

## Crave God & His Word

1 Peter 1:23-2:3  
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Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good. - **1 Peter 2:2-3**

### I. We Must Be Born Again to Crave God and His Word (vs. 23-25)

- No one craves God and His word until they are born again (v. 23).
- Spiritually dead people do not crave God and His word (Romans 1:25).
- The Holy Spirit works by and with the word of God in giving new birth (James 1:18; Titus 3:5; Romans 10:17; John 3:3-8).

### II. The Goodness of God Leads to Craving Him and His Word (v. 3)

- If we have tasted of God's goodness, we will crave Him and His word (v.3).
- The same goodness of God tasted at salvation is the same goodness of God that motivates us to crave Him and His word every day after salvation.
- Praise God for His goodness every morning and through the day (Psalm 90:14).

### III. What Hinders Craving God and His Word? (v. 1)

- Sin hinders us from craving God and His word (v.1).
- God's word will keep you from sin, but sin will keep you from God's word.

### IV. What Does it Look Like to Crave God and His Word? (v. 2)

- Like a newborn baby crying for its mother's milk (v.2).
- Daily as our life depends on it (Matthew 4:4).
- Craving to know God, love Him, and become more like Him (2 Peter 3:18).

### V. Practical Application

- Confess to God not spending time with Him in His word and ask forgiveness.
- Praise God for His goodness and the gospel every day.
- Set aside a time each day with God in His word.
- Read a chapter a day through books of the Bible.
- Pray before, during, and after your time with God in His word.
- Have someone hold you accountable.
- If you need help talk to one of our elders.

**KNOW:** Those who are born again should crave God and His word like a newborn baby craves milk. Why? Because God is GOOD!

**DO:** Spend time with God in His word every day and praise Him for His goodness.

### Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families

Please read 1 Peter 1:23-2:3

1. What was most encouraging and/or convicting from the sermon?
2. Describe the *when, where, what, how,* and *why* of your spending time with God in His word?
3. Why is it so important to spend time with God in His word daily?
4. Why is it so important to read through books of the Bible rather than just the Daily Bread or other devotionals? Why do you think some people unfortunately only do the latter?
5. What hinders you or others from spending time with God in His Word? What are you going to do about this?
6. What will motivate us to spend time with God in His word?
7. How does the illustration in the text of a newborn craving milk help you to see the importance and priority of spending time in God's word?