

Who is Going...? **Part 1: "Introduction!"**

John 6.47ff "He that believes in Me has everlasting life... I Am the Bread of Life... the bread that came down from heaven that a man can eat and not die. This is the bread that I give, My flesh, for the life of the whole world! And unless you eat of this bread... you will have no life in you... But if you eat of it, you will live by Me... eat it and live forever! Many of His disciples, when they heard this said, This is a hard saying; who can do this? Jesus responded, Does this offend you? The words I speak to you are spirit and life! From that time many of His disciples turned and walked away from Him. Then Jesus, turned to the twelve and asked... "Will you also be going?"

What's happened... Jesus is well known by now... Helps a lot of needy individuals! But the crowds have witnessed something different... Jesus is a food wholesaler! They want to make Him their Food King! Free food AND miracles for entertainment... What can be better than this?

"You seek Me, not for the miracles I have done, but because your stomachs are full of bread!" **v26** "But since you brought it up – I AM, the Bread of Life... and unless you eat this Bread, you will have no life in you!" **v53** "This is a hard saying; and we don't understand it; so we are leaving..." **v60**

Did you catch it? "We don't understand You... this is not what we expected... "We just wanted food and fun... *BLESSINGS FROM GOD...* and You're making this hard... *So we're going back... to the old ways!*" This happens all the time in the kingdom of God!

"I don't understand..."

If your walk with God hinges on understanding Him and His ways you will never come to the place where you have the answers to those questions! As big as the gap is between you and a four year old understanding the adult decisions you make – and the directions you give – the gap between man and God is – astronomical! As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than yours and my thoughts than your thoughts! Isaiah 55.9

Where it begins...

He is God and we are not and His ways are different than ours... And He really does expect us to yield to His words/Spirit leading... Understanding where we can, and, trusting where we can't!

He is looking for His own who will do more than the minimum, pull out the stops to maturity and push thru to the 2% minority!

He is looking for men and women, heroic responders, to save and serve!

It is a deliberate choice to a committed life that is harder than most people are willing to engage! Though it's standard, Biblical, faith that comes with persecution... And it will require vigilant purging...

And, in this case, it comes with the least of the least – calling out... Leave your vain gods behind, burn their altars, pull down their shrines, for there is no god like our God to turn to...

And in His name and in His way let us save together, let us serve together, and follow together...