



(Food for thought: Gospel: John 6: 60-69)

“A Moment of Decision”

Today, we come to a very important "moment of decision" faced by Jesus' disciples. Will they continue to follow him in a way that will bind them into a covenanted community - diverse, yet one people? Or will they, too, return to their former life and walk away? Their decision will not only connect them to Jesus, but to each other and will also affect each and every day of their lives.

Jesus doesn't make any attempt to soften his words or to make his message easier for his listeners to hear. Making the meaning of the words symbolic would soften the impact they have on all of us; but in the original language, he literally is speaking about eating flesh

and drinking blood and not some symbolic meal. So Jesus not only scandalizes those gathered to listen to him, he also offends his own followers.

Like the disciples, we face that same decision – from this moment on... at every moment. We are a diverse group of folks, and yet if we make the right decision, we can become one people, grounded and united in our religious identity as children of the covenant. Once again we are asked to make a life-decision that will not only bind us together but will also affect how we will live each day of our lives.

We celebrate this act of faith together, grateful for the Spirit that continues to give us life. With Peter and his companions, "We have come to believe..." and we trust that the Spirit will continue to deepen this gift of faith that we have.



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