

## **LOVING LIFE, PART 26 • Bread of Life**

Pastor Matt Heard, Read: John 6:25-29

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Throughout human history, bread has always played an essential role. Man's dependence on bread is detailed throughout the Old Testament. Yet in the New Testament, Jesus takes the significance of bread and raises it to a new level!

*"Then Jesus declared, 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.'" John 6:35*

The believing that Jesus speaks of in this verse is not merely an entry card into heaven. Believing is living!

### **Three realities of My Believing:**

1. **God the Father is working in me.**
2. **God the Spirit is speaking to me.**
3. **God the Son is enough for me.**
  - a. **For my forgiveness**
  - b. **For my fulfillment**

### **Questions**

1. Read John 6:37-40. Meditate on the significance of the Father giving you to Jesus. Then focus on the truth that Jesus says He will never drive you away. Describe your thoughts and emotions about these two truths.
2. Read Ephesians 1:4-6. Take a few moments to journal what the following terms mean to you where you are today on your spiritual journey:
  - Chosen
  - Blameless
  - Predestined
  - Adopted
3. Pastor Matt stressed the fact that predestination does not mean fatalism. He encouraged us to consider predestination as God doing what He intended to do. How have you experienced God at work in this manner on your journey of faith?
4. Pastor Matt reminded us that the Spirit speaks to believers through two primary means: creation and the Logos (Jesus the Living Word, and the Word of God). How have you experienced this in the past week? Month? Year? Explain.
5. Life is filled with challenging circumstances, issues, and frustrations. When you consider your career, your family, your finances – what are you starving for? Do you believe that God applies to all of these things? Why or why not?
6. What thing(s) have I relied on in the past to fill the deepest longings of my soul? What thing(s) am I relying on to fill the deepest corners of my heart today? What's changed? Give examples and explain.

*Loving*  
**Life**  
*A journey*  
through  
the Gospel of John