

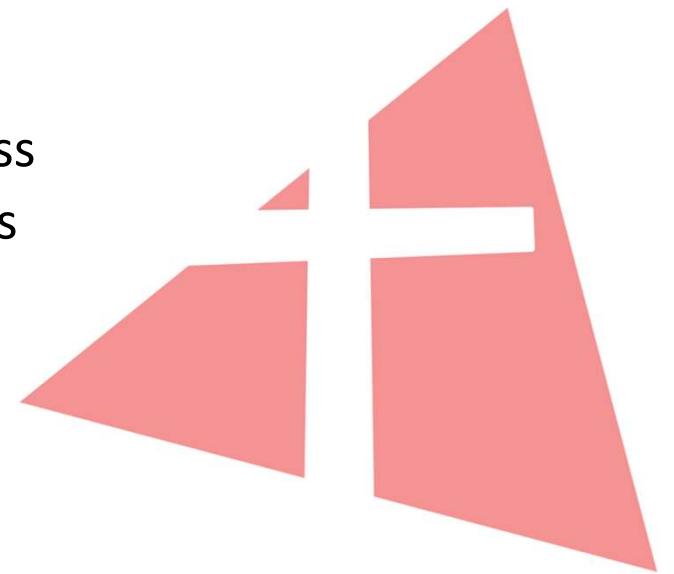
# **My Food is to the Will of the Father**

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# Last Week

- **The Woman at the well**
- **Jesus heals our brokenness**
  - We have to be willing to talk with Jesus about our brokenness
  - He heals and transforms as we bring our brokenness to Jesus



# Today's Focus

- **My Food is to do the Will of the Father**
  - Same story
  - Different focus



# Jesus' Condition

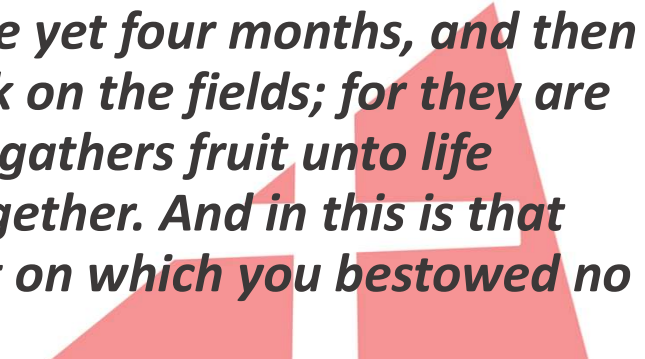
- Jesus was weary and tired

*John 4:6-8 Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat thus on the well: and it was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus said unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy food.)*



# The Story

*John 4:31-38 In the meanwhile his disciples besought him, saying, Teacher, eat. But he said unto them, I have food to eat that you know not of. Therefore said the disciples one to another, has any man brought him anything to eat? Jesus said unto them, My food is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work. Say not, There are yet four months, and then comes harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit unto life eternal: that both he that sows and he that reaps may rejoice together. And in this is that saying true, One sows, and another reaps. I sent you to reap that on which you bestowed no labor: other men labored, and you are entered into their labors.*



