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In the past couple of weeks I have had two encounters with the smell of popcorn, freshly popped. One was in the theatre lobby where I was performing *1776*. The other was at Above and Beyond Children's Museum, where we were taking our grandsons, who I refer to as "Da Boyz", while they were visiting this week. In the theatre, I had to wait until after a 3 hour performance to get my popcorn cravings satisfied. In the museum, there was instant gratification! You see, I love popcorn, especially when it is cooked in one of those special popcorn machines. Jill got me a small version of one for Christmas, that's how much of a popcorn nut I am. So, when I walk into a place which has the smell of popcorn, why, the price is really not an object. I believe the urban myth that movie theatres pipe the popcorn smell into the parking lots so that by the time you get into the lobby you have, like Pavlov's dogs, already taken your money out for a large box of popcorn and a soda.

So, what about your life? What about your church? Does it have the "popcorn smell effect" on people? Do people get around you and your church and think, boy, I gotta get me some of that life! That's what I am hoping will be the impact of our discipleship events we will do starting in September. That is what I hope the effect of our worship experiences will be on all who attend. They will be so excited to enter into a time of praise that they will have their mouths singing and their hearts lifted high by the time they walk in the doors of the sanctuary!

Sometimes we need to be patient for our future Hope...and that is alright. The "popcorn" tastes so good after hours of anticipation! Let's learn together how we can wait patiently on the Lord for his good to be revealed. And sometimes we will have instant gratification...the Spirit will deliver to us the best meal of all, The Bread of Life and the Wine, the Fruit of the Vine. Let's learn how to anticipate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper just like we do when popcorn nuts like me walk in the movie theatre.

So, as you enter your weekend, and plan your week ahead, think about what needs to happen in your life for you family and friends to notice the "sweet smell" of our future Hope in your life.

This Sabbath Day my prayer for you is that you will rest in the God of your salvation...and allow the Spirit to stir the seeds of Hope waiting to "pop" into life inside of you!

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