I Am the Bread of Life! I AM, Part 2

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John 6:26, Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.

John 6:35, Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life.

Exodus 3:14, God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you."

John 6:30, So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? 31 Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32 Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, 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.

Exodus 16:2, In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. 3 The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." ... 15 When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

Jesus Reminds Us That:

1. We Spend Too Much Energy on What Does Not SATISFY US

John 6:27, Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

<u>Isaiah 55:2</u>, Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does <u>not satisfy</u>?

2. Salvation Is by FAITH ALONE

John 6:28, Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" 29 Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

Ephesians 2:8, For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

3. True Satisfaction Is Found in JESUS ALONE

John 6:33, For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." 35 Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

<u>Matthew 5:6</u>, Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

4. Jesus Will Be Rejected by MANY

John 6:36, ... you have seen me and still you do not believe. ... 41 At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." 42 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'?"

<u>John 6:60</u>, On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching...

5. The Offer of Eternal Life Is Available to EVERYONE

John 6:40, For my Father's will is that <u>everyone</u> who looks to the Son and <u>believes in him shall</u> <u>have eternal life</u>, and I will raise them up at the last day."

Isaiah 55:1, "Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost... 6 Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near.