

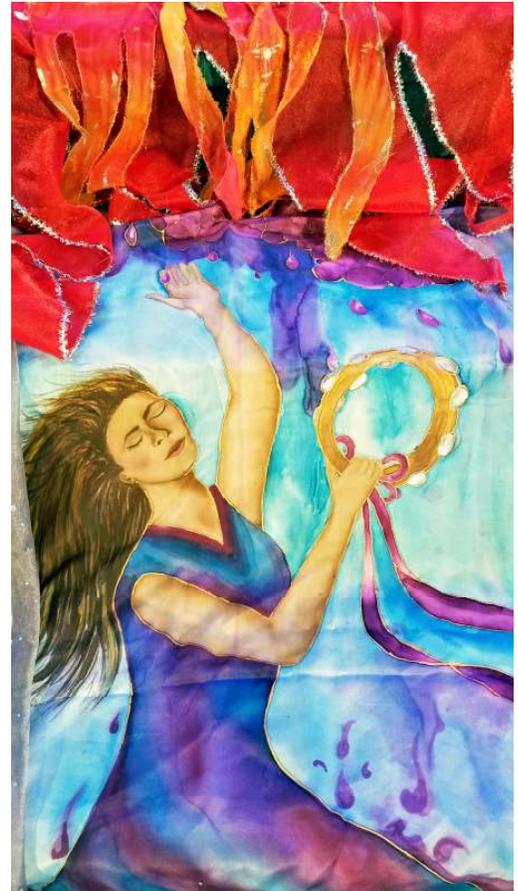
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The Gift of Hunger July 3, 2018 Suzi Armstrong

Deuteronomy 8.3 NIV

He humbled you, **causing you to hunger** and then feeding you with manna, which neither you nor your ancestors had known, **to teach you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

- Manna literally means, "What is it?" It was a mystery. In the mystery and uncertainty you can rely upon God. God's word brings revelation, gives direction, fills and fulfills. His promises are yes and amen.
- Hunger teaches us dependence upon God. There is a dichotomy in that we are to be full and hungry at the same time.
 - In 1 Samuel, When Eli was the priest, the word of the Lord was rare. When Eli died he fell over and the fall broke his neck. The Bible says that Eli was heavy.
 - This is a prophetic picture of the man of God being complacent – not in pursuit of the word of God for the nation and the people.
 - Eli's dependency had become on the flesh and not God.
 - The impact was that the nation suffered.
- Hunger moves you out of the place of comfort and complacency into a place of pursuit of God.
- Hunger stirs passion and desire – it brings a sharpening of focus.
- You get hungry when you eat (think about eating just 1 cookie) – not denying the goodness of God but putting you in reliance upon the goodness of God.
 - Not knowing all the answers in advance.
 - Knowing that God is good but not knowing how it is all going to work together for the good and bring you or your city and nation into destiny.
 - Hunger is a gift that arouses the pursuit of God.
 - Only the word of God satisfies and brings the fullness of God.
 - Jesus is the LIVING WORD – the governing word – the fullness.



Psalm 23.5 NIV

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.**

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

- In the midst of the plot of Satan to take us out – to take our city or our nation out – God sets a table and feeds us.

- God sends His word, reveals mysteries, gives strategy and blueprints, strengthens, encourages, fills with hope, brings understanding, causes vision to arise that is above the strategy of the enemy.
- His food is His word, His food is His presence and His glory, His food is His goodness.
- Stay hungry. Stay in the place of perpetually receiving the revelation of God.
- Hunger is a gift. Hunger leads us deeper into God.
- Stay hungry in the midst of abundance.
- Stay hungry in the midst of lack.
 - Paul says that he knows what it is like to have abundance and to be in lack.
 - The answer is more of God in both instances. To know Him and the power of His resurrection. To live, move and have your being in Him.



Psalm 107.5-9 TPT reworded for Detroit

⁵ Starving, thirsting, staggering,

Detroit became desperate and filled with despair.

⁶ **Then Detroit cried out, "Lord, help this city! Rescue us!" And He did!**

⁷ He led Detroit right into a place of safety and abundance, **a suitable city to dwell in.**

⁸ **So lift your hands and thank God for his marvelous kindness and for all his miracles of mercy** for those He loves.

⁹ **How He satisfies the souls of thirsty ones and fills the hungry with all that is good!**

- Thank You Lord for the transformation that Detroit is in – the rehabilitation of neighborhoods and communities.
- Thank You Lord for breathing new life into this city.
- Even though Detroit has experienced a measure of Your goodness and mercy poured out into the streets, the City is not satisfied.
- Detroit is hungry for more of the glory of the Lord.
- Detroit does not grow complacent in the midst of blessing, but has an insatiable hunger for full restoration and destiny.
- Fill Detroit with ALL THAT IS GOOD so that Detroit can resound the sound of God's goodness into the earth.

Luke 15.14-19 NASB

¹⁴ Now when he [the prodigal son – Detroit has been a prodigal city] had spent everything, **a severe famine occurred** [making the prodigal son or the prodigal city hungry] in that country, and he began to be impoverished. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

¹⁶ **And he would have gladly filled his stomach with the pods that the swine were eating, and no one was giving anything to him.** ¹⁷ But when he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have more than enough bread, but **I am dying here with hunger!** ¹⁸ **I will get up and go to my father,** and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in your sight; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; **make me** as one of your hired men.'"

Prophetic word to Detroit:

Arise Detroit! Arise! Even though great riches from the past have been squandered and lost, today is a **NEW DAY, a NEW BEGINNING.** For **I am making you into My city.** I have taken you back into Myself and NOW I will share what is MINE with you Detroit. Now you will live off of Me and what is MINE and what I give to you Detroit.

There is a new place that I am calling Detroit to. **Detroit, let your hunger be stirred – be ravenous for what I have and what I am doing in your midst. Receive My words. Hunger for truth.**

Be filled with new revelation and hope right now. **Be filled** with strength and courage to break into the next and the new that I am bringing to you Detroit. Be dependent not upon what you see Detroit, but **be dependent upon My word.** For My word is filled with the substance of what you long for and desire. My word brings creativity and revelation that will form your future. **I will set My banquet table in the midst of the strategies of the enemy to destroy this city, and I will confound the enemy and cause Detroit to continue to rise up out of the ashes as My city, says the Lord.**

My Spirit is upon you Detroit, so receive the fullness of what I am releasing – the fullness of My word to you – the fullness of My breath and the fullness of My life in the midst of the city.

