

Believe!

18th Week of Ordinary Time – John 6: 24-35

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There are those who believe. There are those who do not believe. How about you? If you were one of the crowd who got into a boat to go to **Capernaum looking for Jesus**”...What would you have been looking for? Would you be looking for **“food that perishes or food that endures for eternal life?”**

In other words, are you looking for the short term fix (a bigger house, a newer car, a better physique, a new pair of shoes) or the long term lasting fulfillment that is Jesus Christ? I have to admit...I am one who believes in Jesus ... But I have a tendency to go toward those things that are of this world. I am a creature-comfort kind of gal.


So what might I learn as Jesus challenges us this week on the meaning of him as **“the bread come down from heaven”**? I might first reflect on what I hunger for in this life. What do I long for? What do I need?

Well ...I seek love. I seek acceptance. I seek meaning to the challenges and struggles of life. As Jesus says, **“Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.”** Yes, Lord... I am one of those who find comfort in the tangible things of this world. So help me, Lord to know you better!

I admit that I need Jesus in my life so that I can survive the disappointments, the heartaches, the losses that tear at my soul. I need a Savior to save me from myself. I need to be reminded every day that I need God in my life because my boat will sink without the Divine. I need to remember that what I seek in life is to be filled up with hope, that my life has meaning.

I seek the peace that comes from finding the **“true bread from heaven”**. I am like those in the gospel this week who say to Jesus, **“Sir, give us this bread always.”** Jesus responds, **“I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”** All I need to do is believe!

Blessings!


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