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CHAPTER 6:60-71 "Casual or Committed"

Leviticus 17

¹ I will set my face against that person who eats blood, and will cut that person off from the people. For the life of the flesh is in the blood; Therefore I have said to the people of Israel: No person among you shall eat blood, nor shall any alien who resides among you eat blood....whoever eats it shall be cut off.

⁶⁰ Many of his disciples said, "This is very hard to understand. How can anyone accept it?" ⁶¹ Jesus was aware that his disciples were complaining, so he said to them, "Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what will you think if you see the Son of Man ascend to heaven again?

⁶³ The Spirit alone gives eternal life. Human effort accomplishes nothing. And the very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But some of you do not believe me." (For Jesus knew from the beginning which <u>ones didn't be</u>lieve, and he knew who would betray him.)



⁶⁵ Then he said, "That is why I said that people can't come to me unless the Father gives them to me." ⁶⁶ At this point many of his disciples turned away and deserted him.



Commitment to Jesus will take us out of our comfort zones





⁶⁷ Then Jesus turned to the Twelve and asked, "Are you also going to leave?" ⁶⁸ Simon Peter replied, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words that give eternal life. ⁶⁹ We believe, and we know you are the Holy One of God." ⁷⁰ Then Jesus said, "I chose the twelve of you, but one is a devil." ⁷¹ He was speaking of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, one of the Twelve, who would later betray him.

Commitment to Jesus provides meaning and purpose to our lives

¹⁹ They had rowed three or four miles when suddenly they saw Jesus walking on the water toward the boat. They were terrified, ²⁰ but he called out to them, "Don't be afraid. I am here!" ²¹ Then they were eager to let him in the boat, and immediately they arrived at their destination!

Exodus 3

¹⁴ God replied to Moses, "I am who I am. Say this to the people of Israel: *I am* has sent me to you."

Commitment to Jesus is a journey towards God-awareness

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