

The Gospel of John Series

Safe In The Father's Will

John 6:35-40



5-Day Devotional Companion

A 5-Day Journey Through John 6:35-40

Welcome to the Journey

Sometimes we find ourselves chasing after things that never quite satisfy. We work harder, achieve more, build better relationships, yet that nagging sense of emptiness remains. Like a person searching for food when they're truly hungry, we keep reaching for things that leave us wanting more.

This is exactly what was happening in John 6. A crowd had just witnessed Jesus feed over 5,000 people with a few loaves and fish. They were amazed, they were fed, but they came back wanting more bread. Jesus, however, wanted to give them something far better than another meal. He wanted to give them Himself; the true Bread that satisfies the deepest hunger of the human soul.

In John 6:35-40, Jesus makes one of His most profound claims and offers one of His most secure promises. He declares that He is the Bread of Life and assures us that everyone who comes to Him will be safe in the Father's will: never rejected, never lost, and promised eternal life with resurrection glory.

This 5-day devotional guide is designed to accompany the sermon "Safe In The Father's Will" and help you discover what it truly means to find your security, satisfaction, and eternal hope in Christ alone.

How to Use This Guide

- **Daily Commitment:** Set aside 15-20 minutes each day for this study. Consistency will help you absorb and apply these life-changing truths.
- **Prayer First:** Begin each day with prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to open your heart and mind to God's Word.
- **Scripture Focus:** Read the assigned passage carefully. Don't rush through it. Just let the words sink in.
- **Reflection:** Work through the daily devotional content thoughtfully. These aren't just ideas to consider but truths that can transform how you live.

- **Personal Application:** Answer the daily questions honestly. They're designed to help you connect Scripture to your real life.
- **Prayer Response:** Use the suggested prayer as a starting point, but make it your own.
- **Action Steps:** Each day includes a practical step to help you live out what you've learned. Don't skip these, because transformation happens when truth moves from your head to your hands.
- **Journal Space:** Consider keeping a notebook nearby to record insights, prayers, and commitments as you journey through this study.

Opening Prayer

Father in heaven, I come to You hungry for truth and thirsty for genuine satisfaction. I confess that I've often looked for fulfillment in things that cannot truly satisfy my soul. As I begin this study of Your Word, open my eyes to see Jesus clearly as the Bread of Life. Help me understand what it means to be safe in Your will. Help me not to trust in my performance, but in Your unfailing love and eternal purpose.

Remove any spiritual blindness that keeps me from truly seeing who Jesus is. Replace my unbelief with genuine faith. Show me what it means to come to Christ, to believe in Him, and to rest securely in His promises. Let this study not just fill my mind with knowledge, but transform my heart with the reality of who You are and what You've done for me.

Help me to find my deepest satisfaction in Christ alone, and give me confidence that I am safe in Your hands forever.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day 1: "I Am the Bread of Life"

Scripture Reading:

John 6:35 "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.'"

Daily Devotional

Have you ever noticed how the simplest statements can carry the most profound weight? When someone says "I am" followed by almost anything, they're making a claim about their identity. But when Jesus says "I am the bread of life," He's making one of the most audacious claims in human history.

The crowd following Jesus had just experienced something remarkable. They had seen Him feed over 5,000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish. Their stomachs were full, their minds were amazed, and they wanted more. So they pursued Jesus, hoping for another miraculous meal. But Jesus saw something deeper in their hearts, their spiritual hunger, not just their physical appetite.

In the ancient world, bread wasn't a side dish or an optional addition to a meal. Bread was survival. It was the foundation of daily sustenance. Without bread, you didn't eat. Without bread, you didn't live. So when Jesus declares "I am the bread of life," He's not using a casual metaphor, He's making an essential claim about our spiritual survival.

Think about what Jesus is really saying here: "I'm not just helpful for your spiritual life; I'm necessary for it. I'm not an addition to make things better; I'm the foundation that makes life possible. Just as your body depends on bread, your soul depends on Me."

But notice the beautiful invitation that follows: "Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." This isn't about earning your way to Jesus or proving yourself worthy. The only requirement is to come and to believe.

"Coming" to Jesus isn't about physical movement: it's about turning your heart toward Him, approaching Him with your needs, your emptiness, your spiritual hunger. It's recognizing that whatever you've been feeding your soul hasn't been working and that you need something, Someone, better.

