

True Satisfaction

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Well, good morning, church family. It is an honor to be here with you today. Thank you, Pastor Lewis, for your kind words, your challenge, and your encouragement as well. And thank you, Pastor Stephen Morris, for the privilege to come here today and teach God's Word with you and to you.

If you've got a Bible, I want you to open it to Psalm chapter 90. Anyone grow up in the Bible drill era? Anyone in here familiar? Okay, hands on top. Ready, go.

Psalm is Hebrew poetry, literature, song, and prayer, and it's right in the middle of God's Word, the Bible. We're going to be in chapter 90 today. I hope you have something to take notes with, and I hope you'll listen for what God wants you to write down. I don't know about you, but for me, when something's on the screen, I write it and don't even listen. But just listen today and ask God to speak to you, and He will.

In fact, why don't we just take five seconds and say, "Lord, would You speak to me today?"

I want to open with the question: What satisfies you? Someone or something just came to your mind. What is it that brings satisfaction and fulfillment to you? Is it a job well done after a hard day's work? Is it a warm meal? Or today, is it a cold sandwich on a hot day that just satisfies your hunger?

I've been in Houston for almost six years now, so I've learned something from you. You are really satisfied when my Dallas Cowboys lose, even though your team loses every year too.

What is it that brings satisfaction to you? A new baby in the family? A great-grandbaby in the family? Friendship?

Today is a new sermon series called Life Lessons, where pastors are going to come in and preach on the life lesson God has taught them and is teaching them. Today, if you can guess, mine is about satisfaction. The title of the message is True Satisfaction. What really will fulfill you?

I want to talk about satisfaction because we, as human beings, like to be satisfied, right? No one likes dissatisfaction - getting cut off, receiving the wrong order, or anything going astray. No one likes that. We like to be satisfied.

Why? Well, one, we're made in the image of God.

Male and female He created them.

— Genesis 1:27

We're made by the Creator who is fully satisfied in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit relationship. He is ultimate satisfaction. We are made with an eternal longing for satisfaction.

We also love satisfaction because life is hard, isn't it? Amen. Give a witness. Life is hard. It's challenging. There's difficulty everywhere you look.

My wife and I feel like we're just coming out of a season where our heads were barely above water long enough to catch a breath before going back under the stress, busyness, and hardship of life. Isn't it true? It's almost like a guessing game. When things are good, you're going, "This is really nice, but when is it going to..." You're wondering, "What corner is it going to come around? When is it going to get hard again, or when will it get easier again?"

I think about the single mom whose entire day and night are devoted to her children. Her needs come last, if they even come at all.

I think about the husband and father who gets up early before his family and drives to the job he really doesn't love just to make ends meet - to put food on the table, clothes on their backs, and buy school supplies - and hopefully have a good enough year that they can schedule one week to go on vacation, have family time, slow down, make a memory, and enjoy something.

I think about the young adults I have the privilege of walking alongside who have so many questions about life. What are they supposed to do? How do they know? Is this right? Is he right for her? Is she right for him? There's all this pressure to learn enough and do well enough, and if you do, you'll earn enough money and have a good future.

I think about the grandparent in the room who doesn't get to see their grandbaby much because of a strained relationship with a son or daughter.

All of us go through hardship. There are people in our lives who've spent more time in a hospital bed than in their own bed lately, and they would love just a little normalcy in their lives and a return to what's familiar.

Bottom line, our days are short. They seem to be getting shorter, and our years are hard. When I became a parent, I was told this. I didn't understand it then, but it's true: The days are long, and the years are short. It's been true so far.

In fact, the Bible recognizes this reality that we share. God's no stranger to trials, troubles, or hardship. In Scripture, we see what I like to call a holy assembly line, where men and women face struggles, receive the hardship, and pass it along to our Father. What a joy it is to be a Christian and to lay everything at Jesus' feet.

But we also see God acknowledge and recognize humanity's trouble. In fact, more than acknowledge and recognize it, God plunged Himself into our toil, trouble, and suffering in the person of Jesus Christ.

*He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces*

He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

*Surely He has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows.*

— Isaiah 53:3-4

It's what we sang: Christ crucified. He's familiar with hard days.

