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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Dt. 8:3 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. (NIV)

I wonder if we hunger for the word of God as much as we hunger for a juicy steak or a piece of cheesecake. Our hunger can be a physically strong craving that can only be satisfied by the intake of food. I've heard people say many things to explain their hunger: "*I'm so hungry I could eat a horse!*" (When you think about that; not such a good analogy.) The LORD causes us to hunger, both physically and spiritually. There is a hunger inside our hearts that longs to be in the presence of the One Who made us. And yes, He took care of the people of Israel as they made the long trek from Egypt to the 'promised land.' He gave them water to drink and food from His hand. But more importantly, He gave them a hunger to be in His presence. He led them with a pillar of fire at night and a pillar of cloud during the day. They never had to wonder if they were being taken care of.

Now what is fascinating to me is that it wasn't long into this experience that they began to complain about manna. They were complaining about God's provision. I mean an estimated one million people out in the wilderness, and the LORD was feeding every one of them daily. All they had to do was pick it up and eat it. And yet, they began to complain. Sounds a lot like us sometimes. He provides and we complain. Why can't we have something different? Why can't we enjoy choice foods? There was no better food than that which the LORD was giving them every morning! And by the way, the food of His word is more than enough to feed our hungry souls each day.

Dear LORD, help us to hunger and thirst for Your Word daily. We must never take for granted the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as You speak to us daily. Thank You for Your inspired, inerrant and reliable Word! In Jesus Name, Amen