



Life's Hidden Hunger

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TEXT: John 6:1-13

You gave them bread from heaven for their hunger - Nehemiah 9:15 ESV

Turning My “Too’s” Around

1. NO PROBLEM IS TOO BIG FOR JESUS TO SOLVE.

Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” - John 6:5-7 ESV

...that you may know...what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ... - Ephesians 1:18-20 ESV

2. NO PERSON IS TOO SMALL FOR JESUS TO USE.

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. - John 6:8-11 ESV

For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. - 1 Corinthians 1:26-29 ESV

3. NO HUNGER PAIN IS TOO DEEP FOR JESUS TO SATISFY.

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave 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.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. - John 6:32-35 ESV

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." - John 6:25-28 ESV

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For in him we live and move and have our being - Acts 17:28 ESV

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied. - Matthew 5:6 ESV

HOW WE SHOULD HUNGER FOR JESUS

- **PREEMINENTLY** - *But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you - Matthew 6:33 ESV*
- **PURPOSEFULLY** - *Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food - Isaiah 55:2 ESV*
- **PERPETUALLY** - *Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." - John 6:54-58 ESV*

Next Steps

- Memorize *John 6:35*.**
- Decide to no longer let my limitations limit God in my life.**
- Hunger after Jesus preeminently, purposefully, perpetually.**
- Give my life to Jesus as Savior and Lord, for the first time.**

Walk The Talk

A Growth Group Guide

Read *John 6:1-13, 25-59*.

1. What is the longest you have gone without food? How difficult was the experience? Or, have you ever had to eat at the same table with someone you didn't know? What was that like?
2. Look through the three main points in the outline above. Which one spoke to you the strongest? Explain.
3. Why do you think he tested the disciples beforehand, while already knowing what he was going to do? Why do you think Jesus left so much bread afterward for the disciples?
4. Is there something in the later conversation about bread (verses 25-59) that got your attention? What was hard to grasp? How is one to "work" for the bread of life referred to in verse 29?
5. When Jesus compares himself with the Manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16), how is he the same? How is he different?
6. How would you describe your daily spiritual diet: Junk food? Frozen dinners? Baby food? Leftovers? Meat and potatoes?