

## (I Can't Get No) Satisfaction

The prophets Jagger and Richards once wrote:

*I can't get no satisfaction, 'cause I try, and I try, and I try, and I try*

*When I'm watchin' my TV and a man comes on and tells me*

*How white my shirts can be*

*But, he can't be a man 'cause he doesn't smoke the same cigarettes as me*

The Sunday after Christmas, the pastor at my church used the repeated phrase to emphasize and carry along his sermon:

*Was it enough? Christmas, I mean.*

Originally, for 2022, my One Word was going to be, again, 'Grateful'. But, over the last couple of weeks, and with our pastor's 'tag line' repeating in my head, it's been on my heart that I need to change it to 'Satisfied'. That, then, provides the topic for this week ... being satisfied.

### Bible References:

- The Book of Exodus (we won't read it this morning)
- Ecclesiastes 3:12-13
- Ecclesiastes 4:7-8

### Discussion:

1. What good is being 'thankful in all things' if we are not also 'satisfied' for that which we are thankful?

2. Give examples, in your life, of time then you may have been thankful but not satisfied.

"I give thanks for \_\_\_\_\_, but ...."

3. Think of a time when a prayer was answered, Did you give thanks? Were you satisfied with the outcome? Why or why not.

4. Can we really be fully thankful if we are not also satisfied? Discuss.

- a. In context of things of this world?
  
- b. In context of things in our walk with Christ?

Scripture:

- Ecclesiastes 3:12-13  
*12 I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; 13 also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.*
  
- Ecclesiastes 4:7-8  
*7 Again, I saw vanity under the sun: 8 one person who has no other, either son or brother, yet there is no end to all his toil, and his eyes are never satisfied with riches, so that he never asks, "For whom am I toiling and depriving myself of pleasure?" This also is vanity and an unhappy business.*