

THE NEVER-ENDING SUPPLY

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

REFLECTION

At the opening of John Chapter 6, we read of the miraculous account of Jesus feeding the five thousand with just five barley loaves and two fish. And just before John 6:35, we read of Jesus reminding His disciples that His Father is the one who gives the true bread from heaven and gives life to the world. Bread in many cultures is considered a staple food – a basic dietary essential and together with water can sustain us for a long time. We eat bread to satisfy hunger and sustain physical life.

In this verse, Jesus declares that He is the **"BREAD OF LIFE"** and suggests that when we go to Him, when we have a relationship with Him, we will be able to satisfy our spiritual hunger and sustain our spiritual life. This is His promise to us, that those who go to Him, who draw from Him will not go hungry or thirsty.

I am reminded that even as we go to Him to be fed, we must not just keep feeding. Even as we have drawn from the life-giving bread, we must learn to give of ourselves so that we are not stuffed up or end up as *"obese"* Christians who just fill ourselves up. Rather we should be life-giving disciples who pour our lives out for others so that they too may *"eat"* of the one true Bread of Life and not go hungry, *"drink"* from Him and not be thirsty.

PRAYER

Thank you most Generous God for all that You have given to us, for the sustenance in Your Word, and the reminder that You are the bread of life. Help us to always keep ourselves close to You – the Source of all Life so that we may nourish ourselves and then nourish others to grow deeper in love and service to You. Help us to look out for others and share with them Your grace so that they may find You as their life-giving Bread. Amen.

SUPPLICATION

- Give thank for Jesus, the Bread of Life and the One from whom we can drink and never be thirsty. Pray that we will not just keep these to ourselves but be willing and ready to share this blessing with others in need.
- Pray for those who find that God is far from them or have neglected them. Pray that God will minister to them in very special ways even as they can't seem to find God in the dire circumstances around them. Pray for divine encounters where God will meet with them. Pray for open eyes to see and hearts to believe and receive His grace and message.
- Pray for the church to be faithful steward of this Bread of Life not just spiritually but in physical practical ways, sharing the Bread of Life with others in order that more will come into His saving grace. May God's people be found ever-ready to respond to God's commissioning.
- Pray for the world to be more equitable in the sharing and usage of resources so that poverty in third-world countries may be alleviated. Pray for minds to be open to the needy and hearts to be compassionate towards their circumstances, Pray against the spirit of nonchalance and biases that prevents people to understand and feel for the needy.

"A river reaches places which its source never knows. And Jesus said that, if we have received His fullness, "rivers of living water" will flow out of us, reaching in blessing even "to the end of the earth" regardless of how small the visible effects of our lives may appear to be."

-Oswald Chambers-

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