

BOLD DECISIONS

As we continue to climb together, the mountain is before us. We have only begun to prepare and equip ourselves to ascend one of the most significant obstacles we have ever faced as God's people. What is God's will for us, and how can we be faithful to that?

No doubt, there is a direction we must follow. Likewise, there are certainly bold decisions that must be carried out to stay on course. However, one of the greatest dangers at this point is our focus and priorities.

John 4

31 Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." **32** But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." **33** So the disciples said to one another, "Has anyone brought him something to eat?" **34** Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work.

In a moment of deep hunger, Jesus steps into an unprecedented ministry to a Samaritan village. He is living into God's direction and making a bold decision to comply with God's mission completely. His disciples are curious about this turn of events (Jn. 4:27). As they return with some food for their hungry master, Jesus refuses at this moment to eat. He explains to them that there is something more substantial and a greater decision than eating a meal. What will sustain him? Bold decisions to step into the will and ways of God require sustaining energy. That power comes only from knowing the desire of God and boldly acting upon his work.

In an endurance race, runners do something call carb loading. This practice ensures they have available stores of fuel to keep them going throughout the race. Jesus demonstrates that the carb loading in our spiritual journey isn't found in physical energy but rather from knowing the heart of God and complete obedience to it.

As we fast, we are reminded that the carbs we need for faithfulness are not found in the temporary fuel we consume but the eternal fuel that propels us toward our Lord.

God, teach me your vision and desire. Fuel our willingness to be obedient to that and give us the courage to step into your will and ways with zeal. As big decisions lay ahead, help us find our fulfillment in you, not what we can do for ourselves.

To God be the Glory,
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