**Enjoying Life in His Name
Through Seeing Jesus as Our Sustainer and Security**

**John 6:1-40**

**John 5:45-47** *- Do not think that I will accuse you before the Father; the one who accuses you is Moses, in whom you have set your hope. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?*

**Exodus 16:4, 14-15** - *Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day”. When the layer of dew evaporated, behold, on the surface of the wilderness there was a fine flake-like thing, fine as the frost on the ground. When the sons of Israel saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. And Moses said to them, “It is the bread which the Lord has given you to eat.”*

**Exodus 3:14** *- God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM”; and He said, “Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”*

**Exodus 14:13, 21-22** *- But Moses said to the people, “Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today”. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord swept the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, so the waters were divided. The sons of Israel went through the midst of the sea on the dry land…*

3 ways to see Jesus as our Sustainer and Security

**I. Develop a Deeper Understanding of the Scriptures**

**John 5:39-40, 46-47** *- You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life. For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me, for he wrote about Me. But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?*

A. The bread from Heaven (mana) through Moses, pointed to the greater bread from Heaven - Jesus

B. The lessor servant (Moses) who God used to lead through the waters (Moses) points to One who is over the waters - Jesus

**Psalm 119:18** *- Open my eyes, that I may behold wonderful things from Your law.*

**II. Look Carefully at the Significance of Jesus’ Signs**

The near-sighted human heart becomes charmed with the product of the miracle and not the producer of the miracle.

A. The Bread - Jesus is our daily sustenance

B. “I AM” - Jesus is our existence (John 6:20, 35)

**John 7:23-24** *- You are from below, I am from above; you are of this world, I am not of this world. Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for unless you believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.*

**III. Connect Your Earthly Longings to Your Spiritual Need**

**John 6:26-29** *- Jesus answered them and said, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal.” Therefore they said to Him, “What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He has sent.”*

"Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise...If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world…Probably earthly pleasures were never meant to satisfy it, but only to arouse it, to suggest the real thing. If that is so, I must take care, on the one hand, never to despise, or be unthankful for, these earthly blessings, and on the other, never to mistake them for the something else of which they are only a kind of copy, or echo, or mirage.” (C. S. Lewis, Mere Christianity)

A. “Come to Me (Jesus)” (v. 35 & 37) for your spiritual food

**John 6:35, 37** *- Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst…All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out.”*

“For this word, ‘in no wise,’ cuts the throat of all objections; and it was dropped by the Lord Jesus for that very end; and to help the faith that is mixed with unbelief…But I am a great sinner, say you. ‘I will in no wise cast out,’ says Christ. But I am an old sinner, say you. ‘I will in no wise cast out,’ says Christ. But I am a hard-hearted sinner, say you. ‘I will in no wise cast out,’ says Christ. But I am a backsliding sinner, say you. ‘I will in no wise cast out,’ says Christ. But I have served Satan all my days, say you. ‘I will in no wise cast out,’ says Christ.  But I have sinned against light, say you. ‘I will in no wise cast out,’ says Christ. But I have sinned against mercy, say you. ‘I will in no wise cast out,’ says Christ.  But I have no good thing to bring with me, say you. ‘I will in no wise cast out,’ says Christ.” (John Bunyon, Come and Welcome to Jesus)

“What elicits tenderness from Jesus is not the severity of the sin but whether the sinner comes to him. Whatever our offense, he deals gently with us. If we never come to him, we will experience judgment so fierce it will be like a double-edged sword coming out of his mouth at us. If we do come to him, as fierce as his lion-like judgement would have been against us, so deep will be his lamb-like tenderness for us…We will be enveloped in one or the other. To no one will Jesus be neutral.” (Dane Ortlund, Gentle and Lowly)

B. “Behold the Son (Jesus) Jesus” (v. 40 contrast v. 27) for your satisfaction and security

**John 6:40** *- For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have eternal life, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day.*