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**Defining Moments In Your Life**  
**John 6:47-59**  
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There are defining moments in all of our lives. We all have defining moments and they call us to make choices either in faith or in disbelief.

In the text, people are excited about Jesus talking about being the bread of life. Bread is essential to life during the time of the text. Today however, it is something we use to make a sandwich.

Jesus called the people to a commitment and they were not happy because His message made them uncomfortable. They liked His miracles but they did not want his message. Regardless of how the people felt about the message, Jesus would not back down from the crowd; He said He was the bread of life, and He was greater than the bread He gave in the miracle of feeding the 5000.

Jesus is the bread of life and He is the one to satisfy our spiritual appetite. He has resurrection power and He is always talking about life. We have a tendency to focus on the physical and not the spiritual, the temporary and not the eternal.

The people had to learn the difference between the physical and the spiritual. They needed to come to an understanding that there was more to life than what they were getting in the moment.

Defining moments are marked by God's call to a deeper level of faith and commitment in life. When defining moments happen, we either draw closer to Jesus or drift away from Him.

According to the text, the saying of Jesus was hard to receive although the people understood what He was saying. Jesus wanted to know if what he said was offensive. The question for us on today is this; "Does the words of Jesus offend us and keep us from following Jesus"?

If you are struggling with doubt, and your decision to follow Jesus is not certain, consider the disciple who decided to follow Jesus. Peter said, "Lord to whom shall we go. You have the words of eternal life." In your defining moments in life you must move closer to Jesus and not farther away from Him. Life is disappointing, challenging, and heartbreaking, but just remember, no matter what happens, don't drift away from the Lord.

There's something about the name Jesus. When you are up against the challenges of life, you have this choice, to face them with or without Jesus.