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John 6:34-51

My great-grandmother told us, "I grew up on a farm. We were poor, but we worked hard and never went hungry!" There is an advantage in living close to the source. Jesus extends an invitation with a promise: come to him and you will never be spiritually hungry or thirsty. He is not speaking of earthly bread or water: Jesus is "the bread that came down from heaven" (v. 41). "This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (v. 51). It is by believing in Jesus Christ, placing our full reliance upon his sacrifice on the cross for our sins, that we have hope of resurrection to eternal life.

No matter how fresh and nutritious our earthly bread might be, our bodies will always be hungry again. The bread that Jesus gives will continue to satisfy our spirits. The original language is very strong; the one who comes to Christ by faith will "never hunger" and "never, never thirst."*

The Father continues to draw hungry people to Jesus, the Bread of Life, where they will find no shortage of grace and mercy.

*George R. Beasley-Murray, "John," 2nd ed., *Word Biblical Commentary* (Nashville: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1999), 92.

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