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One day Jesus was speaking to a group of people and He told them that in order to follow Him they would have to become much more like Him, and deny themselves. Some in the group spoke up and declared that Jesus was demanding too much from His followers. At His unrelenting response, some in the group left off following Jesus, declaring that it was just too hard.

What is too hard about following Jesus? Whatever you are unwilling to submit to. It could be tithing, witnessing, submitting to God's chosen authority, forgiving, or loving your enemies. A hard saying is only something you are not presently doing. Others in the group that day identified with Jesus' demands and declared what He said to be their bread of life. Which is it for you, a hard saying or the bread of life?

Prayer for Today

Father, I believe Your Word is greater than my circumstances, my feelings, and my will. I choose to accept Your Word as an easy solution to the difficulties of life. I make a quality decision to embrace those things You want me to do which I have not been doing. Help me, Lord, to not run with the crowd but to accept Your Word as my daily bread.

Scriptures for Today

John 6:60-61, 66-68 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you?" From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." (NKJV)