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Words of Life

John 6:59-71 ⁵⁹Jesus said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum. ⁶⁰On hearing it, many of His disciples said, "This is a difficult teaching. Who can accept it?" ⁶¹Aware that His disciples were grumbling about this teaching, Jesus asked them, "Does this offend you?" ⁶²Then what will happen if you see the Son of Man ascend to where He was before? ⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. ⁶⁴However, there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray Him.) ⁶⁵Then Jesus said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to Me unless the Father has granted it to him." ⁶⁶From that time on, many of His disciples turned back and no longer walked with Him. ⁶⁷So Jesus asked the Twelve, "Do you want to leave too?" ⁶⁸Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We believe and know that You are the Holy One of God." ⁷⁰Jesus answered them, "Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!" ⁷¹He was speaking about Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. For although Judas was one of the Twelve, he was later to betray Jesus. (BSB)

I. Here are the details of this passage.

- A. Jesus is back in His home state where there is a lack of faith. V. 59
- B. The disciples mentioned here are the remnants of the 5,000 men who were miraculously fed. V. 60
- C. These disciples were hung up on Jesus claiming to be from heaven and claiming to be the sole source of eternal life. V. 61
- D. Jesus prophesied that the remaining disciples will see Him ascend. V. 62
Acts 1:9-11 When He had said this, they watched as He was taken up, and a cloud hid Him from their sight. They were looking intently into the sky as He was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen Him go into heaven." (BSB)
- E. He states that real life comes from the Holy Spirit not our flesh. V. 63
- F. Belief in Jesus Christ shows that you have received this life. V.63
- G. Jesus made an exclusive claim to be the only source of life that the Father grants. V. 64-65
- H. This was the final straw and many disciples abandoned Jesus and no longer followed Him. V.66
- I. Jesus asks the twelve if they wanted to leave also and Peter acknowledges that only Jesus has the words of eternal life. V.67-69
- J. Jesus confirmed that they were chosen to follow Him and that Judas was to betray Him. V.71

II. What can we learn from this passage?

- A. Not everyone who begins to follow Jesus continues to follow Jesus.
- B. The Bible clearly teaches the eternal security of the believer and true belief stands the test of time. Mountain top experiences are not enough for lasting faith.
- C. Our belief will be tested for authenticity.
- D. Only Jesus gives real eternal life.