

Exposé 247

Bucket Ministry Series 41

Title: Meat For Life

And if you have been listening to us, you will know what we are talking about; the one, which is... and not another gospel. And this same gospel, we have found out in the last transmission, it was the power of God at work who can save every one.

This Word of God that is going forth today is going to cross every racial barrier, every nation boundaries and borders. It's going to cut across every... is it Maslow hierarchy of need or the aspiration, any classification. This word of God is going to get to everybody, and is going to take everyone who believes.

We learnt from last transmission about this power of God. I think that was the concluding part to know that it wasn't just power at the end of conversion alone. Because people are amuse of the saving power that can save the violent offenders (sinners) and made him white as snow. Yet, we keep forgetting, that once you are save this same principle needs to apply in salvation.

This same power is effective equally as potent as when you are converted. How do I know? Because the book of Hebrews says Christ Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and forever. He doesn't go weak or weary. Even Isaiah was able to talk about it, our eternal God doesn't know weariness because we know if you have some relationship and with time, we just see people losing flavor, lose out of contact and the bustling thing that you had before, you just found it dropping when you begin to see their flaws or they begin to see your flaws.

But the relationship we had with our Father who has translated us into that kingdom, is not on loan that we have to work for it and pay the interest back. And so this power is as potent as it has been as of day of our conversion. Because the book of Jude was talking that this same God is able to keep us from stumbling, from falling and to present us blameless, without blemishes until the coming of our Lord. So this power can sustain us if we would allow it.

And so today we want to continue from where we stopped, and if you have not listen to this kind of power that I am talking about, what kind of power that can be there all through till the coming of the Lord, from the point that you were pick up. The power at work is this gospel.

So we continue from John Chapter 4 verse 30. And if you have not listen to any of these episodes, this is the 41st episode. So we will like you to go back to it at the Bucket Ministry talking about the conversation Jesus had with the woman of Samaria.

Welcome viewers and listeners from all over the world, the last verse that we actually looked into in our transmission was the 30th verse of the book of John. So today by the grace of God, we will be going straight to the 31st verse of the 4th Chapter of the book of John.

We are looking into the implication of the gospel on the basis of the discuss between Jesus and the Samaritan woman.

Welcome to today's transmission.

You can carry on please.

31. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging Jesus rather eat something.(NLT)

Right at the point where the woman was engaged in the gospel campaign in the village where she has gone to actually accumulate her encounter with Christ to the people. He's saying that interim time; the disciples then came to Jesus in the meantime, asking him something.

So what was the thing they were asking him to do?

Eat Rabbi

They were asking him teacher eat something. They urged him to eat something. That is from the 31st verse.

So let's the response of Christ in the 32nd verse.

32. But Jesus replied

Now, take note of that!

I have a kind of food you know nothing about.

Now, see the response of Christ! they asked him to eat, and he said well, there is a type of food that I have that you have no idea about. This is one strategy that Christ often adopts in his communication to people even to his own disciples. Many times, and even to other people, he has often used this strategy. What strategy is that?

If you notice that Jesus often transmit or pass across understanding of a literal reality using a natural phenomenon. It could be a natural thing. Things that we do every day, things in our job that we are conversant with. Christ will often use those things as a platform to clarify his spiritual truth.

And he has done that many times, if you notice, there was a time he told his disciples be careful of the leaven of the Pharisees. When Jesus told the disciples that, they thought among themselves that it was because we didn't bring any bread. I think the reason why people get confused is because Jesus often uses instance where the physical event is as easy to clarify his spiritual facts.

That is why people get it mixed up. When he said beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, they said oh! It is because we brought no bread. And Jesus said, I'm not talking about bread. I'm not talking about yeast physically as it were. I'm talking about the hypocrisy of the Pharisees.

Just like hypocrisy make people to swell up. It makes people think they are better than other people. *He said you can see... that is what the yeast does in our bread.*

Christ often uses this particular strategy to pass on a spiritual reality. He did exactly the same thing for the woman at the well. Because the woman at the well, when she was communicating at the well, Christ told her, woman if you drink of this water, you will thirst again. But because Jesus said that at the point she came to draw natural water. She got it mixed up. She thought Christ was talking about Jacob's well. But Jesus wasn't talking about Jacob well. He was talking about the sustenance of your soul.

So Jesus often uses this method and we need to glean this reality when we see him communicating using that. And he uses the same method right here in the 31st and 32nd verse of the 4th Chapter of the book of John.

They asked him eat. Of course they were talking about natural food. And when they asked Jesus to eat natural food. Jesus then used that opportunity, that instance to be able to transmit a spiritual fact. So let's not gloss over that spiritual reality.

Let us look at it. Jesus said I have meat to eat. He wasn't talking about the meat. That is not the meat he was referring to.

How do I know that? Let's carry on.

He said I have meat that you know nothing of, because the one they asked him to eat, they know about that. I don't know whether it was carbohydrate, or protein or vitamins. They knew what they brought to him, but he said the one I'm talking about, you don't know about that. So we know he wasn't talk about the meat they brought. He was talking about a different kind of meat. That is what we see there.

And the reason why Jesus will use this different kind of meat at that instance is because he wanted them to know that do you know that meat, the meat you brought to me, what you want it to do for me natural speaking? There is another meat that will do that

spiritually speaking. That is why he used that opportunity to pass that reality across to them.

