



CONVERSATIONS
*what is Jesus
saying to you?*

THE BREAD CONVERSATION PART 3

July 23rd, 2017

TEXT: JOHN 6:60-71

⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" ⁶¹ But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this?" ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) ⁶⁵ And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

⁶⁶ After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, ⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God." ⁷⁰ Jesus answered them, "Did I not choose you, the twelve? And yet one of you is a devil." ⁷¹ He spoke of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he, one of the twelve, was going to betray him. – John 6:60-71 ESV

TRUE DISCIPLESHIP VS FALSE DISCIPLESHIP

²¹ "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; ... – Matthew 7:21-23 ESV

Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Jesus did. – 1 John 2:6 NLT

1. I Must Obey and Believe, Not Get Offended and Bail.

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And Samuel said, "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. – 1 Samuel 15:22 ESV

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. – Matthew 16:24-25 ESV

2. I Must Yield to the Spirit, Not Rely on the Flesh.

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– John 6:62-64 ESV

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do...²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. – Galatians 5:16-17, 25 ESV

3. I Must Follow Jesus, not the Crowd.

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– John 6:66-69 ESV

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. – Romans 12:2 ESV

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK...

- Memorize **John 6:68**.
- Commit each day to laying down my own agenda, yielding to the Spirit, and following Jesus.
- Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.