CHAPTER 24
Jesus—No Ordinary Man
JOHN 6
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John 6: 1-15
Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), 2 and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. 3 Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. 4 The Jewish Passover Feast was near. 5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one 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?"
Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. 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. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. 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." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.
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1) Jesus is a POWERFUL PROVIDER, a multiplier of our faith.
The feeding of the 5,000 was a lesson about our faith and God’s faithfulness.

Jesus is Jehovah Jireh = “The Lord will provide” (Genesis 22)

When we trust Jesus in faith, he can take our little and make a lot!
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John 6:16-21
16 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. 18 A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. 19 When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. 20 But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid. 21 Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat Reached the shore where they were heading.
Jesus meets us in the storms of life

He is the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

He is the anchor for our soul.
Heb. 6:19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.
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3) Jesus has made a PROFOUND PROMISE... he is the way to salvation, the way to eternal life, and in him is true satisfaction.
When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" 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. 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."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?
31 Our forefathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' "32 Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread." 35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.

40 For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."
Jesus is the bread of life, the food for our deepest hunger

Why bread? Bread is a universal staple & bread satisfies

True life is found only in a relationship with Jesus Christ (John 10:10)

True contentment is found only in a relationship with Jesus Christ (Philippians 4:11-13; Matthew 6:33)
Jesus was and is no ordinary man... He’s a POWERFUL PROVIDER, a PERSONAL PRESENCE, and he’s made a PROFOUND PROMISE; and just like his disciples 2,000 years ago, all of us today must also make a choice.

The Choice: Will you trust and follow Jesus?

THE STORY
At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."  

They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.  

"You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve.  

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.  

We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."
John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 6:35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."

Psalm 34:8α Taste and see that the Lord is good