Listen, God knows your troubles. He knows your sorrows. He also knows you have a desire to be satisfied and rest peacefully. He's familiar with it. And listen to me today, Christian: God longs to meet those desires. God wants to satisfy your every need. More than just a hopeful want, God can, He's able, He's ready, and He's willing to satisfy the deepest needs of your heart.

The Bible talks a lot about us as Christians being stewards of God's life and resources, the grace and gifts He's given each of us, our personalities, where we live, who we live with, and what we do for work. God has entrusted us with all these wonderful things.

Just take a minute and think about that. The Creator of heaven and earth has trusted you specifically and intentionally with all that you have and all that you're going through. What a nice, refreshing perspective to think that God has chosen to trust you with the trial you're facing and what makes your days hard so that His glory would be seen through it.

It's not wrong for us to want satisfaction, but the greatest lesson I've learned is this, and it's our whole framework for today: True satisfaction is only found in the steadfast love of God.

If you hear nothing else today, hear this: True, lasting satisfaction is only found in the steadfast love of God.

Look with me at Psalm chapter 90. Scholars debate the context of this psalm, but we know a few things. We know it's a prayer by Moses, the man of God. We know it's a community lament. They were going through something hard, weighty, toilsome, and troubling.

Some scholars believe this was written in the context of Numbers chapter 20. Israel is in the desert, going toward the Promised Land. Moses has just lost Miriam, his sister, and Aaron, his brother and partner in ministry. Israel was grumbling so much that God said, "Speak to the rock, and I'll give them drink." Moses strikes the rock, and God says, "Because you disobeyed Me, you will not go to the Promised Land."

Moses is at rock bottom. He's looking for satisfaction. He knows he has needs greater than this world or the people in it can meet. And what does he do? He turns to the God who satisfies. Moses prays. Moses comes into devotion with the Lord.

The Everlasting God

The first framework we'll look at is the everlasting God, if you're following along with me. In these first two verses of Psalm 90, this prayer and petition start Godward.

Here's what I mean by that: Moses orientates his mind, body, and spirit toward the Lord. In the midst of losing

family members and friends in ministry, in the midst of suffering, Moses fixes his attention on the Lord.

This is how Jesus teaches us to pray. Of all the things He did in His life, His disciples come and say, "Teach us how You pray." He goes, "Okay, here's how we're going to start. We're going to start Godward."

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.*

— Matthew 6:9-10

The first half of the Lord's Prayer gets us into God's agenda. It's Godward. Maybe, for some of us, that's a huge takeaway today. When we come into times of prayer, we need to be Godward.

Yes, He knows your frame. He knows your struggles. But if we'll just shelve those for a second and fix our eyes on the Lord and who He is, we remember that He's the everlasting God. Moses is in the desert, looking around at waste, disease, and death, and he's going, "God, You're everlasting. All of this is fading away, but You remain the same forever."

Here's what he prays:

*Lord, You have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever You had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting You are God.*

— Psalm 90:1-2

Moses begins by addressing God as Lord. This Hebrew word is Adonai. It's a reverent address to the one true God.

Even in your hurt, in what you don't understand, and in your pain, you can be reverent toward the Lord. You don't have to check life at the door when you come to pray or come to the gathering. You bring it with you. You say, "Lord, Adonai, the One who is sovereign."

This name underscores God's authority and His covenant faithfulness. In the midst of this, I love it: Moses appeals to the covenant-faithful God. It reminds him of the relational nearness we have with God as His people. It distinctly points to God as the sovereign One who rules over all.

Here's an encouraging note for you today: In your weariness and difficulty, God is still sovereign over all. We just sang it. He's holy forever and ever. He will always be holy. He will always be kind, gracious, and just, and He will always be sovereign.

Pastor Jarrett says this, and I love every time he does: Nothing happens to the child of God without first filtering through His holy hands. God is sovereign over your hurts. God is sovereign over your joys. We can

appeal to the sovereign, everlasting God.

I heard a life-changing challenge from a pastor multiple years ago named Francis Chan. He asked this question, and I want to ask it to you today: "When is the last time you stopped to think about who God is before you prayed to Him?"

When did you last take two or three breaths and ask God to recenter all your senses on who He is? You just thought, "I'm talking to the everlasting God, the One who, the Scriptures say, holds the waters of the earth in His hands. The One who, the Scriptures say, hung the moon and the stars, told the sun the route to take every day, named the stars, and knows the hair on your head or the hair not on your head."

