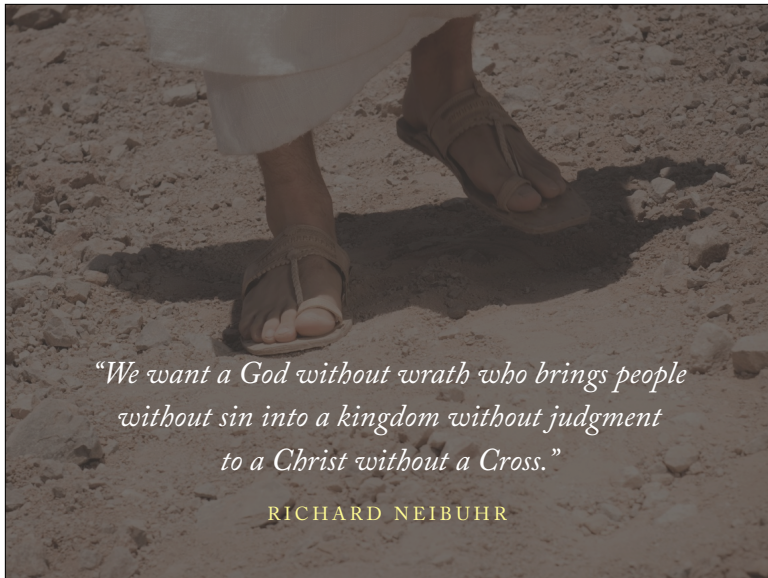


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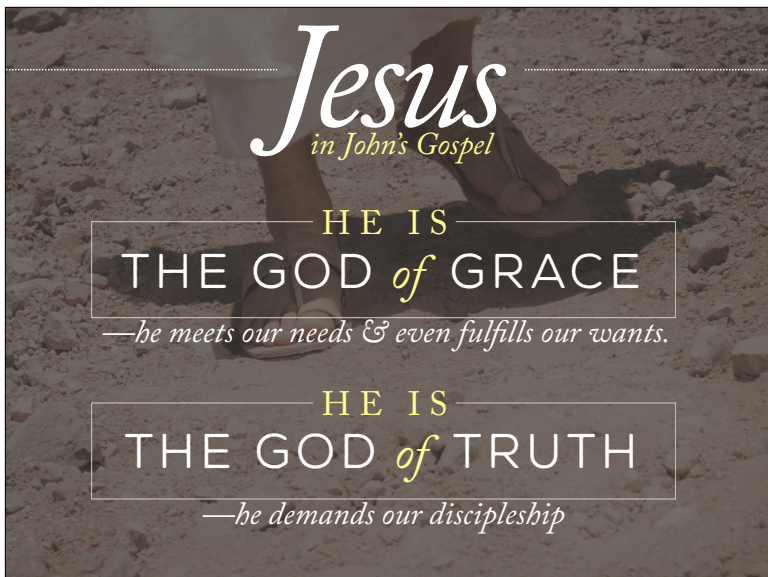
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FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD I AM THE WORD AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE HE GAVE TO ALL WHO BELIEVE IN HIM FOR WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT COME INTO JUDGMENT BUT WILL PASS FROM DEATH TO LIFE FOR THE WORD CAME FLESH AND DWELLED AMONG US TRUST IN GOD IS ALSO IN TRUST IN HIS SON WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE CONDEMNED BUT WILL HAVE LIFE FOREVER FOR ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM ALL THINGS WERE MADE THROUGH HIM AND WITHOUT HIM NOTHING CAME TO BE WHOEVER HEARS MY WORD AND BELIEVES IN ME WILL NOT COME INTO JUDGMENT BUT WILL HAVE LIFE FOREVER FOR I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME WILL NOT COME INTO DARKNESS BUT WILL HAVE THE LIGHT OF LIFE FOREVER



“We want a God without wrath who brings people without sin into a kingdom without judgment to a Christ without a Cross.”

