

Heart-Tug

Let your heart hang on His every word.

TAKEN

I can remember being in middle school. I was hungry for attention and it came when the cutest boy in my class signed my yearbook. I can't count the number of times I read what he wrote. It was in cursive with black ballpoint pen. Each letter, each word, stole my heart. To look on this list of endless adjectives describing me was invigorating. I was on cloud nine. I was so taken with him. As I remember it, it was my first ever love letter. It was a big marker in my life as a pre-teen. You remember yours?

I can tell you, it's a completely different story when you are over the moon for the One who put the stars in place! When you read the Holy letters from the heart of God, each word that He wrote, it melts your heart into a puddle. It speaks to you in ways that nobody ever could -- I mean nobody. Middle school love can't touch it!

Jesus is the First, the Last, and everything-in-between-kind-of-love. It's a big marker in your life when you read His every word, over and over. Reviving the soul, it resuscitates you when you are at your lowest, and breathes life continually into your moments. It's no wonder it's called the Living Word.

Take a deep breath and let Him steal your heart over and over. Jesus, the Word made flesh, has so much to tell you and me. Be taken with Him.

ONLY ONE PLACE

“Lord, where else would we go?
You alone have the words of eternal life
and You are our only hope.” (John 6:68)

FOOD THAT DELIVERS HOPE

Every day, we're hungry and thirsty; running to the fridge, the pantry, or the drive-through. Daily, we eat and drink, several times a day. Could it be that God is practical and practically showing us the deeper truth? Our hearts are no different and Jesus is the food and drink we need.

Listen to these words from the heart of Jesus to us: “I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with Me will never be hungry, the one who believes in Me will never be thirsty. Every person the Father gives Me eventually comes running to Me. And once that person is with Me, I hold on and don't let go. Come, come every day to Me.” (John 6:35-38)

Do you catch this? First, we are to align ourselves with the Bread of Life. This hints to the disposing of something or someone else. Re-aligning our thoughts with the One who has the “words of eternal life.” We dispose the junk food and receive the real food. We purpose and connect are encouraged to

Run to the Bread of Life!

 discover the essence of our being and with our only real hope, Jesus. We run to the Bread of Life every day. My dog runs to a crumb on the floor. We are offered far more than a crumb.

Everybody's got a hungry heart. Every heart is thirsty. Each of us is designed to crave Him. We need His every word to sustain us soul deep and He will never let us go.

JUMP IN WITH BOTH FEET

“Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? (*Why? Don't!*) Listen, listen to Me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare.” (Isaiah 55:2)

RUN TO THE WELL

Like a bucket, continually being filled. Like the ocean, an endless supply. Jesus fills to overflowing, exceeding measure. Come to the waters. Come empty handed to be filled to overflowing.

“Whoever believes in Me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” (John 7:38)

THE MEASURE OF HIS LOVE

“I kneel before the Father now, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.” (Ephesians 3:14-19)

Amen
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Alleluia!