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Worldwide Famine

- **Amos 8:11-12** - “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord God,
 “when I will send a famine on the land—
not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water,
 but of hearing the words of the Lord.
¹² They shall wander from sea to sea,
 and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, to seek the word of the Lord,
 but they shall not find it.

3 Critical Needs in a Famine

1. **Food** – The Word of God
2. **Water** – Baptism for the Remission of Sins
3. **Salt** – Evangelism, Preservation, and Sustainability of Faith

Food – The Word of God

- **John 1:1-3** - In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

- **Matthew 4:4** - But he answered, “It is written,
“Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

- **John 6:35** - Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

The Bread That Came Down from Heaven

- **John 6:54-58** - Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ **This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”**

Water – Baptism for the Remission of Sins

- **John 4:13-15** - Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

Water Baptism for Forgiveness of Sins

- **Acts 2:37-39** - Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.

Salt – Evangelism, Preservation, and Sustainability of Faith

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Evangelism

- **Mark 16:15-16** - And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.
- **Romans 10:17** - So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.
- **2 Timothy 4:2** - preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.

Preservation and Sustainability

- **1 Thessalonians 5:11** – Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
- **Hebrews 3:13** – But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.
- **Ephesians 4:32** – Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Losing Your Saltiness

- **Matthew 5:13(b)** - but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

Share the Salt



YOU ARE THE SALT OF THE WORLD

YOU HAVE GREAT VALUE