



*Blessed Are Those
Who Hunger & Thirst
for Righteousness*

THE BEATITUDES (4)

1. Seeing the crowds, He went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him.
2. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:
3. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
5. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
6. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Matthew 5:1-6

7. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
9. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
10. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

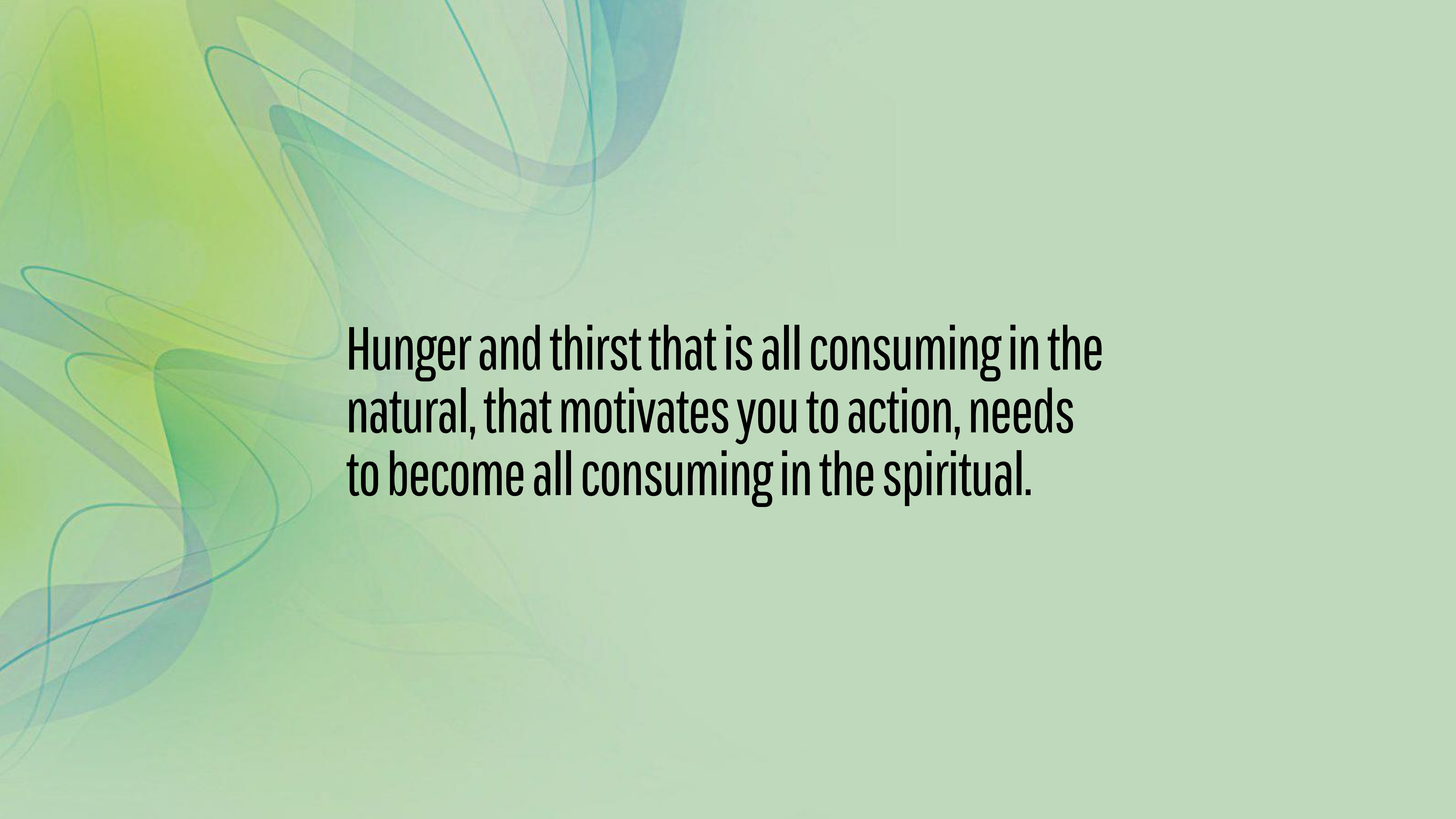
Matthew 5:7-12

- * The Beatitudes are not intended to be a pathway to salvation. Rather they are seen as the mark of Christian character.
- * They are qualities that are to be experienced by the Christian as they follow Christ & as they are transformed more and more into His likeness.
- * They are qualities that flow out of us as we have been regenerated & are now sanctified inwardly by the Holy Spirit.

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'Blessed' from verse 6 (Amplified Bible)
means they are fortunate, happy and
spiritually prosperous.

