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Agenda

- Welcome/Introductions & Opening Prayer - Dena
- Scripture Reading John 6:1-14 ESV – Ed
- Communion - Ed
- Worship Music - *Give Me Jesus (Lynda Randle)*
- John Week 11-2 Video
- Discussion: *Bread of Life* - Dena
- Prayer Requests - Dena
- Closing Prayer - Dena



THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

BREAD OF LIFE

John 6 (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. 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. 39 And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.

John 6 (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.” 41 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.”

John 6 (ESV)

“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.”

John 6 (ESV)

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.”

John 6 (ESV)

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.

The Point

Jesus is a continuous source of strength, patience, and peace, providing the spiritual nourishment needed to sustain us in challenging moments.

Communion

Remembering His sacrifice.



Communion

- Communion reminds us that Jesus is our strength & sustenance.
- It symbolizes the renewal we need for daily caregiving.
- Through communion, we're reminded we're not alone in this journey.
- It assures us of eternal life for ourselves & our loved one.
- Communion offers peace & renewal for our caregiving role.

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said,

“This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

(1 Corinthians 11:23-24)

*In the same way also he took the cup, after supper,
saying,*

*“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as
often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you
proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

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BREAD OF LIFE

**How Does This Bible Passage
Relate to My Situation Today?**



How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Jesus, the Bread of Life, provides spiritual sustenance, reminding us to seek His strength daily
- His promise of eternal life offers us hope & grounding us in a purpose beyond the trials of caring for our loved one
- Just as physical bread nourishes, Jesus provides ongoing spiritual support to meet the emotional demands of caregiving

How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- The security of eternal life comforts us, knowing our loved one's worth & value is rooted in God's love, not in their memory or abilities
- Jesus' endurance & patience with humanity inspires us to extend grace & patience in the face of frustration or exhaustion
- Jesus' presence provides a sense of companionship, reminding us that we are not alone on this journey

How Does This Bible Passage Relate to My Situation Today?

- Just as Jesus invites everyone to partake in the Bread of Life, we are reminded to rely on Him regularly, drawing peace & wisdom from His Word
- Jesus' teaching encourages us to be mindful of our spiritual health, knowing that His support sustains us to care for our loved one effectively
- The assurance of God's love through Jesus gives us peace, knowing that we are loved & seen by God in our caregiving role

Discussion Questions

- What do you think Jesus meant when He referred to Himself as the "Bread of Life" & how does this metaphor resonate with you personally?
- In what ways do you experience spiritual hunger in your life? How can recognizing Jesus as the "Bread of Life" help to satisfy that hunger?
- Can you share an experience where you felt spiritually fed?
- What might it look like to facilitate an environment where you can share spiritual nourishment with our loved one?

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