PENINSULA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

The Bread of Life

Who have you seen Jesus reveal God to be so far?

- *What is He trying to hand them & us, disciples & inquirers?*

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John 6:22-40

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Vs. 22-24*, The curious seekers realize He gave them the slip!* ***We need to find Him!***

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Do you ever find yourself thinking, Wait! ***Where is He?*** *I've lost track of Him.*

- *Is there any reason to go anywhere, or do anything without Him?*

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When you find yourself separated from Him… ***Find Him***

- ***Matthew 7:8****,* "For everyone who asks receives, and **he who seeks finds**"

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Jeremiah 29:13*,* And you will seek Me and find Me, **when you search for Me with all your heart**.

- *Take Him as His word. He wants to be found by you*

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Vs. 25*,* And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?"

- *He may not answer the question you ask.*

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James 4:3*,* You ask and do not receive, because **you ask** amiss, **that you may spend it on your pleasures**.

- *He's liable to answer what you need to hear instead*

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Vs. 26*,* Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, **you seek Me**, not because you saw the signs, but **because you ate of the loaves** and were filled."

- *You just want another free meal*

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Vs. 27*,* "Do not **labor for** the food which perishes, but for **the food which endures to everlasting life**, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him."

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*John & Matthew both offer eye witness accounts of what happened here (****Matt.14****)*

- *Long after the Sermon on the Mount (****Matthew 5-7****)*
- *How many of these were there? Quite possibly some.*

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Matthew 6:25-26 *&* ***31-33****,* "Therefore I say to you, **do not worry about** your life, **what you will eat** or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. **Is not life more than food** and the body more than clothing? **Look at the birds of the air**, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet **your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?**… "Therefore **do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?'** or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For **your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things**. But **seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness**, and all these things shall be added to you."

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What do we need most? Food for our body, or food for eternal life?

- ***John 4:31-32*** *(The Samaritan woman at the well),* In the meantime His disciples urged Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know."
- *Which meal do we desire to eat with Him most?*

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As His disciples who live with Him daily… are the dots starting to connect & line up?

- *As we hear Him respond to those wanting things from Him…*
- *Are we (His disciples) learning, even if those asking are not?*

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Vs. 28*,* Then they said to Him, "What shall **we do**, that we may work **the works of God?**"

- *What are they asking for? To be acceptable to God? To do miracles?*
- *Some today believe they are authorized to tell God what to give them.*

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Vs. 29*,* Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you **believe in Him whom He sent**."

- *Once again, He answered what they needed, not what they asked for*

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Vs. 30-31*,* Therefore they said to Him, "**What sign will You perform then**, **that we may see it and believe You?** What work will You do? Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " (***Vs. 11, 23 & 26***)

- *They wanted Him to perform on their terms. Some still do.*

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If ever Jesus was tempted to be sarcastic, this would qualify. ***(Hebrews 2:18 & 4:15)***

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Vs. 32-33*,* Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but **My Father gives you the true bread from heaven**. For the bread of God is **He who comes down from heaven** and gives life to the world."

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Vs. 34*,* Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

- *Sincere, but clueless*

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Vs. 35-36*,* And Jesus said to them, "**I am the bread of life.** He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and **he who believes in Me** shall never thirst. But I said to you that **you have seen Me** and **yet do not believe**.

- ***Matthew 5:6****,* "Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they shall be filled."
- *We need to believe in* ***who He is****, not what He does*

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Vs. 37-38*,* "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. For **I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will**, but the will of Him who sent Me."

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Jesus is not picking & choosing. He discriminates against no one

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John 3:16-17*,* "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that **whoever believes in Him** should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but **that the world through Him might be saved**."

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II Peter 3:9, The Lord is not slow concerning His promise, as some count slowness, but is longsuffering toward you, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

- Jesus demonstrates the patience of God toward us

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Vs. 39-40, "This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that **everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him** may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

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Do we believe He is Messiah, the Christ, Emmanuel, God with us?

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Walking the west side of the main street in Cannon Beach

- *When we encounter His essence, He is tantalizing, and we want more*

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