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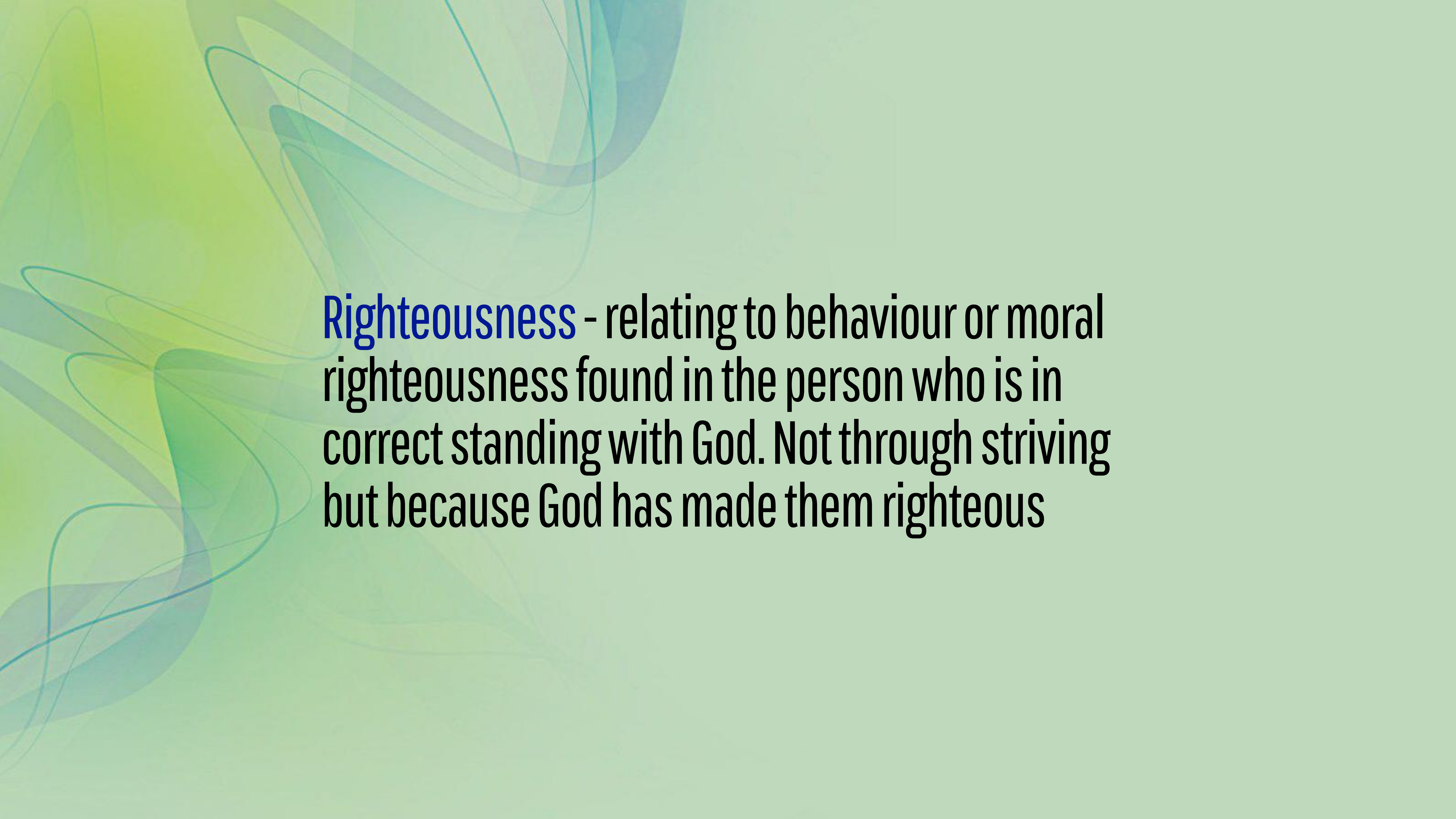
Hunger and thirst that is all consuming in the natural, that motivates you to action, needs to become all consuming in the spiritual.

Righteousness - having right standing with God.

We could never hope to obtain right standing with God on our own. Because of this and because of His great love towards us, God Himself took the first initiative by taking the righteousness that was Christ's and then imputing it to us at our salvation.

This righteousness from God comes through
faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Romans 3:22



Righteousness - relating to behaviour or moral
righteousness found in the person who is in
correct standing with God. Not through striving
but because God has made them righteous

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Righteousness comes from the Lord's presence.
It is the nature of Christ that is made manifest
and grows in a believer when a believer sets his
desire on righteousness.

Change occurs within the heart of the believer as he is transformed from his old nature into his new nature by having the Holy Spirit within.