RICHARD NEIBUHR



Jesus
in John's Gospel

HE IS
THE GOD *of* GRACE

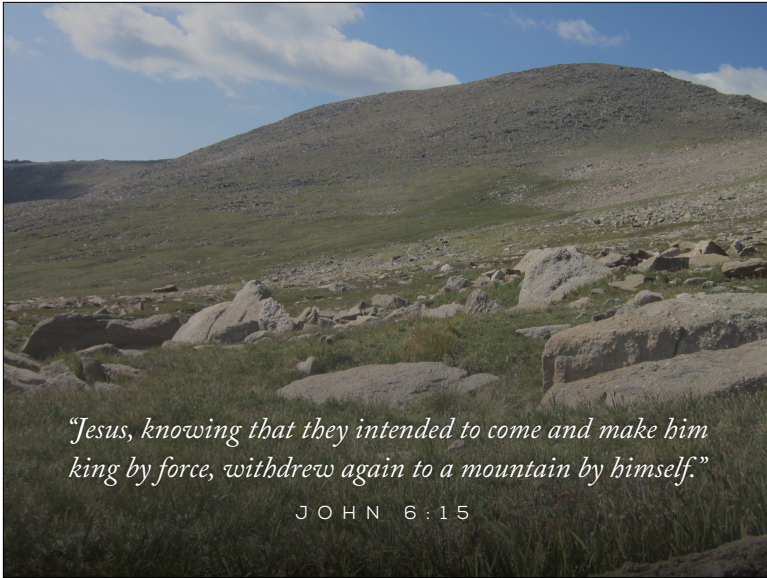
—he meets our needs & even fulfills our wants.

HE IS
THE GOD *of* TRUTH

—he demands our discipleship

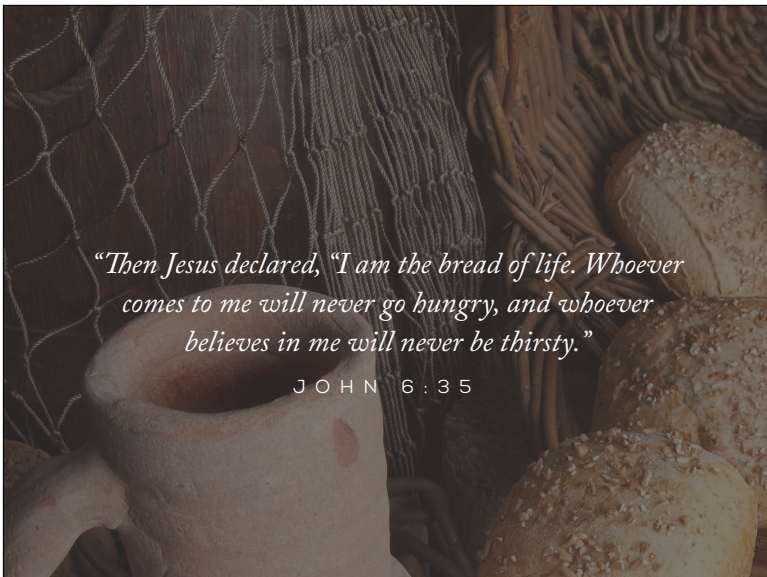
"I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him."

JOHN 6:53-56



"Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself."

JOHN 6:15



"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

“At this the Jews there began to grumble about him.”

