

## **Cravings**

### **Ready:**

"Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation..."  
-1 Peter 2:2

### **Set**

Smarty Jones became the third consecutive horse, and the 18th overall, to fail to win the Triple Crown after winning the first two legs. Virtually an unknown before winning the Kentucky Derby, many fans have grown to adore the young Philly. "We're starving for a Triple Crown winner, and I think everyone thought that this was the one, including myself," said Smarty Jones' trainer John Servis.

When the Israelites left a life of slavery in Egypt and were wandering through the desert, their craving for food other than manna became stronger than their craving for the Lord. It wasn't enough that God was providing food to keep them alive, they wanted steak, too. Their cravings shifted from their Deliverer to their stomachs. (Read Numbers 11:4-34 to find out where that led them.)

There is nothing wrong with wanting to see a Triple Crown winner. Who doesn't want to win it all? That's a given in sports. The problem is that all too often we end up putting our cravings for these things above our craving for God and His Word. The Bible tells us that we should crave the Word of God the same way a newborn baby craves his mother's milk, because that is how we mature in our walk with the Him.

Today, may your craving for the Lord supersede all others.

### **Go**

1. What is the strongest craving you have related to sports?
2. How does that compare with the craving for God and His Word in your life?
3. How can you strengthen your desire for God today?

### **Workout**

Numbers 11:4-34  
Psalm 78:18  
Philippians 3:8-9

### **Bible Reference:**

1 Peter 2



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