You just stop and go, "I'm talking to Almighty God, who's now Father, whose throne is grace, and whose foundation is steadfast love and faithfulness. In light of everything I have going on, here You are."

As you do that, your prayers will change.

Jesus said to wait on the Spirit. We, the people of God, are now full of the Spirit of God. We have a Helper, parakletos, One who comes alongside us and wants to help us pray.

But if you're like me, growing up I had a dinner prayer: "Rub-a-dub-dub, God bless this grub." I had a nighttime prayer. I had a morning prayer. I had all these different sentences or one-liners that I could just pray and go, and I never thought about who I was praying to.

In fact, sometimes we're discouraged from praying too long before the meal so it stays warm. But here's the challenge: Do you stop and think about who you're addressing? Because if you did, could it change how you pray?

If I knew the person of Jesus and the Holy Spirit were coming alongside me in my prayer, it wouldn't always be about when God answers. It's that, as I pray, I'm with Him. I'm in the presence of God, so I'm comforted while I wait.

If it were only contingent on answered prayers and seeing things move, I could get discouraged. But if I say, "God, You're with me in this prayer. Your presence is a guarantee for the son or daughter. That is enough for me. In my weariness and neediness, You're sufficient," then we learn who we're praying to. We're not rushing through it, but enjoying the presence of God that Christ has won for us.

Moses is desperate to be satisfied here, but he begins by orientating himself toward the Lord, the person of Jesus, who's the everlasting God and the refuge of His people.

Today, we serve the everlasting God, the One who formed you, who, in the creation account, got so near to Adam that He breathed life into him. He knows your problems, but He wants you to draw near to Him. Why? He's the everlasting God.

Finite Man

Moses prays to the everlasting God, and then he sobers us up with these words. Follow with me, starting in

verse 3. Moses prays and says:

*You return man to dust
and say, "Return, O children of man!"
For a thousand years in Your sight
are but as yesterday when it is past,
or as a watch in the night.
You sweep them away as with a flood;
they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning:
in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
in the evening it fades and withers.*

*For we are brought to an end by Your anger;
by Your wrath we are dismayed.
You have set our iniquities before You,
our secret sins in the light of Your presence.
For all our days pass away under Your wrath;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
The years of our life are seventy,
or even by reason of strength eighty;
yet their span is but toil and trouble;
they are soon gone, and we fly away.
Who considers the power of Your anger,
and Your wrath according to the fear of You?*

— Psalm 90:3-11

Isn't it true? You go somewhere beautiful. You're on a cliff or a mountainside, looking over creation, and you realize how small you are. You stand on the shore of a beautiful beach like Galveston, Texas - or somewhere in Florida where you're seeing blue, clear water - and you're just going, "Wow, this God who made all of this loves me."

Or you're standing in front of an open casket of a loved one. Or you're sitting next to their graveside.

I remember, a year or so ago, sitting next to the graveside of my grandpa, who's my hero in the faith. I know his body's underground, but I know he's with Jesus. I know he's in ultimate paradise, satisfied in the Lord. But I'm sitting there, catching him up on my daughter's life, my marriage, and the ministry. I'm just weeping because the man I'm talking to, the hero of my faith, is with the Lord, but in that moment I would love one more conversation with him.

Have you had that moment when you realize, "Man, life is so short. It's so fleeting"?

It happens every time I go on an airplane because I feel like it's coming out of the sky. I just don't think it's normal or natural for us to be up in that thing in the air. But you get 35,000 feet up and start realizing, "Man, at street level the problems I face are overwhelming. They're huge. But from God's perspective, they're nothing."

We get this right perspective when we address the everlasting God and embrace our frailty, that we are finite.

I brought this from my home this morning. I grabbed it. It's a blade of grass. A pretty one, isn't it? Some of the men in the room just compared your yard to mine. Quit it. It's not a competition today, okay?

I brought this blade of grass because, not just in Psalm 90 but throughout the Scriptures, God tells us that our life is like a blade of grass. In some instances it says it's like a puff of smoke, a vapor. But today, this is a really present reminder of who we are before the everlasting God.