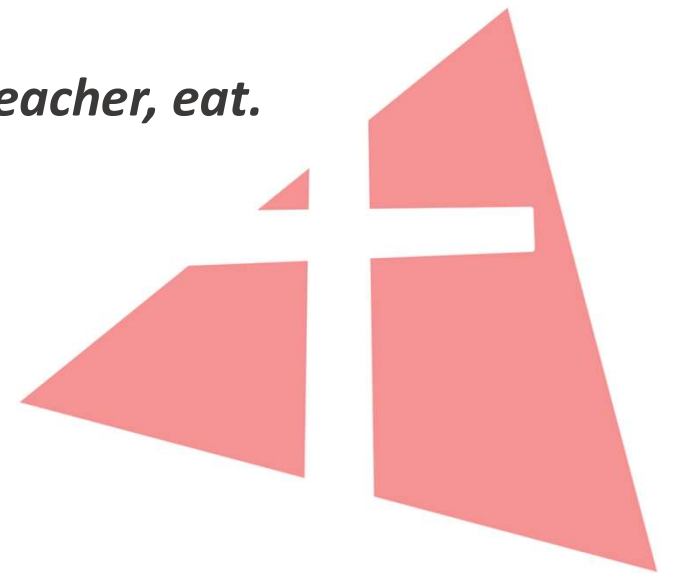
# Jesus' human nature

- **Humans need sustenance from outside ourselves**



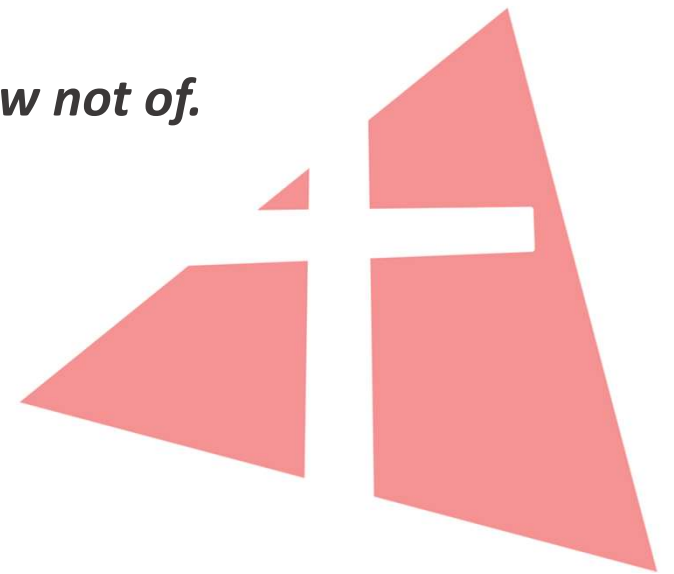
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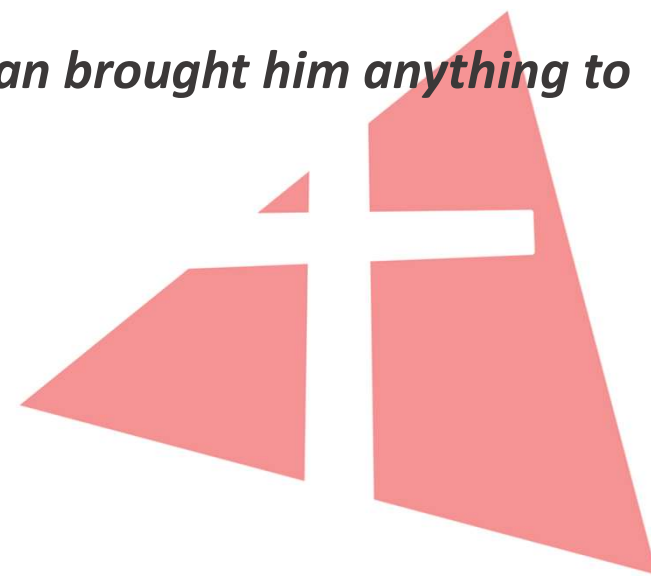
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# The disciples' confusion

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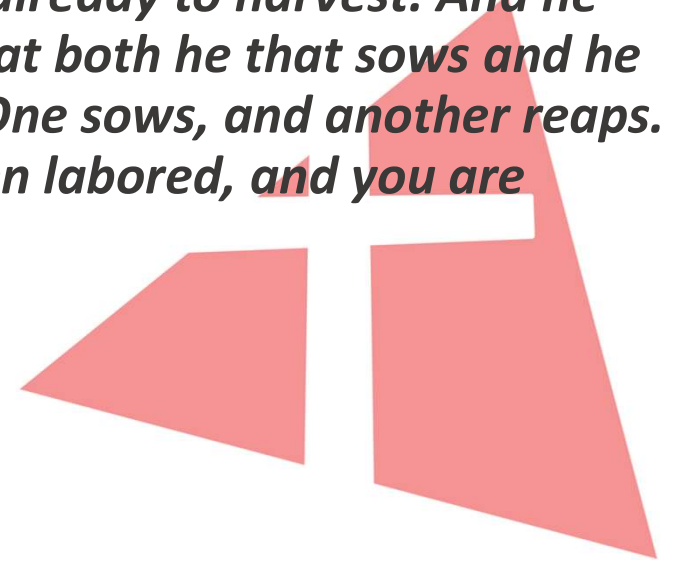
# Jesus' Food

