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Bible Reader: Tom Freed

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From Manna to Messiah, Bread that Endures Forever

Scripture Reading

Scripture Reader (0:04 - 1:27): Tom Freed John 6:27-35: The scripture reading begins with John 6:27-35, emphasizing not to work for perishing food but for enduring eternal life given by the Son of Man, sealed by God the Father. The crowd asks what works to do for God, and Jesus replies that the work is to believe in the one sent by God. They demand a sign, referencing their fathers eating manna in the wilderness as written, bread from heaven.	Scripture Continued ³² Jesus clarifies that it was not Moses but his Father who gives the true bread from heaven, which comes down and gives life to the world. The crowd requests this bread always, and Jesus declares, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will not hunger, and he who believes in me will never thirst."
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Summary of Transcript (0:04 - 17:36), Preacher: Tom Freed

(1:32 - 4:17) Introduction

The sermon, titled "From Manna to Messiah, the Bread that Endures Forever," invites gathering to feast on God's word for eternal nourishment.

Jesus' declaration in John 6:35 is presented as a promise, revelation, and invitation. In a world of temporary distractions, Jesus offers himself as the greater bread of life. The sermon explores what this means for faith, daily walk, and eternal hope, focusing on three truths about partaking in him. It starts by examining how partaking of his bread changes lives, introducing point one: Jesus is essential for life, not optional.

The context is the crowd after the feeding of the 5,000, amazed by the miracle but focused on temporary provision. Jesus redirects them in verse 26, noting they seek him for filled loaves, not signs. Bread was a survival staple anciently and remains significant today. The crowd wanted more miracles, but Jesus points to himself.

(4:17 - 6:09) Jesus Essential for Life

Jesus urges in John 6:27 not to work for perishing food but for enduring eternal life from the Son of Man. People chase perishable things like money, status, and comfort, which cannot sustain souls. Jesus is the only source of eternal life, as in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Without him, souls starve spiritually.

This challenges whether Jesus is treated as essential or an add-on, coming to him only for miracles like the crowd. It's easy to seek God in trouble or for wants, but daily engagement, talking, and praising is needed. Jesus is the foundation; without him, emptiness prevails, but with him, abundant life from John 10:10. This concludes point one and introduces point two: Jesus satisfies our deepest hungers.

(6:11 - 9:12) Jesus Satisfies Deepest Hungers

The crowd hungered physically, but Jesus addresses deeper needs in verse 35, promising no hunger for those coming to him and no thirst for believers. This is a bold claim of complete soul satisfaction, not a quick fix. Humans long for love, purpose, security, and meaning; worldly substitutes like success, relationships, and entertainment are junk food, leaving cravings.

Psalms 107:9 states God satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry with good things; Jesus is that fulfilling good. The world offers temporary pleasures, but Jesus provides true pleasure. In context, Jesus compares to manna from Exodus 16, miraculous but temporary, sustaining daily but perishing.

In John 6:49-50, ancestors ate manna and died, but this bread from heaven prevents death. Jesus is the true manna giving eternal life. Satisfaction is for today too; God compares himself to bread, showing Jesus' pervasive representation. Coming to Jesus brings peace surpassing understanding (Philippians 4:7), unshaken joy (John 16:22), and anchoring purpose.

Restlessness signals the soul's cry for the bread of life; only Jesus fills the void. This ends point two and starts point three: Jesus invites us to partake in him.

(9:14 - 13:02) Invitation to Partake in Jesus

In John 6:35, Jesus invites whoever comes and believes; it's open, welcoming all without force. In verse 37, all given by the Father come, and he never casts out—a promise. No one is too broken, sinful, or far gone; judgments on appearances like bikers or ex-prisoners are misguided, as Jesus turns away none.

Isaiah 42:3 notes a bruised reed he won't break, a smoldering wick he won't snuff; in faithfulness, justice comes. If broken or weak, he accepts; his love redeems. Partaking means more than admiring—receiving by faith. In John 6:53-54, eating his flesh and drinking blood is required for life, shocking listeners but not literal cannibalism.

Many walked away misunderstanding; it points to trusting his sacrifice—body broken, blood shed for sins. Partake through faith, prayer, word, and worship; Lord's Supper remembers and renews grace. It's not weekly but daily choice, like eating bread daily for body, needing Jesus for soul—not just Sundays, but daily word and prayer.

Matthew 4:4: man lives not by bread alone but every word from God's mouth. Jesus is the Word made flesh (John 1:14); feed by abiding (John 15:5). Invitation for all—rich, poor, religious, skeptical; Jesus turns none away. Today, he invites wherever you are: come, believe, find life.

(13:05 - 16:08) Applying the Truth Practically

Living as fed by the bread of life means three applications. First, make Jesus daily bread: don't skip soul feeding like body meals. Spend time in prayer, read God's word, seek presence daily; start day with him for strength and wisdom. If spiritually dry, recommit; he's waiting to nourish.

Second, trust Jesus to satisfy deepest needs: when tempted by worldly substitutes like approval, wealth, pleasure, turn to him. World tempts with material focus; pray longings to him—Lord, satisfy this hunger? He gives not wants but needs: himself. Luke 12:15 warns against greed; life isn't possessions. Man lives not on bread alone but God's word (Matthew 4:4) for spirit.

Third, share the bread: in John 6:11, Jesus gave loaves to disciples for distribution; share Jesus with hungry world. Tell hope in Christ, invite friends to church, share testimonies, show love through kindness. World starves for bread of life; share generously. Mark 16:15: go preach good news to creation. Fields are white for harvest; world prepared, struggling, hurting—share now.

(16:10 - 17:36) Closing Remarks and Invitation

Closing returns to John 6:35: Jesus is bread of life, ending hunger and thirst for comers and believers. He's not just teacher, healer, miracle worker—but life source: essential, satisfying, inviting partaking. Today, he calls to come, believe, be filled.

If never fully trusted Jesus, today confess him Lord, believe resurrection for salvation (Romans 10:9); he won't cast out. If believer feeding on world's promises, return; make him daily bread, let satisfy soul. For needs or sharing good news with congregation, come forward now.