"Believing" in Jesus goes deeper than intellectual agreement. You can agree that bread is nutritious, but that won't satisfy your hunger. You have to actually eat it. In a similar way, believing in Jesus means entrusting yourself to Him, depending on Him for the nourishment your soul desperately needs.

And the promise? "Never go hungry... never be thirsty." Not temporarily satisfied until the next crisis hits. Not partially filled with a lingering sense that something's still missing: Never hungry, Never thirsty.

This doesn't mean you'll never face difficult circumstances or never wrestle with doubts. It means the deep, gnawing emptiness that drives people to chase after success, approval, control, or comfort will be filled by Christ Himself. That restless search for "something more" finds its rest in the One who is more than enough.

Perhaps you've been chasing your own version of bread: working harder for approval, accumulating more possessions for security, or seeking relationships for validation. Like the crowd, you may have found temporary satisfaction, but the hunger always returns. Jesus offers something different. He offers Himself.

Reflection Questions

- **What "bread" have you been chasing that leaves you hungry again?** Think honestly about the things you turn to when you feel empty, stressed, or unfulfilled. What patterns do you notice?
- **How is spiritual hunger different from physical hunger in your experience?** Physical hunger is obvious and immediate. Spiritual hunger can be more subtle but more persistent. How have you experienced this deeper kind of need?
- **What does it mean practically to "come" to Jesus in your daily life?** Coming to Jesus isn't a one-time event but a daily posture.

What would it look like to bring your needs, worries, and longings to Him today?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, I confess that I've often tried to satisfy my soul's hunger with things that can never truly fill me. I've chased after temporary bread while ignoring the eternal Bread standing right before me. Thank You for Your incredible claim to be the Bread of Life, not just helpful, but essential. I come to You now with my spiritual hunger, my restless searching, my deep need for satisfaction that only You can provide. Help me to truly believe in You; to believe in You with my mind, and with my whole heart. Fill the emptiness I've been trying to fill with lesser things, and teach me what it means to find my deepest satisfaction in You alone.

In Your name, Amen.

Today's Action Step

Identify one specific thing you've been pursuing for satisfaction, perhaps: success at work, approval from others, material comfort, or entertainment. Write it down. Then spend a few minutes in prayer, consciously bringing that hunger to Jesus instead. Ask Him to show you what it looks like to find your satisfaction in Him rather than in that temporary "bread." Consider setting a reminder on your phone to pause and "come to Jesus" with your needs at least three times throughout the day.

Day 2: "Seeing Without Believing"

Scripture Reading:

John 6:36 "But as I told you, you have seen me and still you do not believe."

Daily Devotional

There's something deeply sobering about Jesus' words in verse 36. It's not harsh, but it's painfully honest. After offering Himself as the Bread of Life and extending such a beautiful invitation, Jesus acknowledges a heartbreaking reality: some people can see Him clearly and still choose not to believe.

The crowd standing before Jesus had witnessed something extraordinary. They had watched Him multiply five loaves and two fish to feed over 5,000 people. They had seen the sick healed, heard His teaching that was unlike anything they'd experienced, and witnessed His authority over the natural world. The evidence was undeniable, the miracles were real, and Jesus was standing right there in front of them, flesh and blood.

Yet Jesus says, "You have seen me and still you do not believe."

This cuts against one of our most common assumptions about faith. We often think, "If I could just see a miracle, then I'd believe. If I could witness Jesus healing someone or multiplying food, my doubts would disappear." But here's the uncomfortable truth: seeing isn't the same as believing.

The crowd saw the miracles, but they missed the meaning. They witnessed the signs, but they didn't recognize the Savior. They were impressed by Jesus' power, but they weren't ready to surrender to His lordship. They wanted the benefits of following Jesus, more bread, more miracles, more excitement, but they didn't want Jesus Himself.

This isn't really about intellectual confusion. Jesus doesn't say, "You don't understand my testimony." He says, "You do not believe." The

issue wasn't in their minds, it was in their hearts. They saw the evidence but resisted the implications.

We do the same thing, don't we? Many of us have witnessed God's work in our lives. We've experienced answered prayers, felt His peace during difficult times, seen Him provide when there seemed to be no way forward. We've watched Him work in the lives of people we love. We've felt His presence during worship or while reading His Word. Yet when the next trial comes, or when He asks us to trust Him in an area where we want control, doubt creeps back in.