That is 32nd verse, isn't it?

He said I have meat to eat that you don't know about. You don't know about this type of meat.

Come to verse 33 please?

33. Did someone bring him food while we were gone?

So there we see their confusion.

So Jesus was right to say they did not know about the type of food.

That is what I'm saying. They were thinking about the meat they brought, they didn't know he was talking about a different meat.

And let's say this clearly; this is not the first time Jesus talked about meat. And you know in this case, whether meat or food... Often times, we see meat in the scriptures; it's talking in general term about what we call food. It's not just talking about meat in the way we use it. It's talking in a general sense of food, of that which sustains your natural body, that which provides your body nutrient. That is what the Bible uses the word meat to refer to.

So what is the point of Christ in this case? He says do we know that food sustain a natural man? Do we know that natural man runs in the fuel of food? Without food your body wouldn't survive. Your body needs to survive by the nutrient that comes from food. He said in the same vein, your soul, your heart, your life, the real person needs to be sustained by another kind of food.

So the core thing he was passing across was sustenance. It was satisfactory. It was fulfilment. That is the point he was talking about.

So if you look at the 33th verse,

Therefore the disciples were wondering and all that, did anybody bring him what to eat?

See what he said in verse 34

34. Then Jesus explained

Then he was going to clarify now, since you guys are missing up what I am talking about in terms of food. Let me just cut the chase and go straight down to what I am actually talking about.

Then Jesus explained my nourishment comes from doing the will of God.

Can you see?

Of course, the nourishment he was talking about wasn't the nourishment for the body; he is talking about the nourishment for the soul. He is talking about the nourishment for the spirit. He's talking about nourishment for the total man. He is not talking about just a human body, because you and I know that your whole person is not just your body. Your body is your house that actually contains the reality of who you are.

That is why when Jesus was talking about demons. He said when a demon leaves a man and goes into the dry places and all that, the demon will say within himself, I will go back to my house.

So the demon regarded the human body as his house. That is why the scriptures also say that your body is the temple. It means your body is a case. It's an enclosure for the spirit. So in this case, what we see is, Christ is talking about the fact that my meat; what sustains me. He wasn't talking about the meat for the body. He was talking about the meat for the soul. He said what sustain my heart, my soul, the core of my being is to do the will of him that sent me.

Now, before we go deeper into this because I don't want us to rush over this issue of the will because that is important.

Let's quickly go to John Chapter 6 and begin to unrivaled this sustenance that Christ was talking about. This sustenance that the disciples got confused about, what is it all about?

You know the reason why we need to look at this? Before we go to...

We are going to look at John Chapter 6 and at the same time we will look at 1John Chapter 2 verse 6.

Now maybe you should look at 1John 2 verse 6 first so that we can lay a foundation from 1John 2 verse 6 and used that a springboard to come to John Chapter 6.

What does it say there?

1John 2

6. Those who say they believe in God should live their lives as Jesus did.

KJV says those who claim to abide in Christ should live even also as he live, to walk even as he walked. To have the same paradigm that Christ has in the flesh. The same way Jesus saw life when he was walking upon the earth...

He said if you claim to abide in Christ or if you claim that Christ abides in you. Your living life, your approach to life, your conduct, your perspective should be even as he is. So if Jesus did say he has a sustenance, if Christ says there is a meat he has to eat, that he

lives on. It should be the meat that you live on. Because if anybody claims they abide in him, they should walk, they should live even as he lived.

Can you see?

So it means if there is anything that sustain Christ it should be what is sustaining you. That is what the scriptures say.

Now using that as a platform, a springboard. Let's go to John Chapter 6 and see what was this sustenance that Christ was talking about? What is this satisfaction, this completeness that he was referring to, that he said that was the meat they know nothing about?

Can you see?

They should be a sustenance for you that the world doesn't know anything about. They should be a sustenance for you that your friends should be wondering, is anybody.... you know people should be saying that we know how much he has in his bank account. We know how much he's being paid. We know how much he's worth. We know where he lives or we know where he came from. We know his background. So what is this sustenance that we see all over him? What is this completion that we see him living life by? But we can't really explain how it comes about.

They said did anybody bring him meat? *Why is Christ saying he has a meat and sustenance that is not...* It is a testimony men should have about you because you ought to walk even as he walked if you claim to abide in him. That is what we see in the Word of God.

This calls for a sober reflection because this day and age, there is hardly anything noticeable difference between those who call themselves children of God and those who are not, because everybody respond from the same thing, living off the same thing. So their engagement, their approach to life is based on the same thing. They are going to respond like their co-worker, because they live on the same thing- the same paradigm, the same interest, we begin to pick up interest from things. And we begin to echo the voice of people from the same leader and the likes. So we look up to the same people. So all our means of our nourishment that comes from feeding off from all the eye sight which we can absorb nutrient, they are just from the same source. So nobody could see any difference, yes! there is something you have, how could we all be in the same physical situation but your response is different?

So you can say to them I have meat to eat that you guys know nothing about. I have a life I live that you have no idea. I have something that completes me that you have no idea.

