that appetite)**



# Matthew 5:6

**“Satisfied” = is also translated  
“Filled” a verb which is used of  
animals in the sense of  
“Feed or Fatten” it means  
“to be Satisfied Fully”**



**God DOESN'T give table scraps  
or nasty leftovers to people  
who desire after God's  
righteousness**



**These are people with a persistent longing for more, but that longing is NOT something they are capable of meeting and addressing in their own personal strength**



**This type of righteousness,  
which comes from God, flew in  
the face of the Pharisees and  
Scribes of Jesus' day**



**Matthew 5:21-22a**

**Matthew 5:27-28a**

**Matthew 5:31-32a**



**Matthew 5:33-34a**

**Matthew 5:38-39a**

**Matthew 5:43-44a**





**“Heard” = to perceive by ear;  
to give ear to a teacher  
or teaching**

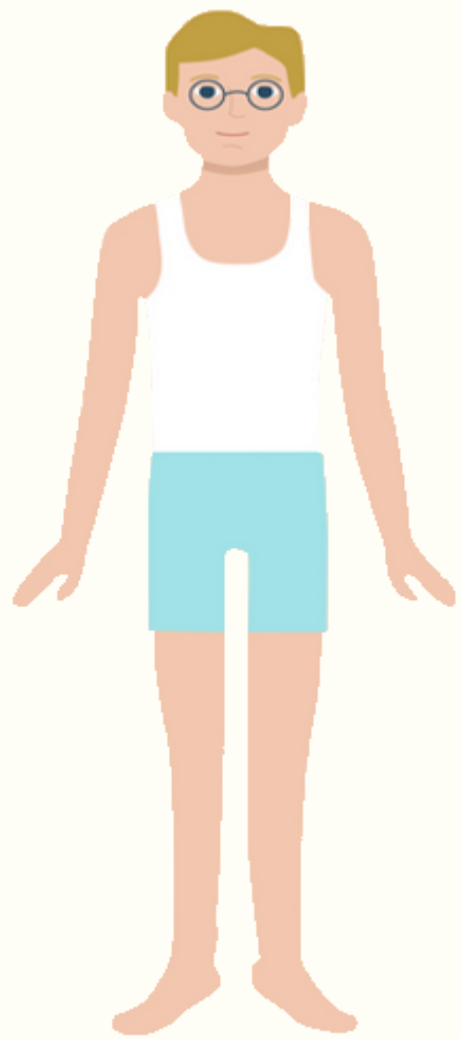


**The emphasis is on the WAY in  
which the Truth was  
communicated (through the  
instruction of the Teacher)**



**James 2:10**  
**Romans 3:23**







**SO WHAT?**