Why does this happen? Because unbelief isn't primarily an evidence problem, it's a heart problem. It's not that we need more proof; it's that faith requires surrender, and surrender feels dangerous. Believing in Jesus means more than acknowledging His power, it means submitting to His authority. It means trusting Him not just when His plans align with ours, but especially when they don't.

The tragedy of unbelief is that it can coexist with proximity to Jesus. You can attend church regularly, read devotionals, even see God work in your life, and still hold back your heart. You can admire Jesus, be impressed by Jesus, even benefit from Jesus, without truly trusting Him with your life.

But here's what we must remember: Jesus doesn't condemn the crowd for their unbelief, He exposes it. He's being honest about their spiritual condition not to shame them, but to invite them to something deeper. Sometimes the kindest thing God can do is show us where our faith falls short, because only then can we address the real barriers to trust.

The beautiful truth is that seeing Jesus clearly, really seeing Him for who He is, naturally leads to believing. When we recognize our need and His sufficiency, when we understand our emptiness and His fullness, faith becomes not just reasonable but irresistible.

Reflection Questions

- **Can you recall a time when you "saw" Jesus work but still struggled with doubt?** Think about moments when God clearly

answered prayer or provided for you, yet you found yourself doubting His goodness or faithfulness in the next situation.

- **What makes it difficult sometimes to move from seeing God's work to trusting Him completely?** Consider what barriers exist in your heart: fear of surrender, desire for control, past disappointments, or other factors.
- **Where in your life might unbelief be keeping you from enjoying Christ's promises?** Are there areas where you intellectually know God's truth but struggle to rest in it emotionally or practically?

Prayer

Father, I confess that sometimes I am more like this crowd than I want to admit. I have seen You work in my life, through answered prayers, through Your provision, through moments of clear guidance, but I still struggle with doubt. Forgive me for the times when I've witnessed Your faithfulness but still hesitated to trust You fully. I realize that my unbelief isn't really about needing more evidence, instead it's about my reluctance to surrender control. Help me to see Jesus not just as Someone who can help me, but as Someone worthy of my complete trust. Remove the barriers in my heart that keep me from believing wholeheartedly. I don't want to be someone who sees You and still doesn't believe. Give me genuine faith that rests not on what I can see but on who You are.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Action Step

Take a few minutes to write down three specific ways you've seen God work in your life: answered prayers, provisions, moments of peace or guidance. Next to each one, honestly assess whether you're fully trusting God in that area now, or if doubt has crept back in. Choose one area where you've seen God's faithfulness but are currently struggling to trust Him, and pray specifically about that situation. Ask God to help you move from remembering His past faithfulness to resting in His present trustworthiness. Consider sharing this struggle with a trusted friend or mentor who can pray with you and help you grow in faith.

Day 3: "Never Cast Out"

Scripture Reading:

John 6:37 "All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away."

Daily Devotional

Have you ever walked into a place where you weren't sure you'd be welcome? Maybe it was an upscale restaurant where you felt underdressed, or a social gathering where you didn't know anyone, or a workplace where you worried about fitting in. That feeling of uncertainty, wondering if you'll be accepted or rejected, touches something deep in the human experience.

Now imagine walking into a place where the owner looks you in the eye and says, "You are welcome here. Not only are you welcome now, but I promise you will never, ever be asked to leave." That's essentially what Jesus is offering in John 6:37.

After acknowledging that some people see Him but don't believe, Jesus shifts to reveal the beautiful truth about those who do come to Him in faith. He speaks with divine certainty about two profound realities: the Father's initiative in salvation and His own unwavering commitment to those who believe.

"All those the Father gives me will come to me." This isn't Jesus being exclusive, it's Him revealing that salvation begins with God's heart, not our effort. Before you ever thought about coming to Jesus, the Father was already working in your life, drawing you, preparing your heart, opening your eyes. Your faith didn't surprise God, in fact, it delighted Him. It was part of His plan from the beginning.

But here's where it gets even more beautiful: "and whoever comes to me I will never drive away." The Greek text here uses a double negative for emphasis. It's like Jesus saying, "I will never, ever, under any circumstances, cast you out." This isn't conditional acceptance based on your performance. It's permanent welcome based on His character.

Think about what this means practically. Most acceptance in our world comes with conditions. You're welcomed at the gym if you pay your dues. You're accepted on the team if you perform well. You're included in the group if you meet certain standards. And if you stop meeting those requirements, you're out.

