PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Food for Life

Plane crash survivors in the wilderness

- Hundreds of miles from safety
- Tooth paste & a few candy bars
- What food would you choose to survive on?

Psalm 8:2, 4 & **6**, Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength... What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?... You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet

*What have people done with that authority?

Matthew 21:16 (12-16, Triumphal

Entry) And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?" (Psalm 8:2)

*Man's self-sufficient use of authority has not done well.

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John 4:31-34, Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought Him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

John 5:19, Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **the Son can do nothing of Himself**, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.

*What was Jesus's food for life?

John 14:27 & 16:33, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

"These things I have spoken to you, that **in Me you may have peace**. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

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John 20:21, So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

*Does our food keep us alive & safe?

Matthew 28:18, Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth." (So go and do for others what I've done for you – produce disciples)

*What did He do with His authority?

Philippians 2:5-8, Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

*No one can take from us what we freely give

Matthew 5:3, "Blessed are **the poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

*Do we come to God empty of ourselves?

I Peter 2:2, Like newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby

*Are we willing, like the one who is the word, to make ourselves as dependent on The Father as a nursing infant is on its mother's milk?

Psalm 8:6 & Matthew 28:18

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*The praise of absolute dependence on God is strength!

Adam would have ruled if he would have lived dependent on God. He took his given authority to himself, for himself.

Will we live like the first Adam, or the second Adam, (Matt. 28:18-20 & I Cor. 15:45-49)

- Go & do for others what I've done for you...
- Like I did for you (Phil. 2:2-5)

<u> Things To Pray & Do:</u>

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- Receive God given authority
- Surrender it completely like Christ did
- Commit to using your life to help others
- Drink deeply from the milk of God's Word
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