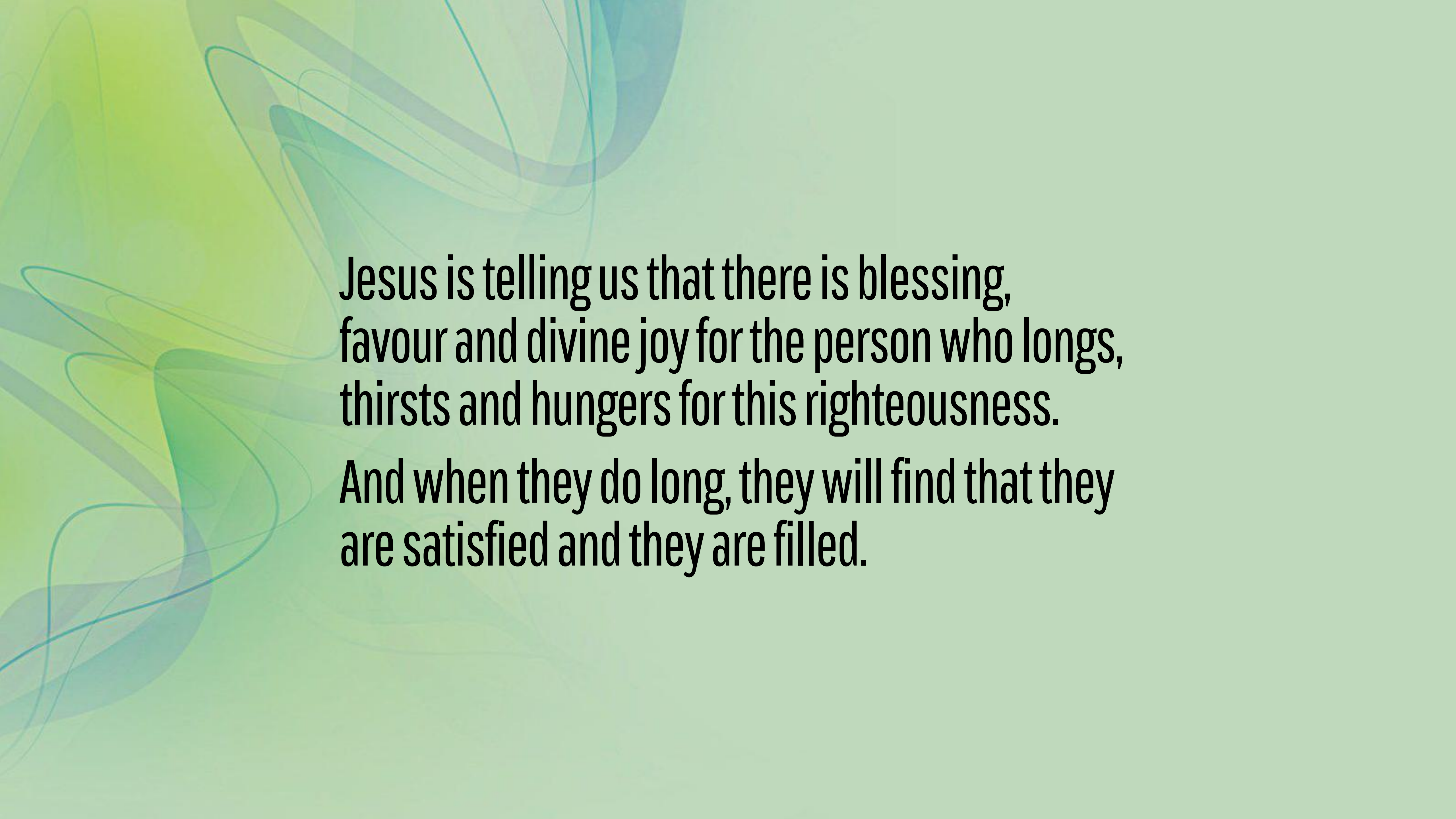
And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18

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God blesses them and grants them satisfaction.
There is a spiritual longing to know God and be
known by God and to grow in and exhibit the
very nature of God.



Jesus is telling us that there is blessing,
favour and divine joy for the person who longs,
thirsts and hungers for this righteousness.