But Jesus operates differently. He doesn't say, "Come to me and I'll accept you as long as you keep it together." He says, "Come to me and I will never cast you out." Not "unless you sin too much" or "unless you doubt too often" or "unless you fail to live up to expectations." Just NEVER.

This promise is anchored in something deeper than your ability to hold onto Jesus. This promise is anchored in His commitment to hold onto you. Your salvation doesn't depend on your grip; it depends on His. And Jesus doesn't have sweaty palms or weak hands. When He holds onto something, it stays held.

Perhaps you've been living as though you're on spiritual probation, constantly worried that one more failure will push Jesus past His limit. Maybe you've carried shame about past mistakes or anxiety about future weaknesses. Maybe you've wondered if Jesus gets tired of forgiving the same sins or frustrated with your slow spiritual progress.

Jesus speaks directly to those fears: "I will never cast you out." Not because you're perfect, but because He's faithful. Not because you've earned permanent status, but because He's given it freely. Not because you can't disappoint Him, but because His love isn't based on your performance.

This shouldn't lead to carelessness about sin. Instead it should lead to confidence in grace. When you know you're secure in Christ's love, you're free to grow without the paralyzing fear of rejection. You can confess struggles honestly because you know He won't walk away. You can take steps of faith because you know He won't let you go if you stumble.

The beautiful balance in this verse shows us both divine sovereignty and human responsibility. The Father gives people to Jesus, and those people will come. But the invitation is genuinely open: "whoever comes

to me." God's sovereignty doesn't negate human choice, it guarantees that those who genuinely seek Him will find Him ready to receive them.

Reflection Questions

- **How does knowing that salvation begins with God's initiative change your perspective on your faith?** Consider how this truth affects both your gratitude and your confidence. Does it make you feel more secure or less? Why?
- **Do you live as though Jesus has truly welcomed you for good, or do you feel like you're on probation?** Honestly assess whether your daily spiritual life is characterized by confidence in His acceptance or fear of His rejection.
- **What fears about rejection do you need to surrender to Christ's promise?** Think about specific worries you carry about disappointing God or losing His favor. How does Jesus' promise address those fears?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for taking the initiative in my salvation. I'm amazed that before I ever thought to seek You, You were already seeking me. Thank You for drawing me to Jesus and for the gift of faith itself. Lord Jesus, Your promise to never cast me out touches the deepest fears of my heart. I confess that I sometimes live as though I'm on probation with You, constantly worried about disappointing You or losing Your favor. Forgive me for doubting Your commitment to me. Help me to rest in the security of Your promise. I know I'm not perfect, but I also know You are faithful. When shame whispers that I've gone too far, remind me of Your unchanging love. When fear suggests I might lose my place with You, anchor me in Your unbreakable word. Thank You that my security doesn't depend on my ability to hold onto You, but on Your promise to hold onto me. Give me the confidence to live freely in Your grace.

In Your name, Amen.

Today's Action Step

Write down one specific fear you have about being rejected by God, perhaps: a recurring sin you struggle with, a past failure that haunts you, or a worry about your spiritual progress. Then write John 6:37 next to that fear. Spend time in prayer specifically surrendering that fear to Christ's promise. Consider memorizing this verse so you can recall it when doubts arise. Share this promise with someone who might be struggling with similar fears about God's acceptance, perhaps: through a text message, social media post, or personal conversation.

Day 4: "The Father's Perfect Will"

Scripture Reading:

John 6:38-39 "For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day."

Daily Devotional

Sometimes the most comforting truths come wrapped in the most humbling realities. In these two verses, Jesus reveals both His perfect submission to the Father and the Father's perfect will for our security. What we discover is that our salvation isn't hanging on a thread of uncertain divine whim, it's anchored in the eternal, unchanging purpose of God.

"For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me." These words should stop us in our tracks. Here is Jesus, fully God, deserving of all worship and honor, declaring that He came to earth in perfect submission to the Father's will. The Creator of the universe chose to live as the perfectly obedient Son.

This isn't just a theological statement; it's a window into how Jesus lived every single day of His earthly ministry. Every word He spoke, every miracle He performed, every act of compassion, and ultimately His sacrifice on the cross; all of it flowed from His commitment to do the Father's will, not His own. He didn't come to earth with a personal agenda to fulfill or a private mission to accomplish. He came as the sent One, living in perfect alignment with the heart and purpose of God.

