

## John 6:52–71 – “Without Faith, It Is Impossible to Please God”

*Without faith in Jesus, there is no life, no growth, and no lasting walk with Him. Faith—not striving or performance—pleases God.*

### **The Biblical World – Understanding the Context:**

After miraculously feeding the crowd, Jesus declared He was the Bread of Life. But when He explained that eternal life comes only by “eating His flesh and drinking His blood”—a metaphor for believing in Him personally and fully—many were offended. The religious leaders argued. The crowd grew uncomfortable. Even many of His disciples stopped walking with Him. Yet Jesus stood firm, teaching that real life comes only through the Spirit, not through human effort. Faith—not understanding or striving—is the way to receive life and to continue walking with Him.

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### **Passage Outline**

- **I. Without Faith, You Have No Life (vv. 52–59)**
  - **II. Without Faith, You Profit Nothing (vv. 60–65)**
  - **III. Without Faith, You Can’t Walk with Jesus (vv. 66–71)**
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### **Passage Notes**

#### **I. Without Faith, You Have No Life (vv. 52–59)**

The religious leaders argued about Jesus’ teaching, taking His words literally. But Jesus was pointing to something deeper—true, eternal life comes through faith in Him. Just as food sustains the body, Jesus alone gives life to the soul. To believe in Him is to live forever.

#### **II. Without Faith, You Profit Nothing (vv. 60–65)**

Many disciples said, “This is a hard saying.” They didn’t understand, and some didn’t believe at all. Jesus made it clear: the flesh profits nothing. It is the Spirit who gives life, and the Spirit works through the Word. Eternal life doesn’t come from effort—it comes from trusting Jesus.

#### **III. Without Faith, You Can’t Walk with Jesus (vv. 66–71)**

Some walked away and never returned. But Peter stayed. He said, “You have the words of eternal

life.” That’s the key—not just starting with Jesus, but continuing with Him by faith. Even among the Twelve, Judas never believed. Not all followers truly believe, and not all believers continue walking closely with Jesus. Faith is how we live, not just how we begin.

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### **The Modern World – Relevance Today:**

Our world values effort, performance, and feelings—but Jesus calls for faith. Without it, everything else is empty. People today still walk away from truth when it feels too hard. But Jesus is still asking, “Will you also go away?”

### **The World of the Congregation – Applying This Passage Today:**

Some believers feel stuck or unfruitful—not because they’re not saved, but because they’ve stopped walking by faith. This passage reminds us that we grow, understand, and endure only by believing—not by striving.

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### **What This Means for Us**

- **Faith is how you receive life—and how you grow in it.**
  - *Have you started relying on your own strength instead of continuing by faith?*
    - → Return to simple, daily belief. Trust Jesus—not your effort—for growth.
- **Without faith, truth feels offensive and discipleship fades.**
  - *Are you shrinking back because God’s Word feels too hard?*
    - → Don’t walk away. Stay close. His words give life.
- **Faith doesn’t demand understanding—it trusts the One who speaks.**
  - *Where are you demanding clarity instead of offering trust?*
    - → Say, “Lord, I believe. Help me keep walking with You.”