

BREAD OF LIFE - BELIEF / LIFE

John 6:60-71 PASTOR HAS ALL ANSWERS - LIFE.

Memorize before Easter
not easier to do

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John 6:60-65 - ^{insufferable} "When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This is a hard saying; who can ^{SUBMIT} 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."

HARD TRUTH
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How DO WE DEAL?

- DON'T FORGET WHO GOD IS
 - WHAT IF YOU SEE ME FOR WHO I PLAN AM?
 - AUTHOR OF SALVATION
GOD'S DESIGN
 - GOD'S POWER IN GOSPEL
- Romans 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
- PLAN IS PERFECT
SPIRIT HAS POWER
FAITH IS KEY →

- DON'T FORGET WHO WE ARE
- EPH 2 - Dead
- Saved by grace through faith
- There are spiritual realities at play we often don't acknowledge
- We are stewards (Paul)
- not editors
- gospel is power

WHAT DO WE DO w/ HARD TRUTH?

We should be people who exude the faithful character of Christ

Galatians 5:22-23 - But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

However, we should not make God more palatable than he has made himself.

"This is hard, who can listen?"
+ we want part to believe
But half faith = no power, not half power.

John 6:66-67 - 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?"

Life has a way of choking fruits
Cynicism
Deconstruction
Discouragement

You are formed by your life
You must be transformed

Romans 12:1-2 - I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 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.

Many desert Christ because the Jesus of the Bible cannot be reconciled with our formation.

- We want to form Jesus in our image we either find a way to do that or we leave
- Jesus must be taken as he is
- We are the ones who need to change

Jesus asks for their sake, not his
The one Jesus asks this morning:
Do you want to go?

- These are Jesus' words, not Paul, not OT
- Son of God, sent by Father, full of Spirit = "Nahi."
- No matter who + how, when God confronts you, it is a challenge

John 6:68-71 - 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.

It's not that the sayings aren't hard
It's that life with Jesus is worth it

What do you believe?
Do you believe in a Jesus who might make life harder?

Where else should we go?

Romans 8:16-17 - The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs - heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

Judas - hanging around but didn't believe something else more precious

The temptation to go elsewhere, but I can't.

What sees as through is the ray of the truth!

John Eviding - Hosanna → crucifixion hanging around, didn't believe something else more precious

OTHER WORSHIPPERS MAY COMFORT APPROACH SUFFER TROUBLE OR EASE ... but it is worth being here

Delight as part of discipleship