So we might be cut up with the same situation, but we have different source. Different source of thinking is quite different. That is because that is the meal to our mind. So what

we engage our mind with, and people say what are you coming up for? Because there is something, the meal they don't know nothing of.

There is a meat that you should be eating that your friends should be wondering, what is that? They know nothing about, because there is one they know something about. For example they know where joy comes from, they know where happiness come from. They know about that.

They know all the session of the natural way of getting joy. They know you do some drugs. They know you go for some therapy. They know you go for this medication, they know that. But there should be a meat, there should be a consumption, something that you are feeding on that they should wonder about.

Jesus said to them, there is a sustenance I have with me...

And they should be asking has anybody brought anything? Did anybody bring in food? Or did something change about your circumstance? Is it not in the same country we are in? or something happens to him that we didn't even know it happen to him because now, his decision is different. What has happen to him that we don't know about? That should be a question.

How is he wired? We went to the same school. We followed the same career pathway, we listen to the same thing, went to the same country. Yes, we have similar background, how is it wired? Why is he talking this way? How is he reacting? How are things happening to him differently?

Did anybody bring him food that we don't know about? No!

See! And the scriptures says to you clearly in 1John 2: 6, we should be able to walk even as he walked, if you claim that you live by his life.

We know that if we want to ever attain to become something different, if you really want to alter our disposition, our composition from our neighbors, we just have to take care of what are we feeding ourselves with? What is the meal?

So if we ignore taking the meal of God's Word that which Jesus had, and feel like we have access to it because we are not talking about access now. For some people they have access now, they are already in the kingdom but they are not just going to feed on it. They are going to feed on junks. You can see that they are going to respond like their neighbor.

Don't forget that we are going somewhere by the grace of God. We are going to investigate, look into what is this meat that Christ was talking about because him himself by his own word clarify what this meat is as we continue from 32nd of John Chapter 4.

We will clarify what that meat is.

But let us just come straight to John Chapter 6 to glean some things that the Holy Spirit is passing across to the body of Christ today regarding these things we are talking about.

You can actually start from the 22nd verse as we begin to look into this.

John 6

22. The next day the crowd that had stay on the far shore saw that the disciples had taken the only boat, and they realize Jesus had not gone with them.

23. Several boats from Siberia...

Are you looking at the 2th verse?

27. But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking eternal life that the Son of man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval.

In 27th verse he was saying, don't put all your energy and all your effort on meat that perishes.

So let's clarify, when Jesus said to them I have meat to eat that you don't know about. It means the meat that Christ was talking about has to be distinct from the regular meat that we are used to or the meat that is popular.

Jesus is saying there is a meat that you put your energy into that doesn't endure, that perishes. Perishes there means it has a diminishing return. It means it expires by the time you lash unto it and begin to suck out of it. What happens is, you will need to start again.

It perishes means, you know just like food... If a food perishes, it means you have to get another supply because it cannot continue to supply what you hope it will supply.

Now, if you are wondering in this case that this people that Christ was talking to in this 27th verse of the 6th Chapter of the book of John were not even eating any physical food.

Now, if you look at that...

I think they might want to have the background into that text.

Okay, where do we start reading from?

We can probably read from 22nd verse.

Now watch this!

John 6

22. The next day the crowd that has stayed on the far shore saw that the disciples had taken the only boat and they realize Jesus had not gone with them.

23. Several boats from Siberia landed near the place where the Lord had blessed the bread and the people had eaten.

24. So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boat and to cross to Capernaum to look for him.

25. They found him on the other side of the lake and ask, Rabbi when did you get here?

26. Jesus replied, I tell you the truth; you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs.

27. Don't be so concern about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking eternal life that the son of man can give for God the Father has given me the approval.

So the background was the miraculous provision of the five loaves of bread and two fishes. The miracles that Christ did in which they were sustained. They had a natural supply supernaturally. That was supernatural. That was the power of God. That was the grace of God, the power of God at work in multiplying resources, in making things available to them.

Verse 10 says

10. 'Tell everyone to sit down,' Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes (the men alone numbered about five thousand.)

11. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterwhat he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted.

12. And everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples...

So it means there was supernatural provision, there was multiplication of resources; there were things that were done that their belly was filled. Everybody was satisfied. There were left overs. That is the God that does beyond what we could ask or imagine according to the power that works in us.

God is a God of supernatural abundance and God is able to do exceedingly abundantly more than we could ask or think.

So in other words, if he gives you a five loaves and two fishes in the midst of five thousand, then he wants to multiply, there is no need for anxiety, panic because of that.

And you don't need go complaining to say why would he send me on this? We see people complaining on the way, why is it? What can I do? This is so little. This is so much than what I have to do. If it has to be five, know that he just have to multiply it.

So it means our God is in the business of miracles. It means our God is in the business of multiplication. It doesn't matter what you are believing God for. You are believing God for a provision, a supply, an abundance, a multiplication, you cannot exhaust the resources of heaven. You cannot exhaust the power and the ability of God to take what you have and multiply back unto you. That is what God does. And that is why in the book of 1Corinthians, Apostle Paul said God is able to multiply your seeds sown. That is God! The God that multiply the seed that is being sown. He wouldn't forget your labour of love. We are not disputing that, and he's still in the business of doing that.