What Moses is saying is that you're not supposed to look to this little blade of grass for satisfaction, comfort, joy, purpose, meaning, or hope. This blade of grass cannot do it.

If you drove by my home and saw me outside just talking to the grass, hoping it would come comfort me or give me vision for the future, my wife would - I don't even know. But you would just say, "You're crazy."

The same thing is true for us today when we put all our eggs in this world's basket. We hope a better job will satisfy us, or we hope this marriage will satisfy us, or we hope not living in this sin will satisfy us. We hope the income increase, the bigger yard, or whatever it is in this little piece of grass will satisfy our lives. It won't. It cannot. It was not purposed to satisfy you.

Scripture says the dew of the morning brings life to the grass, like our years of youth. Wouldn't you love to go back to your teens or twenties? I'm about to be at student camp all week. They're not going to sleep, and they're going to be okay. I'm going to be walking around like a zombie. I need at least eight hours. They're young. Enjoy it.

Wouldn't you love to go back to that? But we can't. Our days are numbered, and that's okay when we realize that's okay, because nothing in this short, temporary life will satisfy the eternal longing I have in my soul.

If you're a Christian in the room, God has not called you to carry the weight of the world in this little piece of grass. God has not called this world to satisfy your soul. Jesus does. Jesus is true satisfaction.

If you're not a Christian in the room, I'm so glad you're here because you need to hear this: Nothing in this world will make enough sense to you to satisfy your heart. No achievement and no relationship will be enough to satisfy you. But Jesus Christ will.

There's no need to panic, worry, and get up in a fit because things aren't going according to plan. Things could all go astray, but those who are satisfied in Christ will have peace and joy.

Both Hebrew and Greek, when you look at Psalm 90:10-11 and it talks about all our days being toil and trouble, have this negative tone that emphasizes that it is hard. Plain and simple, life is tough. It is difficult. In fact, the greater part of our days is full of labor and weariness.

Here's the life lesson I have learned and am learning: You cannot look to the things in this piece of grass, this frail life, to satisfy you or make life better. There are temporary fixes, but no surgeon is content with a Band-Aid. There needs to be wound healing.

We'll get there in just a minute, but that's only found in Jesus Christ. Satisfaction will not come from temporary means, whether that's the right spouse, more income, vacations, or fine dining. You were made for so much

more than all these things, and God wants to give you that in Jesus. He's done everything we needed in order to bring true satisfaction into our lives.

Covenant Satisfaction

That leads to the third part: covenant satisfaction.

We've looked at Moses praying to the everlasting God. We've looked at Moses humbling us and bringing us into sobriety toward our finite nature. But then it leads to a really good place of covenant satisfaction.

Look with me at verse 12. Moses says:

*So teach us to number our days
that we may get a heart of wisdom.
Return, O Lord! How long?
Have pity on Your servants!
Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love,
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.
Let Your work be shown to Your servants,
and Your glorious power to their children.
Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and establish the work of our hands upon us;
yes, establish the work of our hands!*

— Psalm 90:12-17

Verses 9 through 10 are negative. Just picture your yearly calendar until the day you take your last breath. Every day is booked with hard, difficult appointments. But verse 14 has this beautiful appeal that those same days full of difficulty and hardship would have red ink across them that just says, "Rejoice. Satisfied. Content. Peace."

Those same days of hard appointments and difficult testing are now filled because our hearts have overflowed with God's covenant love and faithfulness.

This is what Moses learned through 40 years in the desert. He learned how to pray. He learned who to pray to. He learned who he was praying to. He was called a man of God, but Moses learned that he needed God. He was a man who needed the Lord.

Have you gotten there yet? Have you gotten to the place where you can say with confidence, humility, and compassion, "This is my life, and I'm okay"?

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.*

— Matthew 5:3-4

If you're not there yet, if you're still hoping, gritting your teeth, and crossing your fingers that this life will be enough for you, it won't. I pray God gets you there today, that there would be a holy dissatisfaction with just the things of this world.

So, what do we do? We look to the Scriptures. We pray verse 12. Moses says, "God, please give me wisdom."

Man loves to number things. Teams love to number their championships. The Cowboys have more. Men love to number their income, their square footage, how many children they have, and how many bench reps they can do. We love numbering, counting, and showing how good we are in a quantitative way, but we don't like to number our days.

