DINNER CONVERSATIONS Spectator—Part 4 of 7

KEY OBSERVATION #1: As long as you <u>WANT</u> something from someone, you cannot have an intimate, <u>AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIP</u> with them.

KEY TRUTH: God gave us everything we needed and wanted because He gave us **HIMSELF**.

"...the peace that transcends all understanding." Philippians 4:7

KEY OBSERVATION #2: John and the other disciples did not follow Jesus because of **FAITH**. They followed Jesus because of what they **SAW** and **HEARD**.

"31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing, you might have"

John 20:31

• **FOURTH SIGN:** The **FEEDING** of the five thousand.

"2 ...and a great crowd of people follow him because they saw the miraculous signs that he had performed by healing the sick.

3 Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. 4 The Jewish Passover festival was near. 5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, 5 he said to Phillip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?' 6 He asked this only to test Philip. For He already had in mind what he was going to do. 7 Phillip answered him, 'Well it would take more than a half years wages to buy enough bread for each 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. 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. 14 After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, 'Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.'" John 6:2-14

"15 Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, he withdrew again to a mountain by himself." John 6:15

"25 When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, 'Rabbi, when did you get here?' 26 Jesus answered, 'I tell you the truth, you are looking for me not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. 27 Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.'" John 6:25-27

"30 So they asked him, 'What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? 31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert...'" John 6:30-31a

"...many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him." John 6:66

"I am the resurrection and the life..." John 11:25

KEY QUESTION: Who do **YOU** believe I am?

"Instruct me and teach me in the way I should go. Counsel me with your eye upon me." Psalm 32:8

"...offer your bodies as living sacrifices..." Romans 12:1a

"Father, not my will, but Thy will be done." Mark 14:36

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