So prosperity and abundance is not American invention because people thought when somebody is talking about much more and they feel like oh! that must be the new fad or something. See Jesus here who proves that this is much more.

This things that happen, they are realism, they are facts and then if you trust and believe God even in our days, because Jesus is the same yesterday, today and the same forever (Hebrews 13). If he multiplies the bread and two fishes, then he is still in the business of doing it again and again.

So he will always do it. He will always go beyond your human expectation, beyond your human calculation. Just trust him to be at work in you and within you and to lay hold on him and all that.

So that is not the problem because he is able to do that. He's still doing that but the issue is when people taught that itself was an end itself. It means people thought that the most important thing about life was to feed your belly. This is a problem.

If you notice in the book of Philippians the Apostle Paul began to warn the body of Christ against some men that will creep in into the church. He said these men; their belly will become their god. How does a belly become a man's god?

It means all the man thinks, all the man reason, the goal, everything, the actions, the choices of that man is all about how do I feed my belly? Which means in a modern day context, how do I put something in my pocket? How do I make it? All about me.

It means they use Christ as a means. They use Christ as the basis. They use the Bible, use the name of Jesus, use scriptures as a means because their belly is the goal. So that is why he said their god is their belly.

So these people, this is the situation they were in. It means the reasons they were looking for Christ is not because of Christ. They were looking for Christ because Christ was

meant to be a stepping-stone to their belly. They were just looking at Christ viewing him as just a bread provider, they are not seeing him as Christ.

Everyone! whether you are born again or you are not born again. All men at the moment, every person on this earth has their own god. And how do you know a man's god? Every body's god is the ultimate reason why you are doing what you are doing. In a simple nutshell, to clarify...

Some people feel they don't have a shrine in their house, there are not primitive and say they don't have a shed. Of course your belly cannot be a shrine if you think, but why would the Apostle Paul in the book of Philippians says somebody belly can be their god? It means there is no oil you are pouring onto the stone in the belly.

It means in the grand scheme of things, god is not just about the shrine; god is not just about a temple, god is about what is your ultimate hope in life? What do you bow to? What do you serve? What do you keep servicing in your life? What is the thing that determines your choices? What is the thing that if you don't have it, life is not worth living for you? That is actually your god.

So the point is these people do have a god, which happened to be their belly, which happened to be what they eat, so they are going to use Christ as a means.

So Jesus is now saying in verse 27 that you read before, do not labour for meats that perishes. So in context, what is the meat that perishes? The meat that perishes is every other thing that you live for. So the meat there is not about food, carbohydrate or protein that he is talking about in that verse 27.

He is simply saying anything that you live for, that is not life eternal in Christ. Every thing that you pursue, that is not life eternal in Christ. Every reason why you live that is not about the identity that Christ gave you in faith in Christ Jesus. That thing cannot sustain you. That thing will not sustain you both in time and eternity. He says it will perish. The law of diminishing returns will set in. That is what he was saying.

It means every satisfaction, every completeness that you seek for in any other thing apart from the name that Christ gives you, apart from the calling that Christ has place upon your life. If you seek for satisfaction anywhere else, it is called the meat that perishes.

That is why Jesus told them in that John 4:32, I have a meat, I have a sustenance that I fed on that you don't know about. And that is what we see there in the Word of God.

Well, it's not that this meal is completely or outrightly bad, but is just that it has this unpalatable destiny, that it is just going to perish. Isn't it?

Because they need this bread for sustenance- physical sustenance, but living off on it is just like you cannot just hang on this as smiley innocent, good, needed the bread is, you

cannot just go on grabbing for this. You cannot all live up only on this because it has this destiny that it cannot last. You cannot depend on it for long.

Thank you for that.

It will not sustain you for long; it is a matter of time. That is why Jesus told that woman of Samaria in John Chapter 4, if you drink of this water. I am not saying don't drink of this water, but drink of the water but don't put your hope on the water.

You see! this is where the whole problem is. If you notice, if you listen to what we are talking about today, we are not even saying that this meat is not good. If you don't eat this food, if you don't put cloth on your body, if you don't put food on your table, if you don't have a house where you live in, if you don't have human relationship, human connections, if you don't have these things, God has given us this thing in this life to enjoy. That is why Jesus said your heavenly father knows you have need of these things.

We are not denying the reality of making progress in this natural world. But we must not forget you cannot put your hope, your aspiration because it diminishes. The effect, the satisfaction you get from it does not last. So why put all your hopes on something that will perish. Use it, make use of it but don't put your hope, don't put your satisfaction, don't put your completion, don't put your contentment on those things because they will disappoint. That is what Christ is saying.

This is what we see there. And even don't forget one thing, just to chip this in, 1 Timothy 6, when he was saying when we have food and raiment let's be contented. The reason why he said that is because we brought nothing into this world, and certainly you are taking nothing out.

It means he is saying in eternity, some of the things people are dying for, some of the things people want to kill each other for, some of the things people want to cheat for, he said those things will not even count in eternity because we are taking nothing out of this world.

So why not just spend time, energy and put your focus on something that will go with you out ... some things will go with you out of this world. Some things will go with you to eternity. Some things that are imperishable. They will go with you to eternity. They will stand the test of time and go into eternity with you. He said those are the things that should take your time, they should take your knowledge, they should take your focus, they should take your attention, your thought, even fill your thought with the things that will go with you to eternity.

