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**LIVING IT OUT:** How have you observed that everybody is spiritually hungry? Share your story of trusting in Jesus in terms of how he satisfied some hunger in you? How do you know when you are seeking ultimate satisfaction in other things (people, activities, stuff, success, etc) besides Jesus? Do you ever struggle to believe Jesus can satisfy your hunger? How do you take your daily hungers to Jesus? What do you need to practice more to make Jesus your ultimate feast (prayer, bible study, solitude, fellowship, fasting, other)?



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