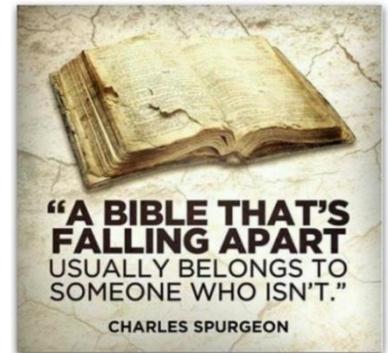




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## A WORD for the Journey

These are short daily Bible readings that have been chosen to reinforce a particular teaching that is important to help us live successfully as disciples of Jesus. They can be used individually, with your spouse, friend or used as family readings. Each week's readings correspond to the previous Sunday's sermon preached at Beaches Baptist Church. You can download the sermon from <https://beachesbaptist.com/> . If you would like to receive these readings via email, please email me on [beachesbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:beachesbaptist@gmail.com) with "A Word for the Journey" in the subject title.

### JESUS- THE BREAD OF LIFE

#### *Are you settled on Jesus?*

The Feeding of the 5000 is the only one of two of Jesus' miracles which is recorded in all four of the Gospels. The miracle itself and then Jesus' discourse that comes as a result arrives at the heart of what a living faith in Jesus is all about. I pray that as you meditate on these passages you will discover Jesus in all His fullness.

#### Monday

John 6:60-62 (MSG)

<sup>60</sup> Many among his disciples heard this and said, "This is tough teaching, too tough to swallow."

<sup>61-62</sup> Jesus sensed that his disciples were having a hard time with this and said, "Does this throw you completely? What would happen if you saw the Son of Man ascending to where he came from?"

1 Corinthians 1:22-25 (ESV)

<sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

**Reflect:** To hang your whole life and future on Jesus is a big ask. It requires the total relinquishment of the right to run our own life. Are you up for it?!

## Tuesday

John 6:63-65 (MSG)

The Spirit can make life. Sheer muscle and willpower don't make anything happen. Every word I've spoken to you is a Spirit-word, and so it is life-making. But some of you are resisting, refusing to have any part in this." (Jesus knew from the start that some weren't going to risk themselves with him. He knew also who would betray him.) He went on to say, "This is why I told you earlier that no one is capable of coming to me on his own. You get to me only as a gift from the Father."

**Reflect:** The Jesus' life is about having a spiritual connection with God that can only come about by trusting in Jesus-not just his words but in him.

## Wednesday

1 Corinthians 2:1-16 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup>We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup>No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>However, as it is written:

"What no eye has seen,

what no ear has heard,

and what no human mind has conceived"—

the things God has prepared for those who love him—

<sup>10</sup>these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup>For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. <sup>13</sup>This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. <sup>14</sup>The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. <sup>15</sup>The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, <sup>16</sup>for,

"Who has known the mind of the Lord

so as to instruct him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

**Reflect:** As a person grows deeper into Christ his spirit and our spirit become more intertwined- and his mind our mind start working more as one. "Lord, let there be more of you and less of me."

## Thursday

John 6:66-69 (MSG)

<sup>66-67</sup> After this a lot of his disciples left. They no longer wanted to be associated with him. Then Jesus gave the Twelve their chance: "Do you also want to leave?"

<sup>68-69</sup> Peter replied, "Master, to whom would we go? You have the words of real life, eternal life. We've already committed ourselves, confident that you are the Holy One of God."

**Reflect:** Have you cast your lot completely in with Jesus whatever the future may hold?

## Friday

Hebrews 11:13-16 (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

**Reflect:** If we live as if our final home is to be with Jesus as not as those who are earthbound- it changes everything!

## Saturday

John 6:70-71 (MSG)

<sup>70-71</sup> Jesus responded, "Haven't I handpicked you, the Twelve? Still, one of you is a devil!" He was referring to Judas, son of Simon Iscariot. This man—one from the Twelve!—was even then getting ready to betray him.

2 Timothy 1:15 (NLT)

<sup>15</sup> As you know, everyone from the province of Asia has deserted me—even Phygelus and Hermogenes.

2 Timothy 4:10, 16-18 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> Demas has deserted me because he loves the things of this life and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus has gone to Dalmatia...

<sup>16</sup> The first time I was brought before the judge, no one came with me. Everyone abandoned me. May it not be counted against them. <sup>17</sup> But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength so that I might preach the Good News in its entirety for all the Gentiles to hear. And he rescued me from certain death. <sup>18</sup> Yes, and the Lord will deliver me from every evil attack and will bring me safely into his heavenly Kingdom. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen.

**Reflect:** Both Jesus and Paul experienced a great sifting of those who were fair-dinkum for Jesus and those who weren't. But we know that no matter what happens- when we stick with the Lord he will never leave us or forsake us.

## Sunday

Luke 9:23-24 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. <sup>24</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.

Luke 9:62 (ESV)

<sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts his hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 14:33 (ESV)

<sup>33</sup> So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

**Reflect:** Tough words! Is the Bread of Life too hard for you to swallow? Or, are you like Peter who said, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of Eternal life"?