You know the strange things? some of those things- the meat that perishes, even in the light of eternity, it perishes but even in the now, some of them are already experiencing

diminishing returns. Even in the now! Some of them, we don't have to wait for eternity to see their perishable effect.

You just have to think back when they have a particular position and feel like they could just attain this, that will be all. Just get this degree... It is just a matter of weeks and months. We don't feel that same... the butterfly in your tummy, you don't feel it anymore.

How I wish that the church will major in the major and minor in the minor? I will put it this way, how I wish the church of Christ, the Christians will actually make major what God has make major and make minor what God has make minor.

The Apostle Paul did say to the Corinthians Church when I came among you, I came to know nothing or seek nothing except Christ and him crucified. Do you understand the implication of the death? Are you living through the death, the burial and the resurrection of Christ? Are you taking your joy? Are you taking your excitement in what Christ has done for you? Are you taking your excitement in Christ in you the hope of glory? Are you being excited, are you be passionate about what he did for you, and what he did in you?

He said I want to know nothing among you except Christ and him crucified. It doesn't mean nothing else was going on among them. It doesn't mean they were no other things about them. They were! But you see when I weigh things, when we compare things to things, this should be the overarching topic. And that should be the same thing with you, personally or corporately.

The most important topic should be about increasing in the knowledge of Christ, increasing and walking in the grace of God, should be manifesting the life of Christ. Should be walking in the reality of what he did for us. It should be delving and going deeper, being rooted in Christ. This should be the most important topic in the lips of every Christian. It should be the most important in the midst of any gathering. It should be the most important topic of discussion. That is what he is simply saying.

So he is simply saying, labour for meat that never perishes because there is a meat that if you focus on, if you put your hopes on it, it will disappoint.

I hope we will all have this mind of Christ and share what Paul had, that mentality because it was a conscious effort, it is a deliberate decision for him to make a choice of that topic of interest. Because there is so many other interesting topic that we must in his day then in the church- the novel topic, the one that is causing attention, stirring controversy and something that is interested in joining in discussion there.

So we have so many of this discussion, topic of interest these days. Let's talk about anointing, let's talk about power, let's talk about all these things- healing.... those are the

things that... but Paul made the choice and say I don't want to know anything. This was his own personal choice...

I don't want to know about this great testimony. Fine! I acknowledge them, they are great, they are good. They are not bad! Talking about the anointing and power. They are not bad compare to the privileges that came with redemptions, all the healings. But he said, in the midst of all these things, I am going to pick something and make a deliberate decision and a conscious effort to pick only the crucifixion. That is my own topic of interest.

And this is what I want to be talking about when I come among you, no matter what is happening, you people has to watch their tongue when they are talking about something else and say oh! Paul is here, it is crucifixion that he want to talk about.

We might be able to provoke that kind of reaction in people and know that no! he is around now. He wants to talk about Christ. On the pulpit, they know that when he comes on the pulpit or any platform, he is not going to just going to talk about things that doesn't matter in side of eternity, he is going to talk about Christ and him being crucified. May this be our testimony. Amen

Thank you for that insight.

You know people always say one thing and I think that is being highlighted today, people say in a general term, they say the enemy of best is good.

Now, you know there are things that we are talking about today, you wonder what is bad with them? What is wrong with them? There is nothing wrong with them. But what is wrong with them is the fact that we elevate and highlight that, which is meant to be subservient to Christ and make it the central piece. That is why Hebrews Chapter 12 says looking unto Jesus the author and the finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross. And he said let us lay aside every sin and the weights.

See! He distinguish between that which is sin, which is not in line with the life of God, which is not in life with the principle of Christ, which is against the purpose of God, which is against the mind of God, that is sin. What is contrary, what is of the enemy, what is ungodly.

But he then say weights, the thing that weight us down. When we put too much attention and weight on things that are not ungodly, they are things of God, but those things are weighing us down because we put too much priority on them and not on Christ. And we see that is what is happening today.

People are weigh down by these good things, by these activities. They are good things, but they are weighing us down. They are now allowing us to run the race because the race

is to look unto Jesus, to make Jesus the center. That is the race. So anything that will beset you, that will weigh you down. They should be dropped. So they are weight as well. And that is why Jesus told the Pharisees; you have neglected the weightier matters of the law.

So what we see here is that this John 6:27 is simply saying that even though the meat was great, he was the one that supernaturally supply. It was Jesus that provided the meat. It was the power of God at work. That meat was God's power- the one they eat. It wasn't just ordinary. It was God that provided it. But he said, this meat, it has become a weight.

So what we see, he said labour for meat that endures to eternal life.

Can you finish that verse 27? What does it say?

27. But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food; spend your energy seeking eternal life the Son of God gives you. For God the Father has given him the seed of his approval

28. They replied, 'We want to perform God's works, too. What should we do?

What can we do? What do you want us to actually do about this meat, this thing you are talking about? What can we do about it?

We want to do the work of God...

Can you see?

We want to be concern about what God is concern about? We want to get into it? Okay what should we do?