Think about what this means for us. Our salvation isn't the result of Jesus going rogue or acting independently. It's not a side project or an afterthought. Every aspect of your redemption, from the cross to the empty tomb to the promise of eternal life, represents the unified will of the Father and the Son. When Jesus saves you, He's not overriding the Father's wishes; He's fulfilling them perfectly.

But Jesus doesn't leave us wondering what the Father's will actually is. He spells it out clearly: "And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose none of all those he has given me, but raise them up at the last day."

Read that again slowly. The Father's will, the eternal, unchanging purpose of God, is that Jesus would not lose a single person the Father has given Him. Not one. Not you, if you belong to Christ. The God who spoke the universe into existence, who knows the number of stars and calls them each by name, has made it His will that you would be kept secure in Jesus' hands.

This should transform how we think about spiritual security. Our salvation isn't precarious, dependent on our ability to hold onto Jesus tightly enough. It's not a daily gamble where we might win or lose based on our performance. It's anchored in the determined will of God Himself.

But there's more. Jesus doesn't just promise to keep us from being lost, He promises to "raise them up at the last day." This is resurrection hope. God's will for you includes not just spiritual security in this life, but bodily resurrection in the life to come. The same Father who wills that you not be lost also wills that you be raised to eternal life.

This phrase "at the last day" appears repeatedly in this passage, like a drumbeat of hope. Jesus wants us to lift our eyes beyond present struggles to future glory. Yes, life is hard now. Yes, we face trials, losses, and heartaches. But this isn't the end of the story. The Father's will includes a day when every tear will be wiped away, every wrong made right, and every believer raised to imperishable life.

Consider how this should affect your daily walk with God. If the Father's will is that you not be lost, then you don't have to live in constant fear of somehow forfeiting your salvation. If the Father's will is your ultimate resurrection, then present sufferings take on a different perspective. You're not just enduring, you're awaiting full deliverance.

Perhaps you've been trying to live the Christian life in your own strength, forgetting that Jesus Himself chose the path of submission to the Father's will. Or maybe you've been anxious about your spiritual security, wondering if God might change His mind about you. These

verses call you to rest in something bigger than your own efforts or fears; the unchanging will of God.

Reflection Questions

- **How does Jesus' submission to the Father's will challenge your own approach to obedience?** Consider areas where you've been pursuing your own agenda rather than seeking God's will. What would it look like to follow Jesus' example of perfect submission?
- **What does it mean to you that your salvation rests on God's will rather than your efforts?** How does this truth change the way you think about spiritual security and your relationship with God?
- **How does the promise of future resurrection impact how you face current struggles?** Think about specific challenges you're facing now. Does the certainty of resurrection-hope change your perspective on these difficulties?

Prayer

Father in heaven, I stand in awe of Your Son's perfect obedience to Your will. Thank You, Jesus, for leaving the glory of heaven and choosing the path of submission, even to death on a cross. I confess that I often struggle to surrender my will to Yours, wanting to maintain control over my life and circumstances. Forgive me for the times I've pursued my own agenda instead of seeking Your perfect will.

Thank You that my salvation isn't an accident or an afterthought, but the fulfillment of Your eternal purpose. I'm amazed that Your will, the unchanging decree of the Almighty God, is that I would not be lost but kept secure in Your hands. Help me to rest in this truth when fear whispers that I might somehow lose my place with You.

Thank You for the promise of resurrection. When I face trials, losses, and heartaches, remind me that this isn't the end of my story. You have determined that I will be raised up at the last day, and nothing can frustrate Your perfect will. Give me grace to live with resurrection hope, knowing that present sufferings are temporary but Your promises are

eternal. Help me to submit to Your will as Jesus did, trusting that Your plans for me are good.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Today's Action Step

Identify one specific area of your life where you've been trying to maintain control instead of submitting to God's will, perhaps: a relationship, career decision, financial concern, or personal struggle. Write down what it would look like to surrender this area to God's will. Then spend time in prayer, consciously giving this concern to the Father, asking Him to help you trust His purposes even when you can't see the outcome. Consider memorizing verse 39 as a reminder that God's will for you is security, not loss; resurrection, not destruction. Share this verse with someone who might be struggling with anxiety about their spiritual security or fear about the future.

Day 5: "Look and Live"

Scripture Reading:

John 6:40 "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 them up at the last day."

