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Exploring the strange things that Jesus said.



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# Jesus' Toughest Challenge II

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# **A QUICK RECAP FROM PART 1**

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**John 6:26 (ESV)**

**26 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.**

**CHALLENGE #1**

**BELIEVING AND FOLLOWING JESUS, AND THEN WALKING THAT OUT IS NEVER CHEAP OR FREE.**

**John 6:27 (ESV)**

**27 Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life,**

**CHALLENGE #2**

**OUR BELIEF IN JESUS SHOULD HAVE ENOUGH IMPACT ON OUR LIVES THAT WE LIVE THEM OUT WITH AS MUCH KINGDOM-FOCUS AS WE CAN.**

**LIVE MORE ETERNAL-KINGDOM-ORIENTED!**



**John 6:28-29 (ESV)**

**28 Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” 29 Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.**

**CHALLENGE #3**

- **NEVER FALL INTO THE TRAP OF THINKING THAT YOU CAN ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING MEANINGFUL FOR THE KINGDOM APART FROM JESUS**
- **IN YOUR VIEW OF HOW WE RELATE TO GOD, BE RELATIONSHIP-ORIENTED, NOT WORKS-ORIENTED**

**John 6:35-36 (ESV)**

**35 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. 36 But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe.**

**CHALLENGE #4**

**A CORRECT VIEW OF A LIFE IN JESUS AND WALKING THAT OUT WITH HIM WILL ALMOST ALWAYS CHALLENGE A LOT OF THE RELIGIOUS CULTURE OF THE DAY.**



**John 6:37-38 (ESV)**

**37 All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.**  
**38 For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me.**

**CHALLENGE #5**

**IT MIGHT BE A REAL REVELATION FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND YOUR FUTURE IS SECURE AND OUT OF THAT WE SHOULD REALIZE THAT WE CAN BE AS GOD AND KINGDOM-DRIVEN AS JESUS WAS.**



**John 6:40 (ESV)**

**40 For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."**

**CHALLENGE #6**

**THESE WORDS OF JESUS WERE CHALLENGING THE RELIGIOUS CULTURE OF THE DAY AS HE STARTED ROLLING OUT GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR MANKIND. IT WAS AS MUCH AN INVITATION AND CHALLENGE TO BELIEVE THEN AS IT IS FOR US TODAY.**

**John 6:41-69 (ESV)**

**So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 They said, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" 43 Jesus answered them, "Do not grumble among yourselves. 44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. 45 It is written in the Prophets, 'And they will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—46 not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life.**



**48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 51 I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."**

**52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.**

**55 For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. 56 Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. 57 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. 58 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."**

**59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. 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.”**

**John 6:41-42 and 48-52 (ESV)**

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## **CHALLENGE #7**

- **ALWAYS LET SCRIPTURE DEFINE YOUR THEOLOGY**
- **DON'T GET STUCK IN YOUR OWN WAY OF THINKING ABOUT WHO JESUS IS AND HOW HE IS SUPPOSED TO ACT OR RELATE TO US.**
- **ALWAYS LET JESUS' WORDS AND SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE DETERMINE WHAT YOU BELIEVE ABOUT HIM.**

**John 6:53-58 (ESV)**

**53** So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. **54** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. **55** For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. **56** Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. **57** 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. **58** 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.”



**CHALLENGE #8**

**NOTE THAT JESUS CONTINUED TO PRESS IN ON THE VERY THINGS THAT WERE CLEARLY MAKING EVERYONE SO UNCOMFORTABLE...AND THE SAME WILL BE FOR YOU AS YOU MOVE FORWARD IN RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.**

**John 6:59-60 (ESV)**

**59 Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum. 60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?"**

**CHALLENGE #9**

**IF WE ARE GOING TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD WITH GOD...WE ARE ALL GOING TO ENCOUNTER A COUPLE OF "HARD SAYINGS" THAT ARE GOING TO BE RECEIVED WITH JUST AS MUCH DIFFICULTY WITH US, AS IT DID THIS DAY WITH JESUS .**



**John 6:61-66 (ESV)**

**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.**

**CHALLENGE #10**

- **THERE ARE TIMES WHEN THE ONLY WAY WE CAN MOVE FORWARD SUCCESSFULLY WITH GOD IN THE UPSIDE-DOWN KINGDOM IS BY FAITH.. DIRECTED BY THE SPIRIT.**
- **OUR FLESH PROVIDES NOTHING FOR OUR FAITH...AND WE WILL ALWAYS FALL WAY SHORT OF HOW GOD EXPECTS US TO OPERATE IN THE KINGDOM IF WE MUST HAVE EVERYTHING SHOWN TO US FIRST.**



**John 6:67-69 (ESV)**

**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."**

**CHALLENGE #11**

**IN THIS LIFE WE WILL HAVE PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES TO QUIT ON MOVING FORWARD WITH GOD. THE CHALLENGE IS TO STAY COMMITTED IN FOLLOWING CHRIST NO MATTER WHAT WE ENCOUNTER OR HOW TOUGH IT BECOMES.**

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