Now, look at the 29th verse

29. Jesus told them, 'this is the only work God wants from you.' Believe in the one he has sent.

He narrows down to one thing. He narrow down all the activities just to one thing. How easy is that?

Is just one thing! one thing is needful. He said one thing is important. He said it's to believe.

Now, if you look at it, when we say work..

So believing is work or can we just say that believing is work?

Oh yes, it is work. The question is what is work?

If believing is work, what is work?

One way to explain that is, if you work- if you go to places of work and you do something, you are carrying out an activity, whatever you are, whether you are working in office or you walk in company, or you work in your own business or whatever work you do. You have to appreciate the fact that work is you taking energy or effort in one form, making and converting into another form. That is work! Work is essential even in Science.

Work will transform energy or resources from one form to another. For example, it doesn't matter how much natural resources you have in a country. It doesn't matter how much things are available. If somebody does not bend down and work on it and take it from the form that is not consumable, from the form that is not useful to anyone, take it from that form and convert to another form. In some cases, it might be your skill, it might be your mental skill, it might be your ability. It might be your intelligence. Your intelligence is useless, it wouldn't give money to you unless you convert that thing into a product, into something people can see.

So work is always needed to take things that already exist or in a state that is useful and convert them to something that is tangible that people can benefit from. That is work.

Can you see that?

So they ask Jesus what can we do to do the works of God?

Jesus said if you believe on him, if your faith, if your confidence, if your reliance, if your dependence is on what the Son of man has offered you, what is he offering them? Life eternal, Acceptance, Approval. That is why he said, the Father has approved them. He is offering you forgiveness of sins. He's saying that I do not condemn you anymore; your condemnation is on me.

He said what the son of man is offering you. He said your confidence, your hope, your aspiration should completely lie on that. And it is going to be work. The reason why it is going to be work is because circumstances of life, situations of life, your physical condition might deny you of what was offered you in Christ.

If forgiveness was offered you in Christ, atimes your natural mind may feel disqualified. Your natural mind may feel condemned. Your natural person may not look like somebody whose sin are forgiven. You may not look like somebody that God has put all the essence of his personality in Christ in you. You might not feel like that. You might not even sound like that. If you look at the mirror, your countenance might not even look like that.

He says now, you have to bend down to work because you know what? The things that were done and perfected for you in Christ, they need to be worked out. They need to be seen. They need to affect your countenance. They needed to affect your response to life.

They need to affect your reactions. So you need to keep on believing. Believing is work. You have to keep on believing even in the face of seemingly negative circumstances. You have to keep on believing.

If you don't feel your life counts, you have to keep on believing that Jesus did say concerning you that he chose you, you didn't choose him. So if you don't feel that you are significant, he says you didn't not choose me, but I chose you. So it means he is saying I chose you. That should confer a significance, a sense of importance even though you don't feel important.

Can you see that?

What we are simply saying, believe in his word. You've got to believe on him that the Father has sent. And he says, the more you believe, that is the work of God. That is you labouring for meat that does not perish. That is why he said labour, work hard, believing in his work. And the more you work on your belief, what happen is, it takes something that is not tangible that people don't see in your spirit and bring it out. That is why he says let your light so shine before men, so they can see your good works.

What we are talking about today, the things we are discussing on this program today is to let you know that all the resources of heaven, the grace of God, the Holy Spirit that you have been sealed with, that is in your heart, those things are looking for expression in your communication, looking for expression in your disposition, looking for your expression in your emotions, looking for expression in your conduct. They are looking for expression in your health. They are looking for expression in your body. They are looking for expression in your relationship. They are looking for expression in your place of work. They are looking for expression in your reactions to life. They are looking for expression in your reaction to life.

But he says, believe on him. Converts and take those things out of intangible and made them tangible for people to see. It means it will be hard work because natural circumstances might say otherwise. That is what we see there.

I believe this is going to people thinking that oh! is just... is not about that.

Believing is hard work, acknowledging those things that have been revealed in Christ Jesus. Even our sitting and standing is work, taking a guard that you don't allow the enemy who is roaming to and fro as 1Peter. Even your standing is with a sense of engagement that work engagement is this? So is not like leisure standing. Standing with being alert. Being sober, well balanced, alert.

So it's a work. We have to engage our thought process minding that understanding, that even in believing we are consciously doing things. We are taking grounds, we are acknowledging. And see it as something ourselves we cannot take a leave of it. So this is

not the kind of work that you can take vacation and say you stop believing, you pick it up after two weeks. No! You stay engaged fully.

Thank you for that.

Now, you don't need believing when something is obvious. We are saying it again, believing is not needed when the things you are asked to believe in is pretty obvious to the natural mind or natural sense, that is why Apostle Paul said I am not ashamed of the gospel. Because to a natural mind, what the gospel is saying is not obvious. So believing is not needed when something is obvious to natural senses. The reason why you believe is because that thing is not obvious to your natural senses.

So what the Word of God is saying it is obvious to a natural sense that you can measure the work of your life and the value of your life by how much you have. That is why he says, beware of covetousness, a man's life doesn't consist in the things he possesses. (Luke 12:16) Natural minds say, you possess much you are great. You possess less, you are not much. You are not a great person.

So he's saying there is a way a natural life determines the value and significance of things. He says there is a kind of meat natural life offers you to feed on. There is a kind of meat that people live by.