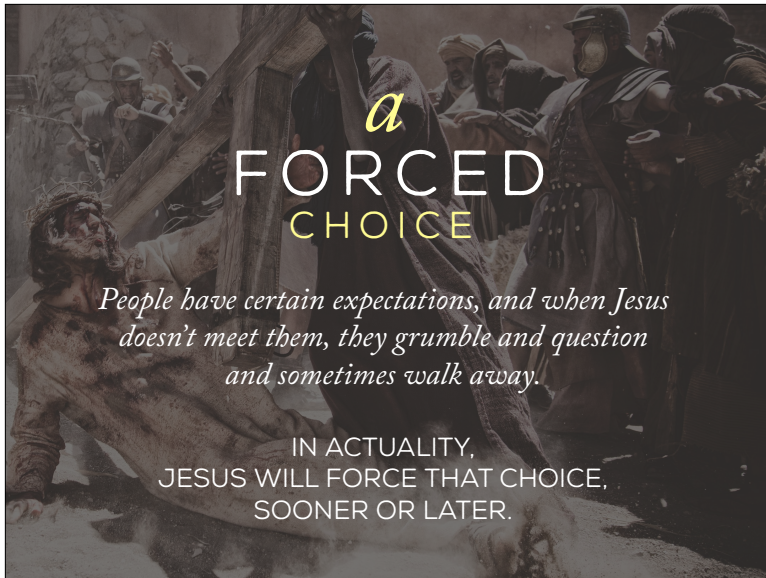
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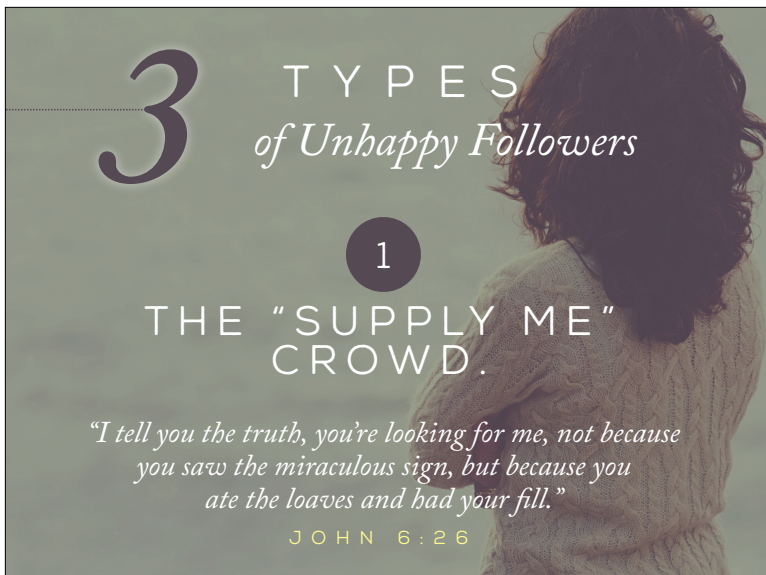
*“They began to argue sharply among themselves,
“How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”*

JOHN 6:52

*“From this time many of his disciples turned back
and no longer followed him.”*

JOHN 6:66

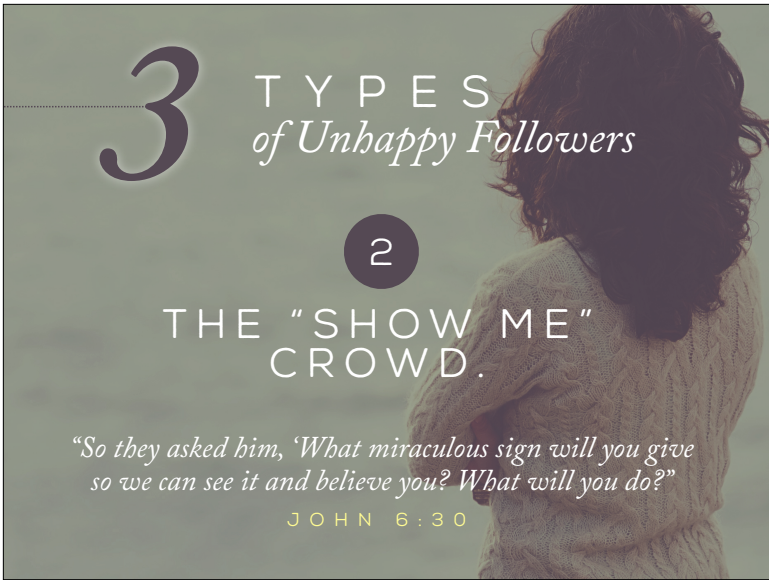






FOLLOWING
CHRIST
IS ABOUT
LOVING WHAT
he loves!

*The focus of true discipleship is my service to
Christ, not the supply of my needs.*



3 TYPES
of Unhappy Followers

2

THE "SHOW ME"
CROWD.

*"So they asked him, 'What miraculous sign will you give
so we can see it and believe you? What will you do?'"*

JOHN 6:30



FOLLOWING
CHRIST
IS ABOUT LAYING DOWN
WHAT I WANT IN ORDER
TO PICK UP WHAT
he wants!

*The product of true discipleship is a greater
revelation of who Jesus is.*



3 TYPES *of Unhappy Followers*

3

THE "SOOTHE ME" CROWD.

