

## Rolling Hills Community Church

*“Blessed Are... Life’s Healing Choices”*

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***“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”***

**Matthew 5:1-6**

### **Life’s Healing Choices:**

- The Reality Choice – I can’t (“poor in spirit”)
- The Hope Choice – God can (“those who mourn”)
- The Commitment Choice – Let Him (“the meek”)
- The Housecleaning Choice – Get rid of the junk (“the pure in heart”)
- Today, The Transformation Choice...

*“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst...”*

Hunger and thirst are expressive of strong desire

For the people then, they were “hungry” for food and “thirsty” for water.

What are we “hungry” and “thirsty” for today? Attention, Approval, Acceptance

*“...for righteousness...”*

Jesus tells us to be “hungry” and “thirsty” for “righteousness.”

The Transformation Choice – Fill up with what is right (“hunger and thirst for righteousness”)

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God – this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer 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 12:1-2**

*“...for they will be filled.”*

Isn’t this what everyone wants? To be “filled” – to be satisfied and content.

The problem is we hunger and thirst for things that will not fill.

Roman proverb, “Money is like sea water. The more you drink the thirstier you get.”

We usually get what we are hungry and thirsty for. The problem is, the things of earth don’t satisfy. The promise is, the treasures of heaven do.

*“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 your soul will delight in the richest of fare.”* **Isaiah 55:1-2**

### **Jesus**

*“On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, ‘If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. Whoever believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.’”* **John 7:37**