If you are going to live by a different meat, if you are going to live by meat that is based on the gift of Christ, that means you need believing now. You keep working on your believing because the more you believe, the more things says are you sure? No! He said you need believing because this is obvious to your natural senses.

Believing is not done in your head. Believing is not done with your eyes. Believing is not done with your brain. Believing is not done with your sense of taste. It is not done with sense of hearing. Naturally speaking believing is done with your spirit; the gift of God; Christ in you, the hope of glory. Keep on living your life.

Keep on walking out the reality of the name that you are called in Christ. You are called blessed in Christ. Think about it! The scriptures say you are blessed with all spiritual blessings in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. You may not feel blessed in your mind. You may not even feel blessed in your own sight. You may not even feel blessed looking around you but the Word of God says you are blessed. You are already blessed with spiritual blessings in Christ.

So it means that is where believing comes in, to hold on to that which is not obvious to your senses, to latch on to that which is not obvious to your natural mind. That is where believing comes in, you keep working on your believing. And the more you keep working on your believing, that which is intangible becomes tangible. That is living by the meat that endures to eternal life. That is what we see in the Word of God there.

We want to thank the Lord for the clarity and the simplicity of this work. You know is just only one thing that is just needed, we don't have multiplicity of task of this work of God because people might just be so overwhelmed and feel like where do I go? This great God! We expect him to demand so many things, so many works and everything, but we find a great God...just believing on him and he's so clear. So we don't need to just do some other works and say I have to do this and this, do this training.

This is just a believing. And it is because it is the only thing; we might just want to take it serious. Just like you've been given only one job to do, and that job is just to believe. So we should take our job serious.

Now, let's read quickly Acts 16, let's read from verse 20.

Let's look at the experience of Paul and his missionary accomplice.

So it means we need to live by the completion and the satisfaction and the supply we have in Christ when he says that we are complete in him who is the head of principalities and powers. So he determines our completion. We are not waiting on anything for our completeness. We are complete in Christ. And we live life from that sense, from that understanding.

Can you read?

Acts 16

20. 'The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!' they shouted to the city officials.

21. They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice.

22. A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods.

23. They were severely beating, and then they were thrown into prison. The Jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape.

24. So the Jailer put into them the inner dungeon and clamped their feet to the stocks.

25. Around mid night, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.

26. Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake and the prison was shaken to its foundation. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off!

27. The Jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself.

28. But Paul shouted to him, Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here.

29. The Jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas.

30. Then he brought them out and asked. "Sir, what must I do to be saved?"

Now, this is very important. The reason why we've come to this is to investigate this meat that Jesus said that I have to eat that you nothing about. This satisfaction, this sustenance that sustain me, that he said the disciple know nothing about. We are going to use this as a case study to investigate.

Look at the 25th verse where it says

And Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises.

If he had said prayed we would have been limited in how much we know what they were praying about. It could be that they were praying and saying oh! God, you know it was you I'm serving. Some people even say, God you know it's because I devoted my life for the cause of God. It's because I paid the price that is why I am in this financial condition. If not for the fact I went to the ministry, if not for the fact that I am serving God where I am serving God, or doing the things I have done, I would have been better off, I know where my mates are. Paul could have been in a way sorrowful and say if not for preaching the gospel.

Paul had no business for being in prison. I hope you know that. He didn't steal. He didn't embezzle government funds. Some are in prison because they've embezzled, they've killed someone, they committed a crime. Paul had no business being in prison if not for the gospel. And he should be better off based on his training, his position...

So he was put in this condition because of the testimony of Jesus Christ. Even some people who entered the condition they are at the moment because of their own stupidity are still going to God and say, God! would you look at me like this? If a man has a right to begin to grumble and complain, he should be Paul because he was in this condition because of the testimony of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some people are in a place where God did not send them, they assumed God send them. Some feel like they are to just stop working (physical work) and put themselves, and say no! I am not going to disengage from the natural work, maybe they are teacher, plumber and say I am going to do this, they think and thought this is what it should be.

And so they have some difficulties that come with that, some consequences that come with that and feel God has put them in this positions and things happen out of ignorance. The consequences of ignorance, consequences of stupidity, consequences of so many other things. But here was a man that what happened to him was because of his testimony. And yet, we didn't know what the prayer points were, but we have a clue by looking further that it was praising. They were singing hymns and they were not quiet about it, because the other prisoners heard what they were doing. This is a man that was singing praises. So we can boldly say there was a level of rejoicing going on.

How do we know that? We can compare scriptures with scriptures in Philippians Chapter 4 because all theologians generally agreed that he wrote Philippians when he was in prison. That is the common knowledge. And the Bible says, Paul said again, I say unto you rejoice.

So we can read scriptures upon scriptures and come to a conclusion that when he was in prison with Paul and Silas, this praises they were singing to God was borne out of Joy, out of excitement for what was happening right there in the prison. This is the background of the story.

So if a man is so much joyful and singing praises to God when he was bound in chains, you will have to agree that the source of the joy couldn't have come from his physical condition. That means he has a meat that nobody has idea where is it? What is he eating? Because there were other prisoners there, why were they not happy?

Atimes, people ask a question, why are you talking like this?

