

SERIES: Gospel of John
Do Not Work for the Food that Perishes
John 6:22-34

The Crowd Pursues Temporary Satisfaction (6:22-26)

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- We can seek Jesus for the wrong reasons.
 - They were moved, not by their full hearts, but by their full bellies.
 - You can see the miracle but miss the **sign**.
 - Hard hearts cause blind eyes and hungry **souls**.
- We are often captives to our physical longings.
 - A full life is a life spent in pursuit of **Jesus**.
 - A life spent any other way will feel **empty** and unfulfilled.

What Food Are You Working For: Perishable or Non-Perishable? (6:27-29)

- Eternal life is **given**, not earned.
 - We are not saved because of what we do for God.
 - We are saved because of what God has done for us.
- The work God requires is **faith**.
 - This is not **aimless** faith. We must trust in Christ alone.
 - This must be **active** faith. We must believe in the one God has sent or we will perish.
- The work God requires is to **stop** working.
 - We are not saved because we are **good**.
 - We are saved because of God's **grace**.

Jesus Offers Food that Truly Satisfies (6:30-36)

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 - For Christians, **hearing** is believing. (Romans 10:17; John 20:29)
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 - Those who eat the bread of life will **live** forever.
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 - Believing is **eating**.
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 - If we come to him, he will **satisfy** us completely.
 - If we believe in him, he will **save** us eternally.
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