

DRIVING FORCES #5

“Praise the LORD, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who FORGIVES all your sins and HEALS all your diseases, who REDEEMS your life from the pit and CROWNS you with love and compassion, who SATISFIES your desires with good things SO THAT your youth is RENEWED like the eagle’s.”

Psalm 103:1-5 NIV

“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 and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live.”

Isaiah 55:1-3 NIV

Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”
John 4:13-14 NIV

Only eternal needs satisfy eternal longings.

THE SATISFACTION WAR:

ETIHER CREATOR OR CULTURE WILL FULFILL

Either we will pursue cultures way or the creators way. We decide...

“I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength.” *Philippians 4:12-13 NIV*

SATISFACTION FROM GOD AS A DRIVING FORCE

HE HAS TOLD ME WHO I AM

“I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.” *Psalm 139:14-16 NIV*

Game changer – when you realize who made you and why you were made. PURPOSE!! Now you know.

You were created with intention

HE HAS MET MY NEED FOR ACCEPTANCE

“The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again;rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.” *Romans 8:15-16 NIV*

HE HAS PROMISED TO MEET ALL MY NEEDS

“So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.” *Matthew 6:31-34 NIV*

HE HAS SECURED MY FUTURE

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will

seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴I will be found by you," declares the LORD." Jeremiah 29:11-14 NIV

Are we doing our part? We gotta seek.

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life." 1 John 5:11-13 NIV

You have the Son now. NOW.....

HE HAS CLEANSED ME OF SIN AND SHAME

"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace." Ephesians 1:7 NIV

"Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered." Romans 4:7

You are blessed. You are not cursed because of your sins....you are blessed because they are covered.

HE HAS CHANGED ME ON THE INSIDE

"Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:6 NIV

"For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers." Romans 8:29 NIV

HE HAS MADE MY MIND RIGHT

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." Romans 12:2 NIV

FOR DISCUSSION:

HOW HAVE YOU TURNED TO SOURCES OTHER THAN GOD FOR YOUR SATISFACTION? WITH WHAT RESULTS?

HOW DID YOU LEARN TO TRUST GOD TO FULFILL YOUR DEEPEST NEEDS?

WHICH ONE OF THE WAYS GOD SATISFIES US DO YOU APPRECIATE THE MOST TODAY?