This man has a meat that is feeding on that no man has an idea that is why the other prisoners were listening. Even the Bible says they were listeners, I want to assume they were saying, what is wrong these guys? Are we not together in this prison? What is wrong with them? What is their problem? Are they high on drugs?

This is why Jesus said I have meat to eat you know nothing about. I have to respond differently in the same condition.

I want to say that the testimony of the other prisoners, who are listening would have been, what have they eaten that we don't know about? What news that Paul had that we don't know about? What information was he privy to that we don't know? That is why they were listening to what they were... the other prisoners were listening, they were in the same condition, what are they coming to? They were listening to what they were doing. That is what we saw there.

So our life should generate that curiosity.

This is what John Chapter 4 verse 31, 32 is about. They asked him the question, did anybody bring him meat that we don't know about?

So this our life naturally, people should follow enquiry and say, we want to investigate. We want to investigate because we are the curious work of God. The book of Ephesians says we are his masterpiece, we are his workmanship. How people engage in the work of Michael Angelo and look at it. That is how people should look at us...

What is it? Why this edge? What is this thought? Why is he thinking about it? Why is this joy plaster all over his face? Like the way he is talking... are we not in the same situation? Is other bring him meat we don't know about?

And people start investigating us, please can you check them again? Can you help me with *something? Tell me more and that is what it should be. Our life should generate that curiosity. We want to know more about... tell us more about...*

They want to hear, pick it up.

There is something we need to do that is the point. Did anybody bring meat that we don't have? That is what we see there.

Go on please

Now, that is verse 25...

Suddenly...

Today there is a gimmick that goes on in church today where they tell people that if you praise God, God can come and deliver you. Sing so that God can come down...

And then it may be a cultural testing you know when the kings and everything.

You are right! Because people that do all these praises... sing their praises

Is it praise singers?

And the more you sing their praises. They begin to release things they would not have even have done. They begin to splash money, mindlessly they give you gifts or talk like flattery and praises, and they feel like... relating with God with that, that we can make him do what he's reluctant to do by singing praises.

See! Praises is not a means to an end. It means praises actually because you are feeding and drinking on ... It is not something that somebody can cajole you and say you want blessing? Praise God! That is going to be fleshly. That is going to be under pressure. That is manipulation.

Praises is an expression of your soul. You could have come to a point where you have been feeding and meditating and dwelling on a meat that nobody knows about.

Well, I may just have to surprise you because some minister would have read this same Acts Chapter 16 verse 26 and say brethren, let us now praise the Lord so that the prison door will be opened. So they subject it to formula. It is just a formula to them like we've discussed in last transmission, because in verse 26, they just read it, they praise and this happened.

See! this is where the problem is. A.W Tozer wrote an article very where he tittle it 'the Root of the Righteous.' And what he was all about in that article to establish the fact that, in the body of Christ, we have come to a point where people can generate or create experiences by manipulating people into this experiences when those things were supposed to be a response for people's understanding of what they are in Christ Jesus.

I say that again, there is a difference between what people respond based on their understanding of what they are in Christ or who Christ is in them. You see, if you understand what you are like Peter and John said to the man at the beautiful gate. They said what I have, I give unto you. There is something that happens when you know what you have. There is an outflow that come from you knowing what you are. But in case, people don't know what you are, some people might try to manipulate them, they want to recreate the expression without the understanding that should give birth to the expression. That becomes a manipulation. That makes people come under pressure.

This is why we have said before, the reason why Paul said to the Corinthians church, God loves a cheerful giver. It means God doesn't just love a giver who gave because somebody push him or somebody said if you give God will multiply it back to you, so do business with God.

No! He said it must have come that it was an excitement, a passion that come with the giving and understanding that God does not need it. He has all things. And he has blessed you, you don't need this to get this. And that thing should produce cheerfulness from you not hijacking it from your hand.

And when you fully understand I don't need to do this, to even get the blessing. And you know that the same God, not that you want to enrich him with your resources, so you feel good about yourself. So that same understanding should produce the spiritual cheerfulness from you.

You are celebrating your blessings.

Oh! You know people have work around that thing; as are coming out to give offering, you must dance.

It is back to the same problem. Manipulation into the experience, because they want to tick the box on cheerfulness.

Cheerfulness cannot be ticked as a box.

That is why the Apostle Paul said in that Chapter 7 of Corinthians, he said 'for you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.' So Paul assumes that they knew the grace of our Lord Jesus, that **even though he was rich for your sake, he became poor so that you through his poverty might become rich.**

So in that case, nobody should talk to anybody about giving if they have not establish that they knew the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.

...knowing that Christ was impoverished. He was nailed to the cross. He lost everything because you need everything.

He said if you don't know that, what business do you have giving? He said if you know that, there is a cheerfulness it will release in your spirit man. In places where people don't have this understanding, where they've not grown into this understanding, they now try to manipulate the experience to say, a man has to give you prophecy so you can give, a man has to lie to you or play some music so you can give. It is the same way that we saw here.

For you to praise God, people have to crook up stories or promising you that if you praise him, prison walls will break. That is not what Paul is saying here.

And on that note today we are going to really stop and not go further on this.

You want to join us in our next transmission.

This is going to be great.

We are going to be coming back to Chapter 16 verse 26.

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