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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN













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What do you do?

Who am I?

Who am I?

Who do you think you are?



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The bread of life The light of the world The gate for the sheep The good shepherd The resurrection and the life The vine The way and the truth and the life

What do you want?

"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry and who ever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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John 6:14-15

"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. 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."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

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. For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

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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. 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."

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"Discipleship is more a matter of hungering and thirsting than knowing and believing. Jesus's command to follow him is a command to align our loves and longings with his - to want what God wants, to desire what God desires, to hunger and thirst after God and crave a world where God is all in all - a vision encapsulated by the short hand 'the Kingdom of God.'"

~ James K.A. Smith You Are What You Love

What do I want?

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How do I let Jesus shape our desire?

"The best gift God could give you is Spirit-infused practices that will reform and retrain your loves [wants, desires]. And so God meets us where we are, with counter-formative practices, with hunger-shaping rituals and love-shaping liturgies."

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Fasting is "laying down" something you will fast from and "picking up" something to help you become more centered on God.

What do I want?

How do I let Jesus shape our desire?

Do I want to want more of God?