Daily Devotional

Sometimes the most profound truths are expressed in the simplest terms. After four days of exploring the depths of Jesus' promises about spiritual hunger, unbelief, acceptance, and security, we arrive at a verse that distills the entire gospel into one beautiful invitation: "Look and live."

In this final verse of our passage, Jesus brings together everything He has been teaching. He has revealed Himself as the Bread of Life, acknowledged the tragedy of unbelief, promised never to cast out those who come, and shown that our security rests in the Father's unchanging will. Now He makes it personal for every individual: "For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life."

The phrase "looks to the Son" takes us back to a powerful Old Testament story. In Numbers 21, the Israelites were dying from venomous snake bites; a consequence of their rebellion against God. When they cried out for mercy, God instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and lift it up on a pole. Anyone who looked at the bronze serpent would live. It wasn't about understanding the theology behind it or performing elaborate rituals. It was simply: look and live.

Jesus uses this same imagery to describe salvation. Just as the dying Israelites needed only to look at the lifted serpent to receive physical healing, we need only to look to Christ, crucified and risen, to receive spiritual life. "Looking to the Son" means fixing our gaze on Jesus with recognition and dependence. It's saying, "You are the One I need. You are the One who can save me."

This isn't casual observation, it's intentional focus. In our distracted world, we look at countless things throughout the day: our phones, our problems, our circumstances, our fears. But Jesus calls us to look at Him. To see Him as He truly is: the Son of God who came down from heaven, who lived perfectly, who died sacrificially, and who rose victorious over sin and death.

"And believes in him" takes the looking deeper. It's possible to look at something without trusting it. You might look at a bridge but not trust it enough to walk across it. You might look at a doctor but not trust their diagnosis. But believing in Jesus means entrusting yourself to Him completely; not just acknowledging who He is, but depending on Him for everything that matters eternally.

The promise that follows is breathtaking: "shall have eternal life." Not "might have" or "could eventually earn." Shall have. It's a divine guarantee. Eternal life isn't just about duration, living forever. It's about quality, the kind of life that begins the moment you believe and continues without end. It's knowing God, experiencing His love, walking in His peace, and being secure in His purposes.

And once again, Jesus adds that final promise: "and I will raise them up at the last day." Death is not the end of the story for those who look to Christ and believe. The same Jesus who promises eternal life now promises bodily resurrection then. He who conquered death will call you by name, and you will rise.

Notice the beautiful simplicity of this invitation. You don't need to climb a spiritual ladder or complete a religious checklist. You don't need to fix yourself first or prove your worthiness. You simply need to look to Jesus and believe in Him. It's so simple that a child can understand it, yet so profound that theologians spend lifetimes exploring its depths.

But simplicity shouldn't be mistaken for ease. Looking to Jesus and believing in Him means turning away from everything else you've been trusting for life and security. It means acknowledging that you can't save yourself and that you need a Savior. It means surrendering control and placing your entire eternal destiny in His hands.

Perhaps you've been making faith more complicated than it needs to be. Maybe you've been waiting until you feel worthy enough or

understand enough or have your life together enough. But Jesus' invitation cuts through all of that: "Look to the Son and believe in him." That's it. That's the path to eternal life.

Or perhaps you've been a believer for years but have stopped really "looking" at Jesus. Life's pressures and distractions have pulled your gaze away from Him. You're trusting in your own strength, your own wisdom, your own plans. Jesus calls you back: "Look to the Son." Fix your eyes on Him again.

Reflection Questions

- **What does it mean to "look to the Son" in your daily circumstances?** Consider how you can intentionally focus on Jesus in the midst of work pressures, relationship challenges, financial concerns, or health issues. Does your perspective change when you truly look to Him?
- **How would you explain the difference between knowing about Jesus and believing in Jesus?** Think about the distinction between intellectual agreement and relational trust. Where do you operate more on knowledge than faith?
- **How does having eternal life now change the way you approach each day?** If eternal life begins the moment you believe, how should this reality affect your priorities, relationships, and responses to both joys and struggles?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, as I conclude this week's journey through Your Word, I'm overwhelmed by the simplicity and the depth of Your invitation. Thank You that salvation doesn't depend on my ability to figure everything out or fix everything about myself. Thank You that it's as simple as looking to Your Son and believing in Him.

Lord Jesus, I choose to look to You again today. In a world full of distractions and competing voices, help me to keep my eyes fixed on You. You are the Bread of Life who satisfies my deepest hunger. You are the One who promises never to cast me out. You are the faithful Savior

who holds me secure in the Father's will. When circumstances threaten to pull my gaze away from You, remind me to look up.