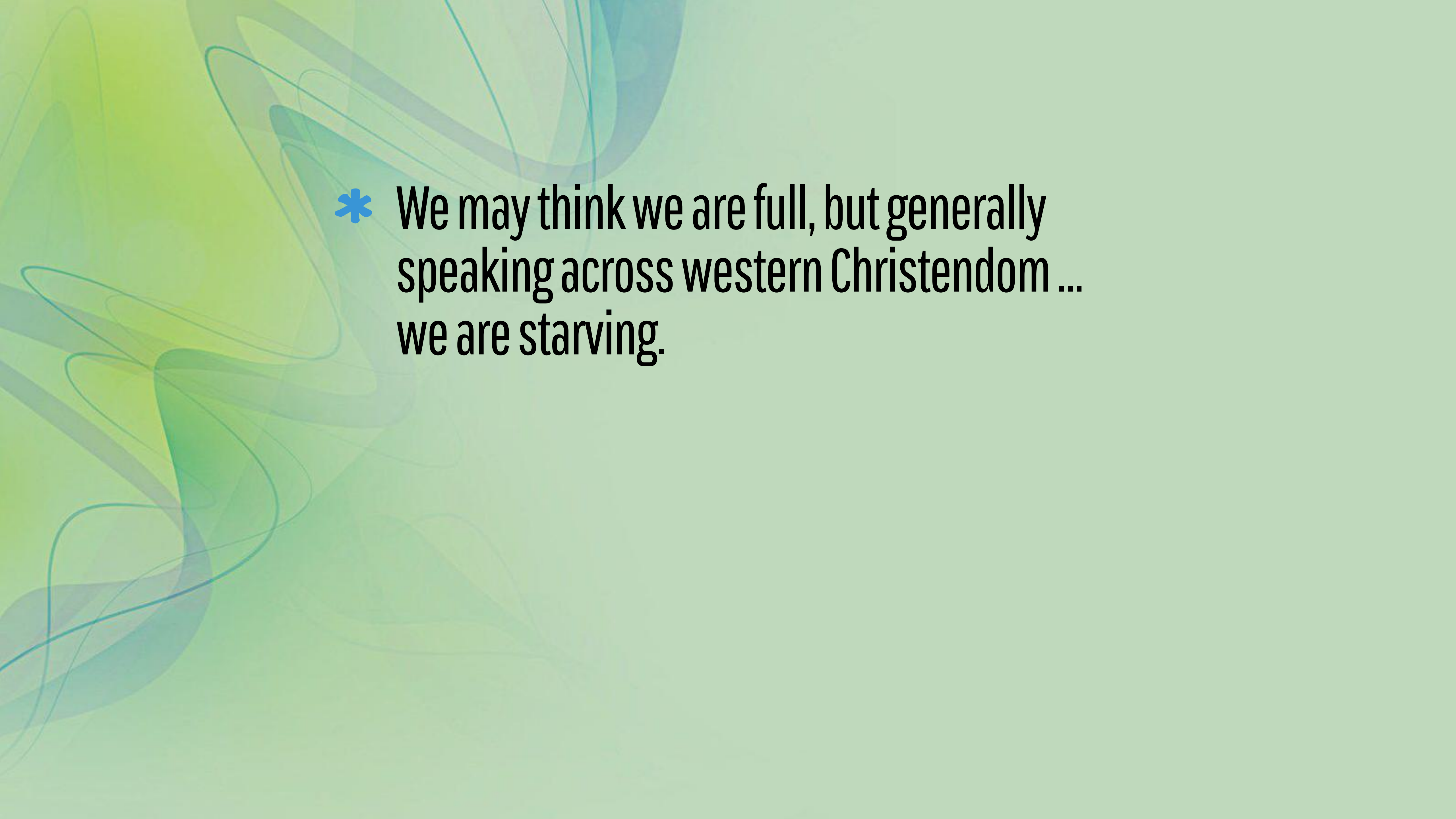
And when they do long, they will find that they
are satisfied and they are filled.

