



## THE WORDS OF LIFE

“LORD... YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF ETERNAL LIFE.” — JOHN 6:68

Week 1 of 9

My first RED LETTER Bible...

*Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”*

John 6:68-69

The words of Jesus have power to change lives and transform cultures... Ghandi, MLK  
PETER DIDN'T FIGURE THIS OUT ON HIS OWN, JESUS HAD JUST TOLD IT TO HIM

### JESUS HAS THE WORDS OF LIFE: JOHN 6:35-69

#### CONTEXT

- ▶ He just fed **5000** people with **5** loaves and **2** fish.
- ▶ The people **chased** him down.  
**Do it again Daddy!**
- ▶ They were really looking for a **selfish miracle**.

#### “I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE”

Jesus has the **power** of **life** in **himself**.

The right response is to **believe**.

But the people only look through earthly eyes, “How can he come from heaven?”

#### “NO ONE CAN COME TO ME UNLESS THE FATHER DRAWS HIM”

Election vs. Free Will / Wesley's analogy / witnessing: “maybe God hasn't chosen you!”

If you are hearing from **God** you'll be drawn to **Jesus**.

#### “THIS BREAD IS MY FLESH”

Jesus speaks **hard things** to see how long you'll listen.

Get to verse 63

#### “THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE; THE FLESH COUNTS FOR NOTHING...”

The **Words** of Christ are the source of **life**.

## So WHAT?

We must be as **committed** to **internalizing** the **words** of Christ as we'd have to be to **consume** his **flesh**, but the reward is **life eternal!**

I am very careful what I eat.

I don't eat raw eggs, raw chicken, because I know it's bad.  
PEER PRESSURE -> smoking in Valpo, Jaeger Shot, Rum & Coke

- ▶ Are you drawn to the words of Jesus?  
**If so, it's because God is at work in you.**
- ▶ Are you willing to wrestle through the difficulties and challenges?  
**If you aren't, the words might get too tough for you.**
- ▶ Are you ready to eat?  
**If you do, you will be changed.**

*While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”*

*Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.”*

Matthew 26:26-29

There's a reason, the words are RED... Stained with Blood...  
**This is your moment of decision.**

THESE WORDS WILL CHANGE YOU... YOU WILL CHANGE THE WORLD!