Why? Is it because we're timid at the end? Do we have doubts? Are we scared? Do we wrestle with, "Am I living how I should be?"

If any of those things are true for you today, there is so much grace. There is so much wisdom and instruction. But I think what would create a ripple effect of the kingdom of heaven here on earth is if we, as Christians, numbered our days and lived them to the fullest.

If I told you that you had 30 days left, would you change anything?

If you're a Christian in the room and you're like, "No, I'm living out God's will for my life," bless you. Here's my challenge: Multiply that into someone else. Raise up someone younger in the faith.

I work with young adults all the time. I hear that they have no spiritual moms and dads. Step out in faith and raise them up. Share a meal with them. Get coffee. Tell them how you learned satisfaction.

Now, if you're saying, "I would change nearly everything," do it. We pray verse 12: "God, teach me how short my days are so that I may live them in Your fullness."

I was thinking about where this has been true in my life and where I believe it could be true in your life. The enemy has a plan to disrupt and distort all that is good in God's eyes. So, if God longs to satisfy us in His love, there are enemies to that satisfaction.

Pride - thinking that you know more, that you're sufficient on your own, that you don't need God's help, and you don't need the church's help. Pride says, "I've got this."

Greed - "I want more than I have. I'm not content with what God's given me."

Comfort - "I just want to enjoy the rest of my life. I want to retire early and ride off into the sunset. I want a comfortable life."

Control - the idol of a steering wheel, thinking that you're in control and you call the shots.

Comparison - "No, no, no. I want what they have. Their grass is greener. I want that life." You don't know what they're walking through. You don't know what has gone into their life for God to trust them with where they are.

Bitterness - there's hurt in your past that you haven't forgiven or gotten over. How do you forgive what hurts so much? The cross of Jesus Christ.

"But you don't know what they did to me."

We crucified Him. Draw from the cross, and if it leads you to a greater gospel appreciation, praise God for whatever hurt you.

Ask Him for wisdom.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

But let him ask in faith.

— James 1:5-6

Here's what amazes my soul and overwhelms me about God's love. Verses 5 and 6 compare our days to a piece of grass. In the morning it's good; in the evening it's gone. Verse 10 says that all our days are toil and trouble. But I love when the Bible says B-U-T, because something beautiful is coming.

Verse 14 says that God can cause these same short, troubling, frail days to be filled with rejoicing and gladness. How? His steadfast love.

A change of circumstances will not satisfy you. Only the covenant love and faithfulness of God will bring true satisfaction into your life.

I struggled for years, praying that God would get me out of this circumstance, when that circumstance changed me for the better. A new ZIP code, a higher tax bracket, more children, children out of your house - whatever it is for you in this season - a change in circumstances won't satisfy the eternal longing you have.

Church, there are people walking around the same streets we live on, desperately searching for satisfaction. They're seeking it in false gods. They're seeking it in their finances. They're seeking it in sexual immorality and living it up. They are longing for true satisfaction, and we have been appointed by God to go tell them who truly satisfies.

I'd ask you this question: Does your gospel life prove that you're a satisfied Christian? When you share Jesus with someone, do they hear that you're satisfied in Him?

Are you like, "I mean, it's good. Life - God's good. I mean, He died for me, and it's okay"?

Or are you like, "Man, I don't have all the things I need, but I have peace right now. Can I tell you how satisfied I am?"

When you present the gospel, do they hear and see that you're a satisfied Christian? Do they want what you're selling, so to say?

If you were a salesman and you called someone and said, "Our product's not really great. There's a better

deal over there," they're not buying from you. When you go share the gospel, the nonbeliever should be attracted to the Christian's life, not because of the bling or the flash, but because of the satisfied joy we long for.

I think some of us are walking around as discouraged and defeated Christians because we're not satisfied in God. If you're not careful, what you'll do is sign up to serve more, unsatisfied. Read more books, unsatisfied. Go on more trips, unsatisfied.

Leader or volunteer in the room, give your best yes. There is always a need in the church for volunteers everywhere. But is God calling you to do 18 things at the expense of your soul's satisfaction? No. What is your best yes? Live in that satisfaction.

The Scripture tells us in verse 14, as Moses prays, what he's really saying in the original language is, "Cause me to be filled with Your steadfast love."

