Another thing that is equally as precious to every believer walking in discipleship is Communion with Christ.

Psalm 1:1-3

- 1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
- 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

We enjoy His love.

We receive His joy.

Our Delight is in the law of the Lord.

We live by His provision.

We possess the power of the Holy Ghost.

Power to live our private lives free from sin.

Power to live in public as a true testimony.

Power to bless others at church.

We possess the privileges of a Believer.

We are the sons of God by adoption.

We are accepted in the beloved.

We have access to the throne.

We have Hope.

Hope for His second coming.

Hope for the dead in Christ to rise first.

Hope for the living to be caught away.

Special Seasons intensify the Desire.

When we are convicted of sin

When we are tried with fiery trials.

When we walk in darkness.

When we work and labor.

When we come to the end of our life.

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Hunger for the Best

1 Samuel 21:8-9

8 And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thine hand spear or sword? for I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business required haste.
9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the valley of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it: for there is no other

Preaching is designed to provoke DESIRE & HUNGER for the things of God.

save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.

When I declare the EXCELLENCY of His Majesty, it should lead me to desire and to possess the BEST.

A conviction of excellence (There is none like that) provokes desire (Give it me).

The Excellence of God's WORD the "Sword of the Spirit" which is the "Word of God."

Ephesians 6:17

... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

- And, I hope you will say along with me, "There is none like that."
- The Bible is incomparable in it's <u>authorship</u>. God Himself wrote the Book.
- There is none like it for style. It's truth is inexhaustible.
- There is none like it for <u>doctrine</u>. It reveals Jesus, God, time, life, death, eternity, heaven and hell. It is rich in testimony.
- There is none like it for <u>impact</u>. It is a quickening force, water, fire, hammer and light.
- Our response to the excellence of His word is "GIVE IT ME."

The conviction of excellence also includes His Saving GRACE.

There is nothing like the Precious Blood of Jesus.

- When the blood is applied the death angel is defeated; we are washed whiter than snow; sin is removed and cast into the sea.
- We stand with "Neither spot nor wrinkle."

1 Peter 1:18-19

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

The Matchless Name of Jesus

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Psalm 8:1

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

We are the Righteousness of God Revealed

Romans 1:16 (Phillips NT)

16 For I am not ashamed of the Gospel. I see it as the very power of God working for the salvation of everyone who believes it, both Jew and Greek. I see in it God's plan for imparting righteousness to men, a process begun and continued by their faith. For, as the scripture says: 'The just shall live by faith'.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (WEY)

He has made Him who knew nothing of sin to be sin for us, in order that in Him we may become the righteousness of God.

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding.

Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

A conviction of excellence that leads us to desire possession is found in Unstaggering Faith.

Romans 4:16-25

- 16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,
- 17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.
- 18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.
- 19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:
- 20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;
- 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.
- 22 And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.
- 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;
- 24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;
- 25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

Unstaggering Faith:

- Holds on to the promises.
- Gives praise to God before the fulfillment.
- Gets the petition, which it desires.
- Removes every difficulty.
- Preserves peace.