*"On hearing his words, many of his disciples said,
'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?'"*

JOHN 6:60



FOLLOWING CHRIST

IS ABOUT ALLOWING
MY COMFORT ZONE TO
BE STRETCHED

for his purposes!

*The journey of true discipleship requires leaving the
harbor of contentment for the high seas of faith.*

*"People have just enough spirituality to keep them
from getting the real thing. They have just enough
to inoculate themselves against God!"*

BILLY GRAHAM



FULL OF
TRUTH &
GRACE

Jesus knows our self-focused and short-sighted tendencies, yet he still invites us into a deeper, more intimate experience with him.

“At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him.”

JOHN 6:60, NLT



TO EAT
CHRIST'S FLESH
and
DRINK
HIS BLOOD
requires

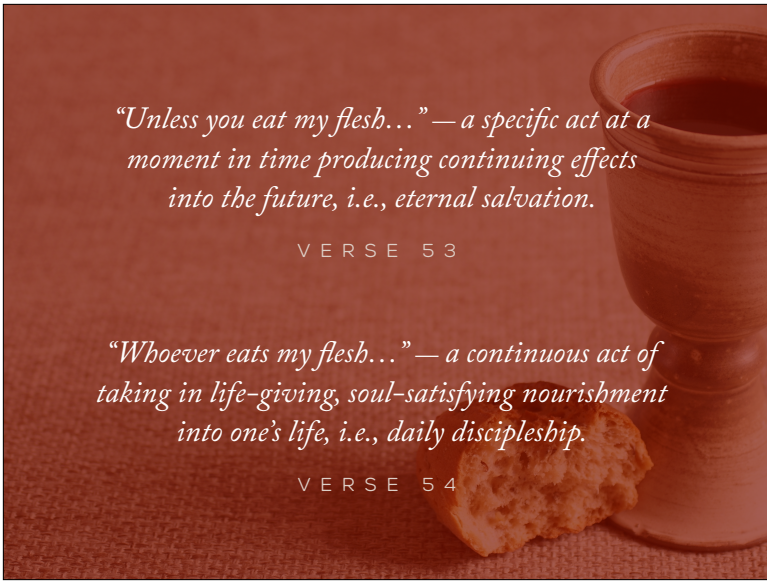
Nothing less than total surrender of my expectations and the complete transfer of godship in my life to His Lordship over my life.

“Unless you eat my flesh...” — a specific act at a moment in time producing continuing effects into the future, i.e., eternal salvation.

VERSE 53

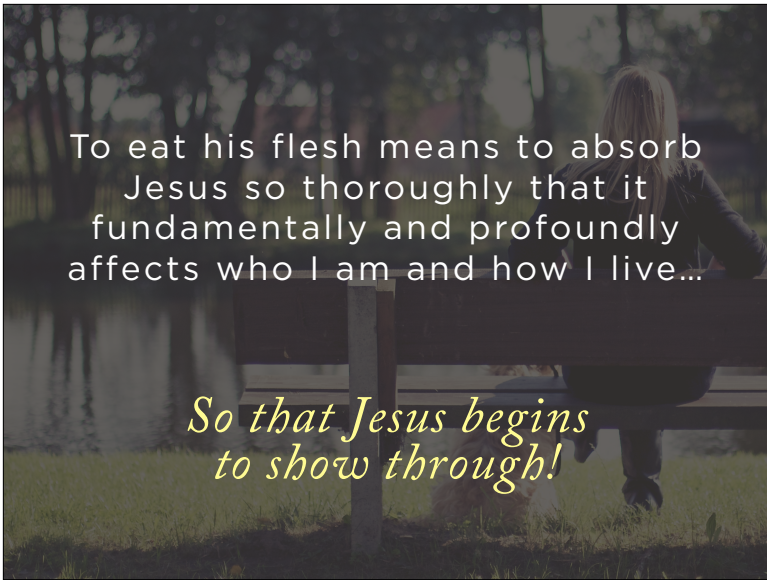
“Whoever eats my flesh...” — a continuous act of taking in life-giving, soul-satisfying nourishment into one’s life, i.e., daily discipleship.

VERSE 54



To eat his flesh means to absorb Jesus so thoroughly that it fundamentally and profoundly affects who I am and how I live...

So that Jesus begins to show through!



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