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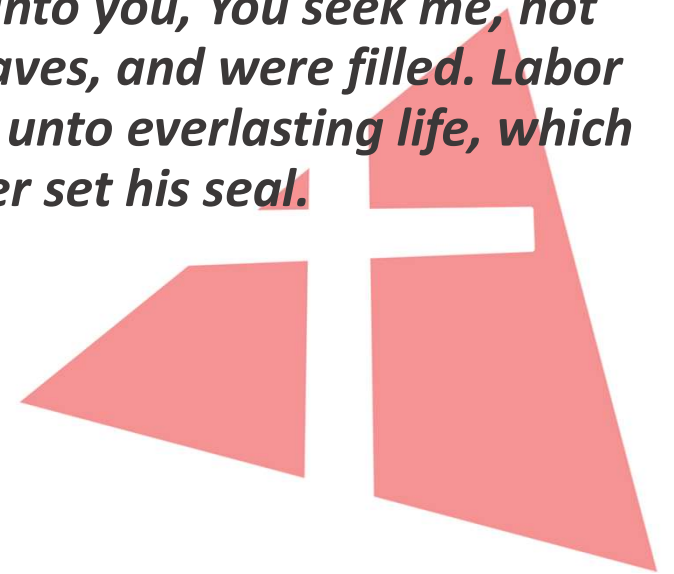
# Shift your focus

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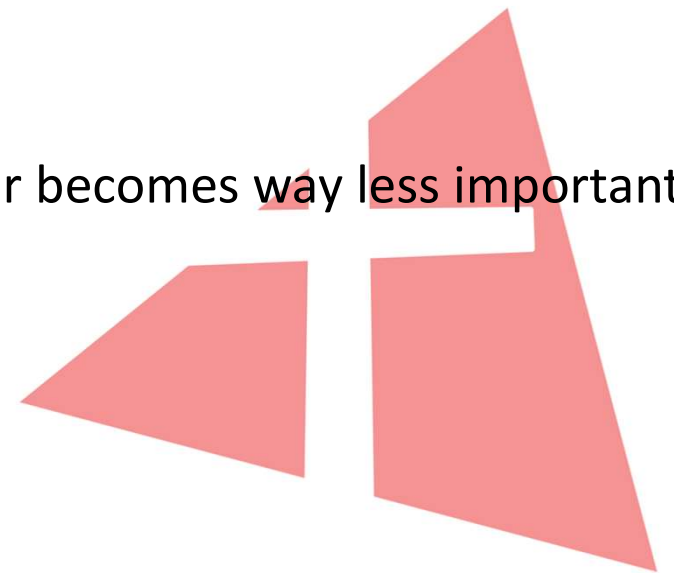
# Related Passages

*John 6:26-27 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, You seek me, not because you saw the miracles, but because you did eat of the loaves, and were filled. Labor not for the food which perishes, but for that food which endures unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for on him has God the Father set his seal.*



