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Monday

John 6:26 Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

Is yours an immature faith of the 'food follower', following only because you want God to do something for you? Is your attitude that God needs to heal me, feed me, fix my job, or make my life easier? That's the attitude of a child that says I'll love you mom, if you give me what I want. Is yours the weak faith of the constant 'sign seeker'? Must God prove Himself over and over to you? Your faith has grown beyond such immaturity. Follow God because He is God, He is creator, He is Lord. Trust Him. He already proved His love for you in His cross, His death.

Tuesday

John 6:6 "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?" This Jesus was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.

Yes, God does test us, not that He might fail us, but to stretch and strengthen us. God is not in doubt about your situation or the needs of others for whom you care. But He does desire that you look at life from a different angle, from His perspective. Allow God to stretch you. When you do not understand your situation, ask God what He desires for you to see differently. Is He stretching your faith? Is He growing your wisdom? Is He correcting your thinking? How is God growing you?

Wednesday

John 6:28 Therefore they said to Him, "What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?"

Jesus might have replied, "Do you really mean this?" These followers were only interested in the show. Their question sounded good. It sounded pious and holy, but it did not come from the heart. Their faith had not begun where all genuine faith must begin: with submission to Jesus. How about you? It doesn't matter what you do, say you will do, or try to do for God, if you have not first submitted to the Savior. Place yourself humbly in His hands. Give yourself to Him. Your standing before God ultimately comes down to your relationship with Jesus.

Thursday

John 6:30 So they said to Him, "What then do You do for a sign, so that we may see, and believe You? What work do You perform?"

The works of God are manifest everywhere -- for those willing to see. Do not be one of those who always tests God for some new evidence of His existence, presence, or love. He revealed Himself fully in Jesus. His death was proof of His love for you. Surely there needs to be no further proof. His resurrection was proof of His deity. He defeated sin, death, and the grave. Once you see these signs, really see them, you will begin to see the millions of others: His hand painting the sunset, His touch upon your shoulder, His music in the orchestra, His voice in the sermon.

Friday

John 6:66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

False disciples: those who abandon the Lord simply because life becomes hard, circumstances do not work out as hoped for, or God's word is hard to understand. Let's settle the issue once and for all time: are you a true disciple of Jesus? Have you committed your life to Him? Will you follow Him even when His purposes are obscured or your plans do not pan out? Make your commitment firm today. Reaffirm in prayer your commitment to His Lordship. God is looking for and blessing those who grow past being 'sign seekers' or 'food followers' and become committed disciples of the King of kings.