

A LIFE-TIME FULL OF FAITH

Conclusion to the series: *Summer of Faith*

Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved. Psalm 55:22 ESV

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?
Psalm 56:3-4 ESV

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. 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.” John 6:47-51 ESV

*When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, “Do you take offense at this? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? 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**. 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.) And he said, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father.” After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. So Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you want to go away as well?” Simon Peter answered him, “**Lord, to whom shall we go?** You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Christ, the Holy One of God.”* John 6:60-69 ESV

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Discuss these questions with someone – maybe a family member, friend, or member of your Grace Group. Use a communication method that works best for your situation.

WARM-UP: What has been one hard fact that you found difficult to accept? // How is your faith in God as of recent?

REVIEW: After many of Jesus' followers deserted him, he asked His 12 disciples if they were also going to leave. Peter replied, “Lord., to whom shall we go?” In his straightforward way, Peter answered for all of us – there is no other way. It's true that there are many philosophies and self-made ideologies, but only Jesus has the words of eternal life. Stay with him, especially when you're confused, feeling discouraged, or feel alone. Read the Bible passage and be ready to apply what you've read to your own personal life.

APPLY: What stood out to you from this past Sunday's message/the Scriptures we just read? // What has been difficult in your life as of late? // As we grow in our faith, we may be tempted to turn away because Jesus' lessons are difficult. We may feel like giving up, ignoring certain teachings, or rejecting Christ. Instead, ask God to show you what the teachings mean, how they apply to your life, and have the courage to act on God's truth. // Whom can you share the hope of Christ with this week? (Invite to Group, service; pray with them, etc.)

PRAY: Pray for those on your “VIP 5x5”. Pray for one another to live a life FULL of faith- trusting in Jesus and His word. Let's also believe God in prayer for one another's needs in the group.

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2Timothy 3:16-17

Bible Reading

- August 1:** Psalm 57-59, Romans 4
- August 2:** Psalm 60-62, Romans 5
- August 3:** Psalm 63-65, Romans 6
- August 4:** Psalm 66-67, Romans 7
- August 5:** Psalm 68-69, Romans 8:1-21
- August 6:** Psalm 70-71, Romans 8:22-39
- August 7:** Psalm 72-73, Romans 9:1-15
- August 8:** Psalm 74-76, Romans 9:16-33



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