Satisfaction is not self-generated. God must be the One who actively fills you with gladness. We are dependent on Him for salvation. We are dependent on Him for wisdom. We are dependent on Him for satisfaction.

When's the last time you came before God Almighty in the morning or evening and just said, "Lord, satisfy me. Satisfy me in Your love"?

I think some of you hear that and go, "Ooh, that's kind of weird. God's done enough for me. He's got too much to worry about. There are people with greater needs. I feel weird asking God to satisfy me in His love."

That's the gospel. I think there's a gap in your understanding of the Father's heart if you feel weird asking Him to satisfy you with His love. I really do.

I think we should go before the Lord in the morning and throughout the day and just say, "God, satisfy me with Your love. Fill me with the love of Jesus so I may go in Your love." It's a good and pleasing thing.

When my daughter runs up to me and says, "Daddy, hold me," and she's hungry and I can meet that need and satisfy her, I feel the best. When my wife is tired and I can hold her, comfort her, or provide for her, I love meeting those needs.

Our Father in heaven loves to meet your needs. He is the ultimate satisfaction. It's yours in Christ. Take hold of it.

It's not self-generated. You don't grit your teeth, try harder, do more, and earn it. It's a received love, just like the gospel.

What if your morning time looked less like a controlled environment with a reading program and more like relational satisfaction between you and your God? Have you drifted into a self-reliant plan, or do you live in the love of the Spirit? We have Him as our Helper.

Listen, programs and plans are not bad. I think we have plenty of them. But what if you just walked into the

room, closed the door, and said, "God, satisfy me. Speak to me. Satisfy me in Your love"?

Look at verse 15 as we close. Moses makes this incredible appeal. He says:

*Make us glad for as many days as You have afflicted us,
and for as many years as we have seen evil.*

— Psalm 90:15

Moses said, "God, this has been a really hard season of life. Would You match it with a joyful one?"

Notice Moses doesn't pray, "Give us more." He says, "More of You. Satisfy us."

Have you ever asked God to replenish you from past hurts and struggles? Why not? It's in the Scripture.

"Make us glad for all the days of trial and trouble we've faced."

God doesn't ignore our days of trouble. He redeems them. Ask Him, "God, please redeem those 15 years of my past. Redeem those five years of my marriage when we just fought all the time. Redeem it with joy. Redeem it with gladness. Redeem my kids' childhood."

In Joel chapter 2, God calls His people to repent and draw near. Later, He promises restoration. Look at what He says:

*I will restore to you the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
My great army, which I sent among you.*

*You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.*

— Joel 2:25-26

I'll close with a quote. There's a Scottish preacher named Alexander Maclaren, and he said this: "The only thing that will secure lifelong gladness is a heart satisfied with the experience of God's love."

The same days. The same lifespan. The same toil. The same trouble. The same frailty. It's not that all of a sudden your days are easier. No, it's that your heart is filled with the covenant love of God Almighty.

Are you satisfied? Are you weary? Come to the Lord today and be satisfied. He says He'll be with His people. Drink from the river of His delights.

Jesus said:

I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

— John 14:6

This satisfying love we've been talking about in the New Testament climaxes in the cross and then the

resurrection of Jesus Christ. He's carried our sins. He's carried the wrath so that we'd be reconciled to God and live in satisfied joy.

You must come to Him by the cross, the power of the empty tomb, and the grace of God.

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

— Psalm 34:8

It's His promise, guaranteed. True satisfaction is only found in the steadfast love of God.

I'm going to pray, and when I say amen, we'll have pastors and prayer partners up front who would love to have a Jesus conversation with you. They would love to pray for you, ask God to redeem or restore things in your past, or lead you in satisfaction, whatever that looks like. We'd love to help you take those next steps of faith.

But listen: God knows you have desires and needs, and He can and wants to fulfill them. Amen?

Lord Jesus, You alone satisfy. Thank You that You're not frustrated at our weariness. You're not disappointed in our frailty. It is You who made our frame, and You know who we are.

So I pray right now, Lord, as Your Word has been preached and as we have sung true songs of Your love, power, and kingdom, would You satisfy the weary heart? Would You rescue those who are looking for satisfaction in all the wrong places? Would You lead us into the joy, peace, and everlasting life You've promised Your people?

In the name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.