

Jesus, Bread, & Life

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JOHN 6:5-13, 28-35 (NIV)

5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" 8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). 11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. 12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." 13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

28 Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" 29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." 30 So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." 35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

notes

(THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)



(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

Have you ever eaten so much food that you were beyond full but it was so good you kept eating? Was there ever a time that you were so hungry but nothing seemed to fill you up?

Read John 6:5-13. How and when has God miraculously provided for your needs? What needs do you have right now that He might be inviting you to trust him with?

Read John 6:28-35. What does God desire from us (verse 28-29)? In what way has Jesus satisfied your hunger and thirst for acceptance and meaning in life? In what ways do you still feel empty? How does physical hunger relate to spiritual hunger in this chapter?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

Isaiah 58:10 (NLT) - Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

TAKE A STEP:

Who do you know that you could bless this week? Is there a need you can help meet for someone else?

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GENERAL OFFERING

2023 Weekly Budget: \$10,187 Given March 12th: \$8,061 Difference: (\$2,126)

 2023 Annual Budget:
 \$529,724

 2023 Budget YTD:
 \$101,870

 2023 Given YTD:
 \$86,392

 Difference:
 (\$15,478)

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BYC March 12th: \$3,349 BYC YTD: \$23,865 BYC Total Given: \$346,358

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