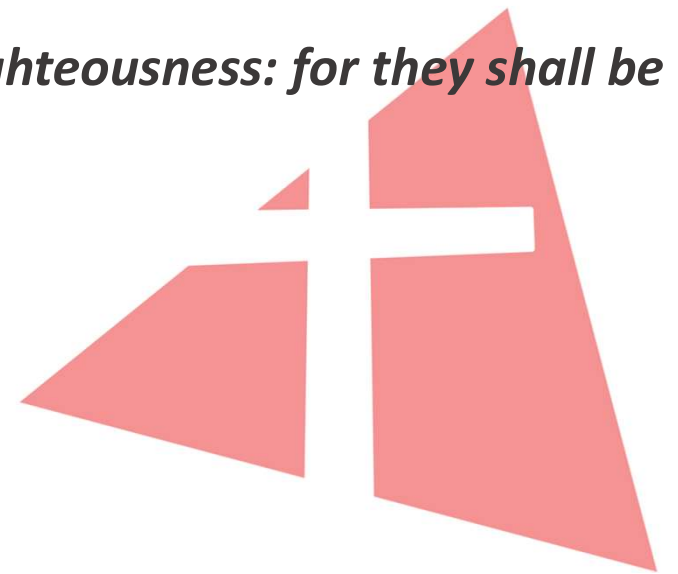
# The Point of this Story

- **Physical hunger and needs are real**
- **But our lives should be set on spiritual hunger**
  - When our spiritual hunger is being filled, our physical hunger becomes way less important



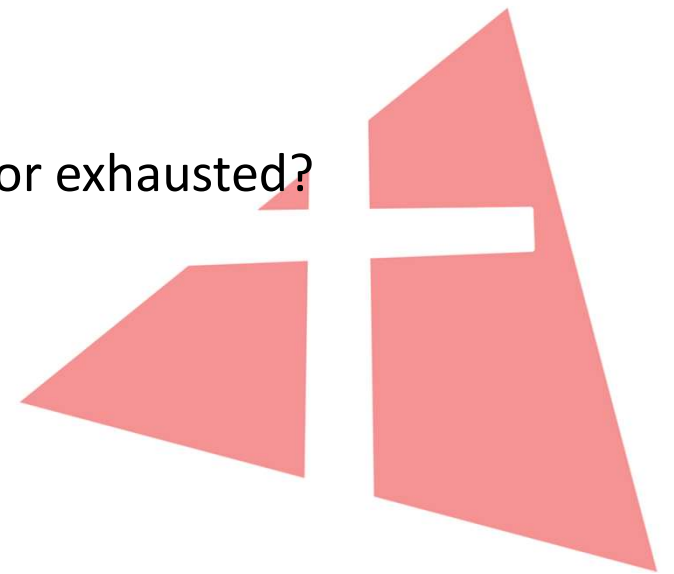
# True hunger and thirst

*Matthew 5:6 Blessed are they who do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.*



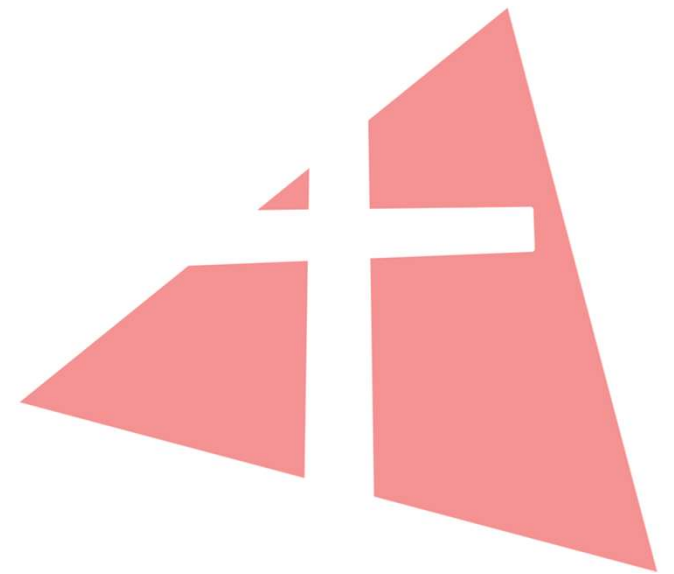
# Application

- **“What we are hungry for” says a lot about our priorities and our Faith**
  - What am I pursuing?
  - What goes into my schedule first?
  - Who or what do I tend to turn to when I feel stressed, tired or exhausted?
  - ...



# Jesus' Offer

- **Doing God's will is not just a commandment**
- **Doing God's will is the most fulfilling activity we could ever do**





# In Conclusion

- **Let's ask God to examine our hearts**
- **Let's ask God what He wants us to do**
  - Doing His will in our lives
  - For the Glory of God
  - For our fulfillment

