



When the Going Gets Tough!

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Text: John 6:60-71

Passage Summary: As we grow in what it means to know and follow Jesus, we discover at times along the way that the _____ will get _____!

180 Degree Truth #1: See that when following Jesus gets tough, don't trade what you _____ for what you don't _____! (6:60-71)

Application: Recognize that when following Jesus gets tough, know that...

- It is _____ for a _____! (v.60)

"On hearing it, many of his disciples said, 'This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?'"
John 6:60

"He winnowed the wheat from the chaff, allowing the nonbelievers' own bias to carry them away with the wind."
Chuck Swindoll

Remember: When following Jesus gets tough, know that the true blessing is found not in the one who has it _____, but in the words of Jesus, the one "who does not _____ on account of Me." (Matthew 11:6)

- There is a _____ for _____! (v.61-62)

"Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, 'Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before!'"
John 6:61-62

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it."
Matthew 16:24-25

Remember: When following Jesus gets tough, know that the true blessing comes in time for those who _____ it out, not those who _____ away!

- Ultimately _____ is at _____! (v.63-71)

"The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe."
John 6:63-64

Remember: When following Jesus gets tough, know that the ultimate blessing of believing in Him is realized not in this _____, but in the eternal _____ to come!

"Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God'"
John 6:68-69

Core Conviction to Live By: Resolutely determine that not if, but when following Jesus gets tough, that in all you don't know, you know more than you think; you know among other things, that we do not live by explanations, but by the _____ of God (Warren Wiersbe), and that through the body and the blood of Christ, your _____ has been made secure!

*"Thank You Jesus, for the blood applied
 Thank You Jesus, it has washed me white
 Thank You Jesus, You have saved my life
 Brought me from the darkness into glorious light"*
Charity Gayle, Thank You Jesus for the Blood

"I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty."
John 6:35