18. For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

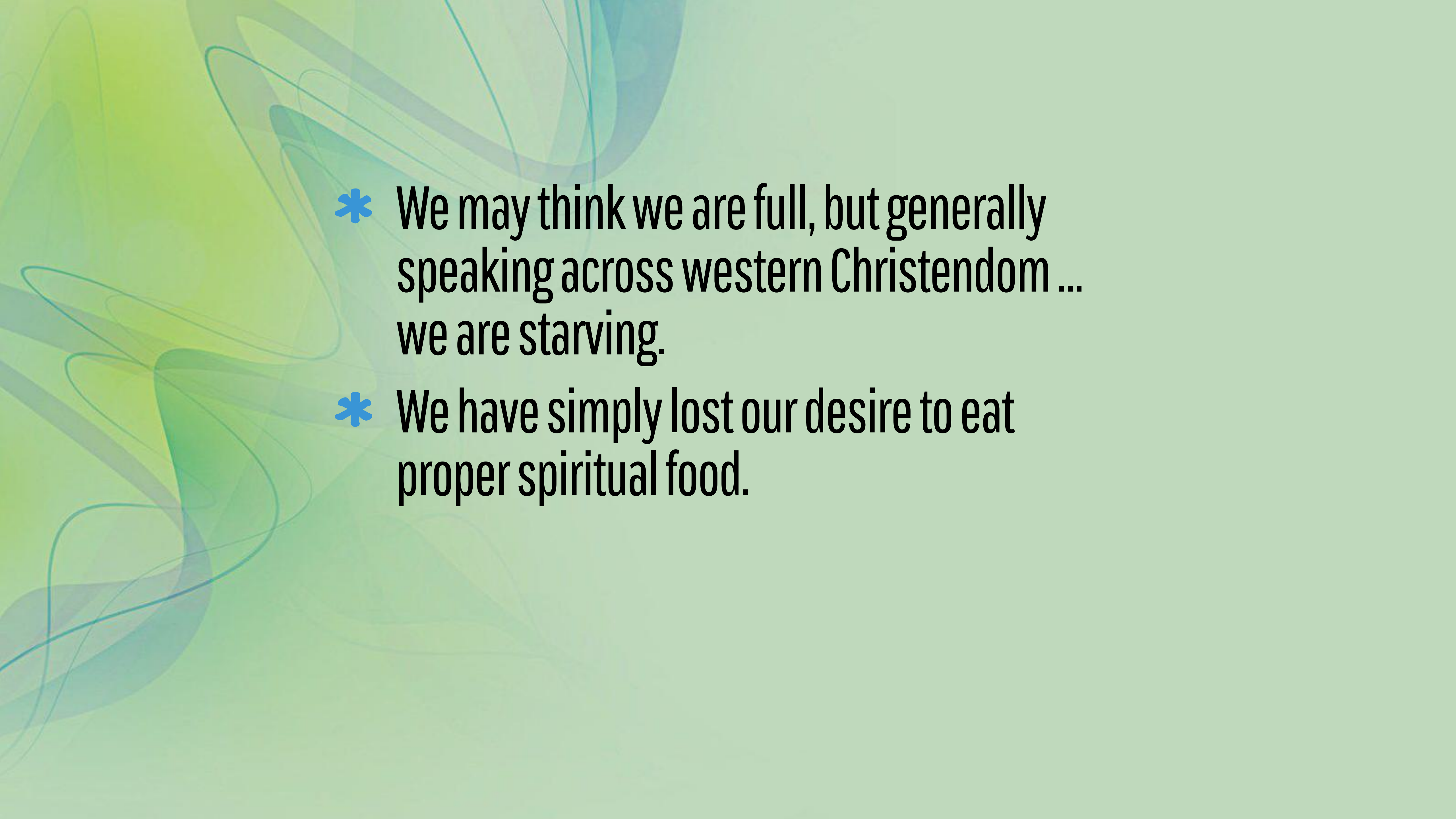
24. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

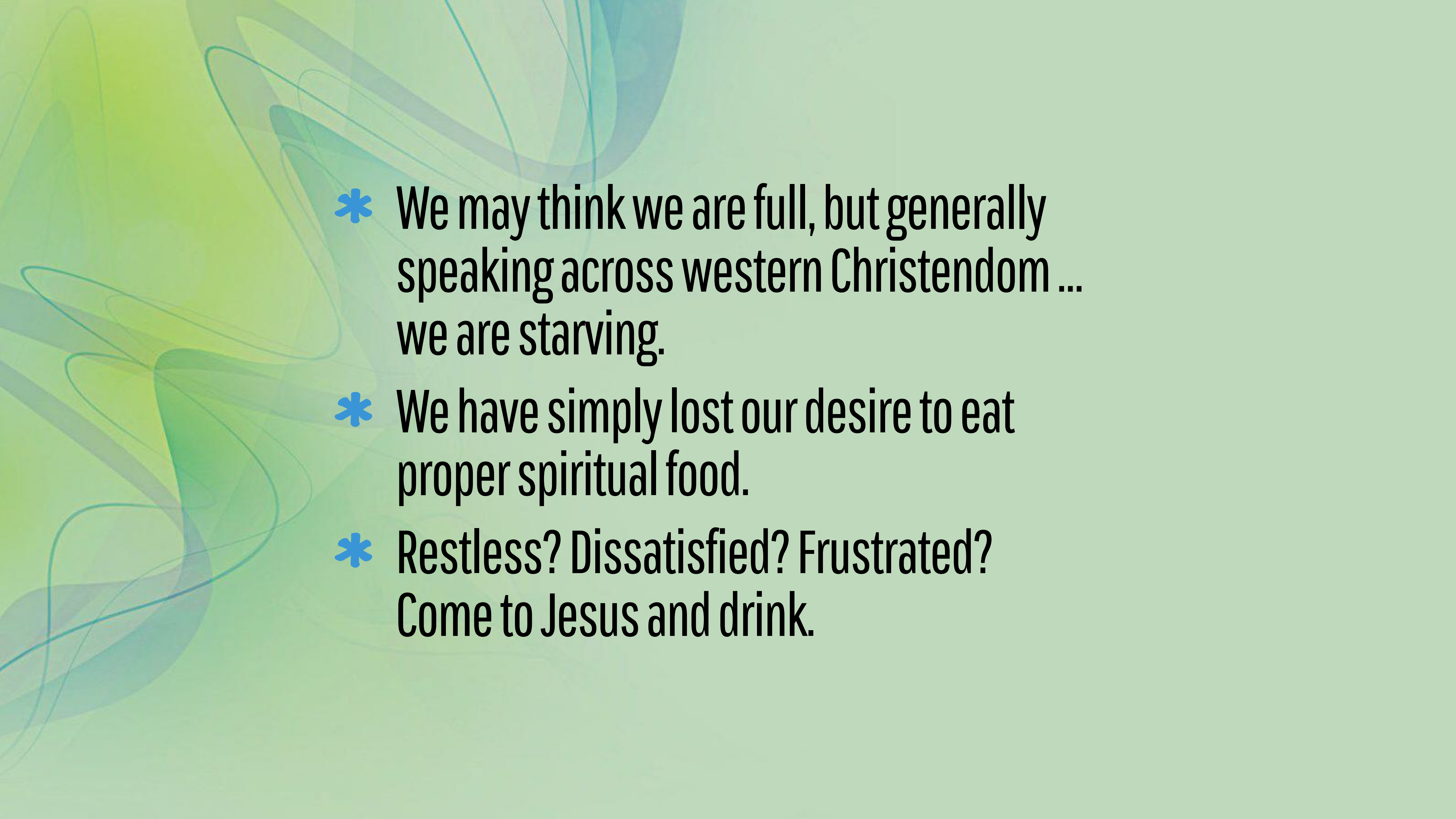
25. Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:18 & 24-25



