

WILL YOU WALK AWAY FROM CHRIST? JOHN 6:60-69

The events in John 6 take place when Jesus was very popular. People were amazed at his miracles and enjoyed the feast he provided. However, when he began talking about faith in his broken body and shed blood as the means to eternal life many were offended and walked away. The sad thing is that many are impressed with Jesus, but end up walking away from him today. Some under the sound of my voice will do that only to regret it very deeply in the future. If you are feeling pressure to walk away or drift away from Christ, please consider what you would be doing.

I. THE PRESSURE TO WALK AWAY.

A. The Expectations of the People.

1. They enjoyed the miracle of the fish and loaves. John 6:10-13.
2. They expected an immediate kingdom. John 6:14-15.

B. The Instructions from the Lord.

1. To seek more than physical and temporal blessings. John 6:26,27.
2. To believe in Jesus Christ. John 6:28,29.
3. To receive life from him. John 6:35-58.
* Note 6:35, 50,51. *

II. THE DECISION TO WALK AWAY.

A. The Steps to that Decision.

1. Their disappointment with Jesus' instructions. 6:60
 - a. Jesus' call to personal faith and spiritual life was not what they wanted to hear.
* Many are not seeking a relationship with Christ and the forgiveness of sins, but a better and easier life. They wanted him to meet their needs and make their world better. *
2. Jesus' refusal to change his message. 6:61-64.
* Jesus refused to change his message to accommodate the demands of the multitudes. He knew man's deepest and greatest needs are spiritual. These cannot be ignored. *

B. The Implications of that Decision. John 6:66.

1. They turned away from Christ.
 - a. They not primarily turn from a philosophy or congregation, but from the Savior.
 - b. Two groups do this.
 - 1). Those who consider Christ and walk away without trusting him for salvation.
 - 2). Those who are genuine Christians and walk away through discouragement or temptation.
Num. 14:2-5; 2 Tim. 4:10.
2. They turned back to the things they left. Cp. John 21:3,
 - a. What are the things you left to follow Christ?
 - b. Do you really want to return to things?

III. THE REFUSAL TO WALK AWAY.

A. The Bold Question. 6:67.

1. The question expected a negative answer.
2. The question allowed them to examine their heart and affirm their faith.

B. The Firm Commitment. 6:68-69.

1. No one else can do what Jesus does. "eternal life"
2. No one else is who he is. "Christ, the Son of the living God."

My friend, do not turn to the things behind. Those things did not satisfy before and will not satisfy now. Only Jesus can fill the deepest needs in your life. Continue to follow him. You will be glad you did.