

VICTORY HOUR

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True Satisfaction: *Jesus, The Bread of Life* John 6:24-60

Never has there been a time when we, as a people, have had so much made available to us. Even during a time of recession, opportunities are still available, resources are accessible, the economy continues to move forward, technology is soaring and many people are still able to obtain more than just the necessities of life. However, in the midst of such abundance, there has never been a time when people were more discontent, restless, unhappy, discouraged and even depressed. In 2006, there were 33,300 deaths as a result of suicide, making it the eleventh leading cause of death in the U.S. For every suicidal death, there are 12-25 attempts.

How can it be, that although we live in an era when there has never been more available to us, that many continue to lead unfulfilled lives? Christians are not exempt. Many of us, who are saved and born again children of God, wrestle with dissatisfaction in life. Is this you? This lesson will teach us how to find real satisfaction, not through things and not through people, but through Jesus Christ Himself. He is the real source of life and it is only through Him that you will experience true satisfaction.

1) Jesus was Sought for the Wrong Reasons (6:24-33)

- a. The people sought their personal demands but declined doctrine
- b. The people sought what was temporal and ignored what was eternal
- c. The people sought to do the works of God and omitted *the work* of God
- d. The people sought a replica manifestation not knowing the Father was the authentic manifestation

2) Jesus was Misunderstood (6:34-47)

- a. The people's request
 - i. "Give us this bread."
- b. Jesus' response
 - i. Jesus responds, "I am the bread of life."
 - ii. Jesus promises satisfaction
 1. You shall never hunger
 2. You shall never thirst
 - iii. Jesus gives the requirements
 1. Come
 2. Believe

- iv. Jesus reads their hearts
 - 1. Jesus sets the record straight
 - a. His promise to those who come to Him
 - i. They will not be cast out
 - ii. They will be eternally kept and resurrected
 - iii. They will have eternal life
- c. The Jews challenge Jesus
 - i. They challenge His Divinity
 - ii. Jesus addresses their concerns / The process of conversion
 - 1. The Father ignites the heart of the seeker
 - 2. Jesus resurrects the believer in the last day
 - 3. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God
 - 4. Those that believe have everlasting life

3) Jesus is the Bread of Life (6:48-58)

- a. Bread (manna) from the wilderness is limited and gives temporary, physical life
- b. Bread from Heaven is unlimited and gives eternal, spiritual life
- c. Those who partake of Jesus' flesh and blood have eternal life and will be resurrected at the last day.