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THIRSTING *Thursday*

You are made for a relationship with God. Nothing in life will come close to the satisfaction of receiving God's offer of friendship. It will change your life! And having found the living water that flows freely, you will want to allow God's living water to flow through you, and to bring others to Jesus, the font.

O God, you are my God, I seek you,
MY SOUL THIRSTS FOR YOU
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psalm 63:1



Next week we will hear Jesus declare from the cross, "I thirst."

The cross is where our thirst meets the thirst of Jesus.

Sit with this for awhile. Everything you long for, the deepest desires of your heart, the things you have never dared to ask for: Jesus desires to meet you in your longing and fill you with all that will satisfy you.

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Ours is a God who not only reveals himself to us, but actively seeks an eternal relationship with us. God thirsts for all of us, but in particular God thirsts for you! So much so that he would give his life, death on a cross, that you might live with him.

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"If you knew the gift of God!" The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God's desire for us. Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God's thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him. (*Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) 2560*)

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CCC 2560



Spend this last week of Lent, before the Triduum begins next week on Holy Thursday, getting in touch with the places in your life that are dry - the places where you may be searching for something more, or feeling empty, alone, or unfulfilled. If you are able to recognize, observe, and honor those desert places, bring them to the cross on Good Friday, allowing your thirst to meet the thirst of Christ.



Fernando Ortega - Oh God, You Are My God (Psalm 63)



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