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 - * Restless? Dissatisfied? Frustrated? Come to Jesus and drink.

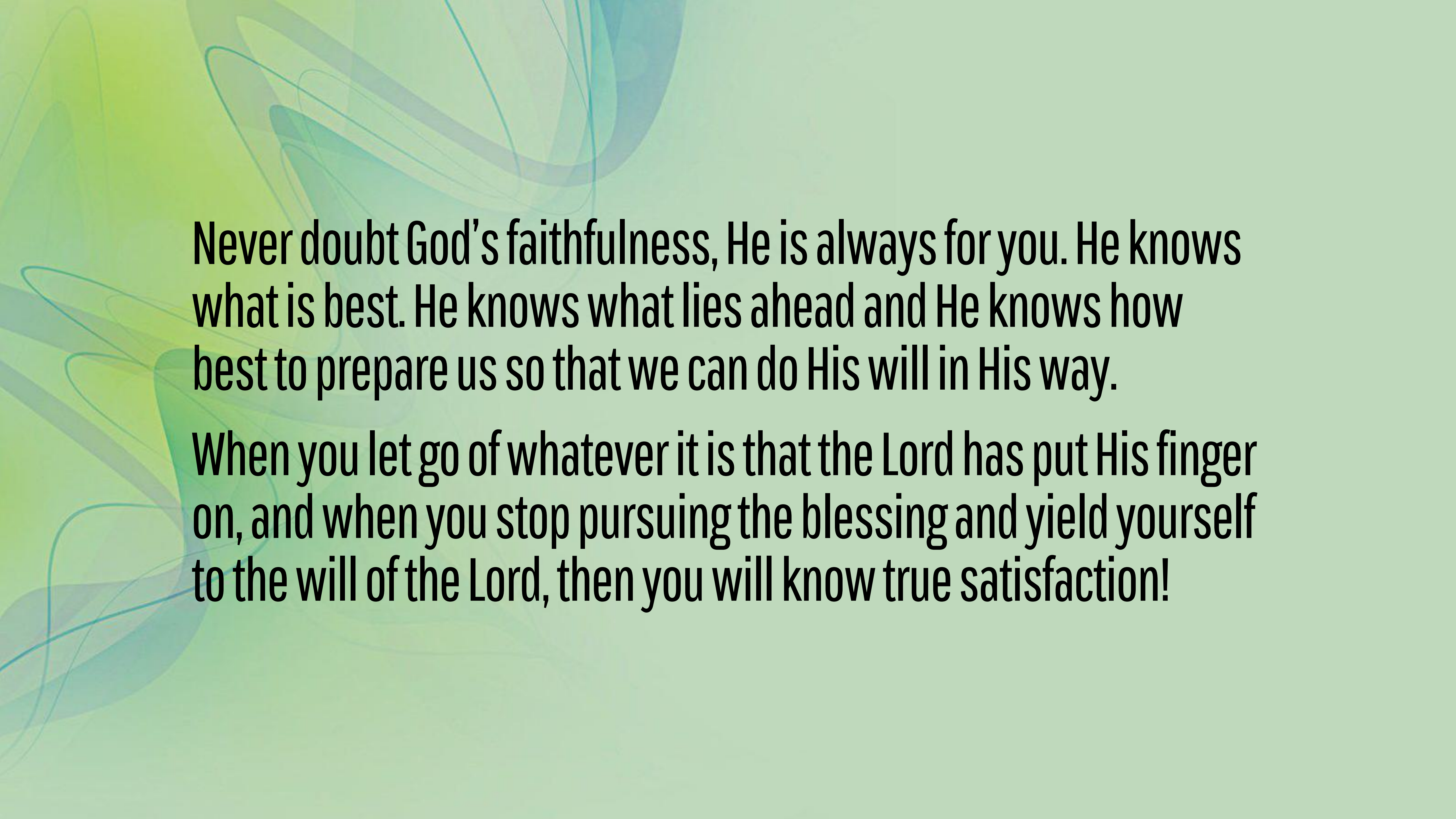
Obedience

The Lord is allowing us to go through various trials so that we may press into Him. So that we may deal with the things in our life that we have not brought under the rule of Christ. He would love you to come into a place of receiving His blessing and receiving His satisfaction.