I believe in You, not just as a historical figure or a good teacher, but as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for the gift of eternal life that begins now and continues forever. Thank You for the promise of resurrection that gives me hope beyond the grave. Help me to live today in the confidence of these promises, and give me opportunities to share this hope with others who are still searching for life.

Until that last day when You raise me up, keep me faithful, keep me focused on You, and keep me grateful for the incredible gift of salvation.

In Your precious name, Amen.

Today's Action Step

Create a simple visual reminder to "look to Jesus" that you can see multiple times throughout your day, perhaps: a small cross on your desk, a Bible verse as your phone wallpaper, or a note in your car. Each time you see it, pause for a moment to consciously turn your thoughts toward Christ, remembering that He is your Bread of Life, your security, and your hope.

Then, share what you've learned this week with someone else. This could be through a conversation with a friend or family member, a social media post summarizing your key takeaway, or a text message to someone who needs encouragement. Focus especially on the beautiful simplicity of the gospel: look to Jesus and believe in Him for eternal life.

Finally, set aside extended time for prayer and reflection. Thank God for each specific truth you've discovered in John 6:35-40 this week. Ask Him to help you continue growing in faith and to live with confidence in the security He provides. Consider how these truths will shape your decisions, relationships, and priorities going forward.

The Journey Continues

Thank You

Thank you for completing this 5-day journey through John 6:35-40. We hope that exploring Jesus' profound words has deepened your understanding of what it means to find true satisfaction and security in Christ. Just as Jesus invited that ancient crowd to stop chasing temporary bread and embrace the eternal Bread of Life, our prayer is that you've experienced your own moments of clarity and transformation during this study.

The truths you've encountered this week aren't just beautiful concepts to admire, they're life-changing realities meant to anchor your soul. You've discovered that Jesus doesn't just offer help; He offers Himself as the essential nourishment for your spiritual life. You've learned that faith goes deeper than seeing miracles; it requires heart-level trust. You've been reminded that Christ's acceptance isn't conditional on your performance but guaranteed by His character. You've found security not in your ability to hold onto God, but in His unchanging will to hold onto you. And you've been invited into the beautiful simplicity of looking to Jesus and believing in Him for eternal life.

The Next Step

The truth is, spiritual growth doesn't happen through a single devotional guide or even a powerful sermon. It's a lifelong journey of daily looking to Jesus, moment by moment trusting in His promises, and continually finding your satisfaction in Him rather than in the temporary things this world offers.

As you continue walking with Christ, we encourage you to:

- **Return to these passages regularly.** The truths in John 6:35-40 are so profound that you could spend years exploring their

depths and still discover new facets of God's love and faithfulness.

- **Put into practice what you've learned.** The action steps you've taken this week are just the beginning. Continue to bring your spiritual hunger to Christ, surrender your fears of rejection to His promises, and live with confidence in your eternal security.
- **Share these truths with others.** Many people around you are still searching for satisfaction in all the wrong places. You now have the privilege of pointing them to the Bread of Life who alone can satisfy their deepest longings.
- **Remain open to God's continued work.** The Holy Spirit who opened your heart to receive these truths will continue to teach you and transform you as you stay connected to Christ through His Word and prayer.

Stay Connected

We're committed to helping you continue growing in your relationship with Christ. To deepen your spiritual journey with us:

- **Join us for worship:** Sunday Morning Bible Study at 9:30am and worship service at 10:30am.
- **Connect online:** Subscribe to our YouTube channel for sermon videos and additional teaching content that will help you grow in your understanding of Scripture.
- **Follow us on social media:** Stay connected with our community @cbcmorrilton for encouragement, prayer requests, and upcoming studies.
- **Visit our website:** Check CBCMorrilton.com regularly for information and additional resources for spiritual growth.
- **Join a small group:** There's no substitute for walking through life with other believers who can encourage you, pray for you, and help you apply God's Word in practical ways.

If you have questions about anything you've studied this week, prayer requests, or feedback about how God used this devotional in your life, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at CBCMorrilton@gmail.com or

501-354-2117. We'd love to hear how the Lord has been working in your heart through His Word.

Keep looking to Jesus. Keep believing in Him. Keep living in the magnificent reality that you are safe in the Father's will.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Scott McDonald

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