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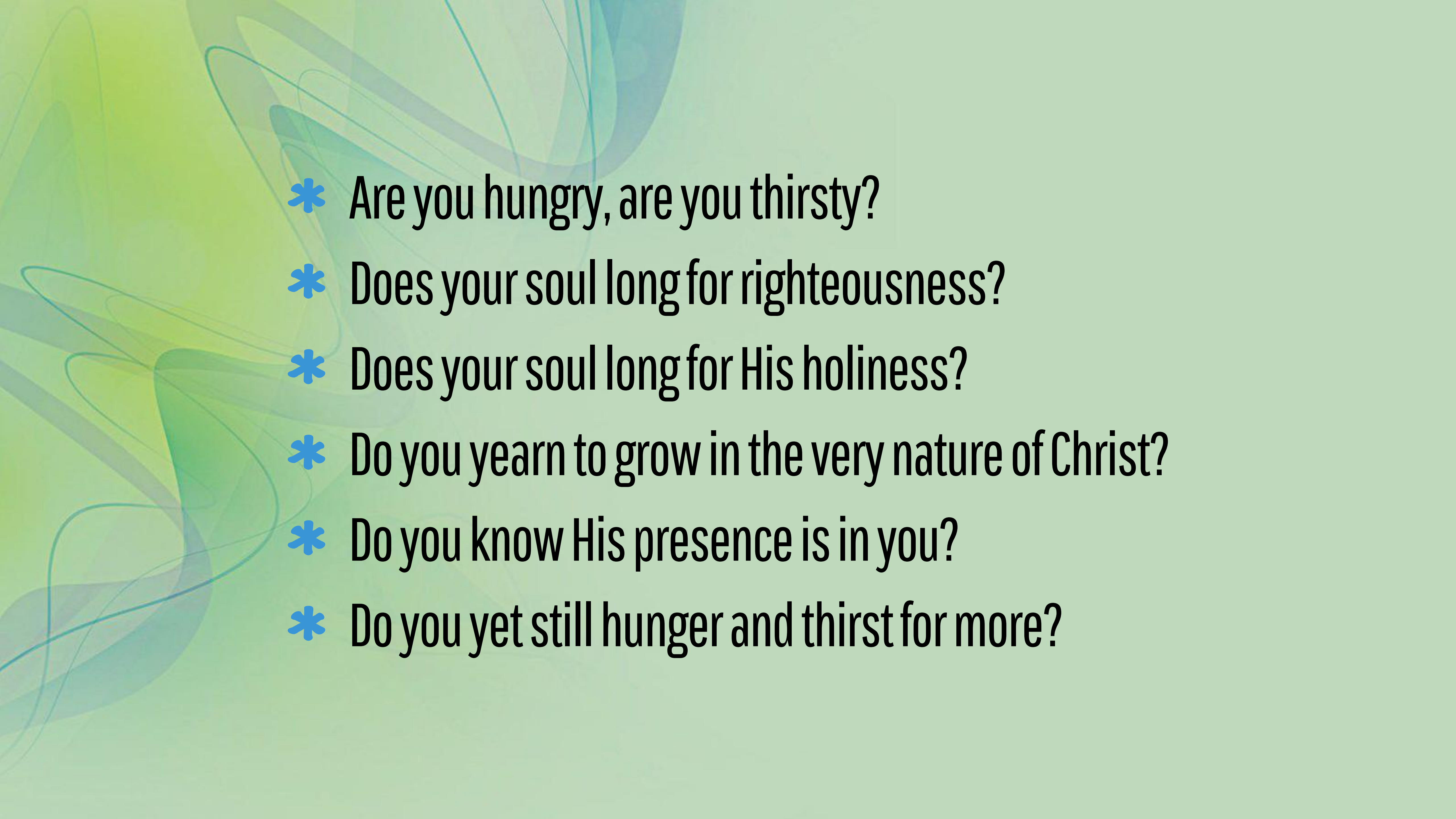
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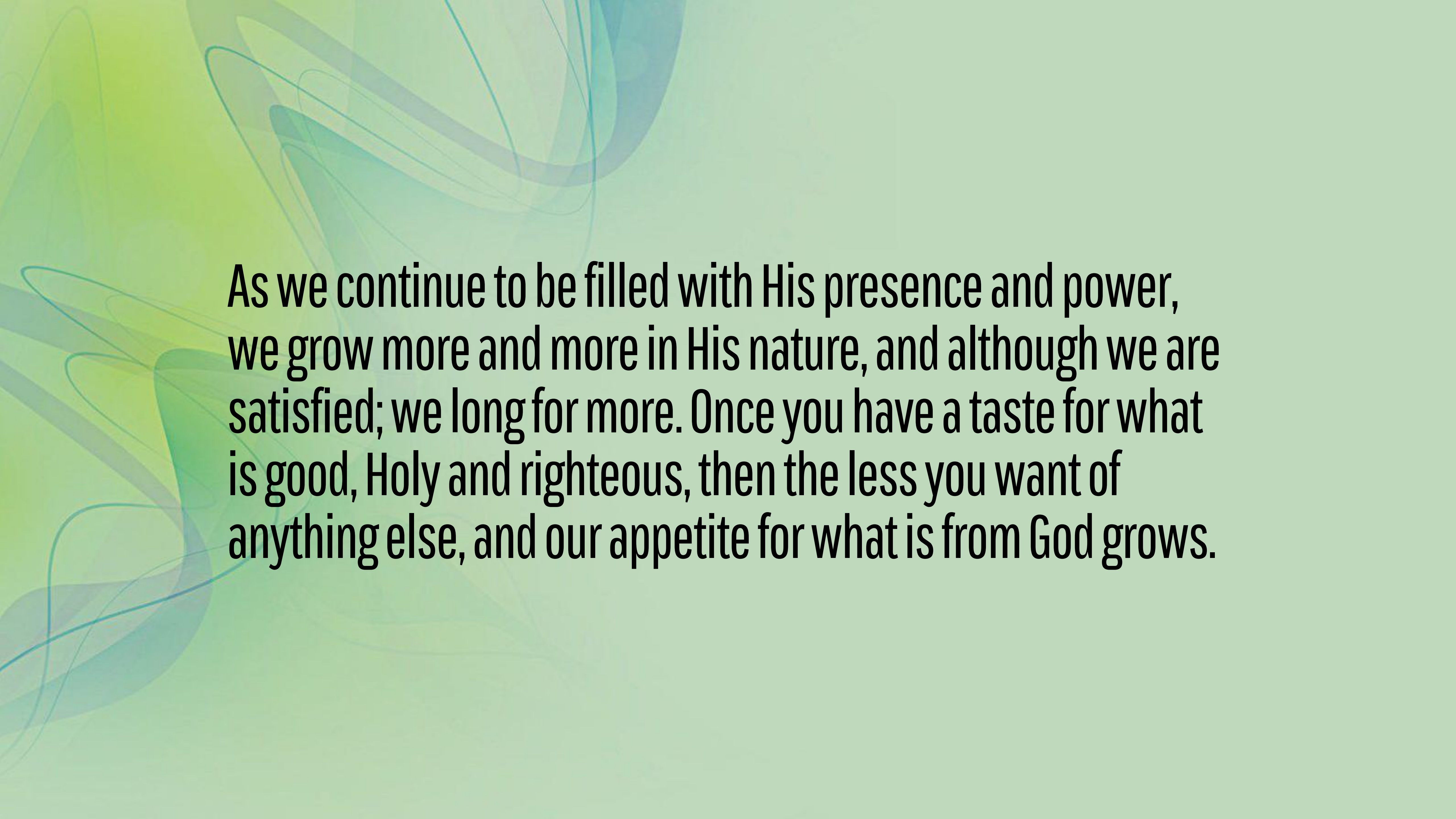
Don't hunger and thirst through wrong methods for 'a blessing'. When you pursue God's Holiness and His righteousness to be made manifest within you, when you seek first His Kingdom, His rule and His reign in yourself... **then we find that the desire, the deep longing we have inside the core of our being is satisfied.**



Never doubt God's faithfulness, He is always for you. He knows what is best. He knows what lies ahead and He knows how best to prepare us so that we can do His will in His way.

When you let go of whatever it is that the Lord has put His finger on, and when you stop pursuing the blessing and yield yourself to the will of the Lord, then you will know true satisfaction!

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- * Are you hungry, are you thirsty?
 - * Does your soul long for righteousness?
 - * Does your soul long for His holiness?
 - * Do you yearn to grow in the very nature of Christ?
 - * Do you know His presence is in you?
 - * Do you yet still hunger and thirst for more?



As we continue to be filled with His presence and power, we grow more and more in His nature, and although we are satisfied; we long for more. Once you have a taste for what is good, Holy and righteous, then the less you want of anything else, and our appetite for what is from God grows.

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When we turn away from what we have been
desiring, and we turn the focus of our attention
and our affection back to Jesus for Him and for
His righteousness, then we will be satisfied.
Then we may be filled.