

A silhouette of a person performing a handstand against a sunset sky. The person is on the left side of the frame, with their legs extended vertically upwards. The sky transitions from a deep orange at the horizon to a pale blue at the top. The text "Challenging Norms" is written in a white, cursive font on the right side of the image.

Challenging Norms

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The Need For Illumination

(John 6:43-71 NIV)

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Stop Grumbling

⁴³“Stop grumbling among yourselves,” Jesus answered. ⁴⁴“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me.



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⁴⁶No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

⁴⁷Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.



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⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died.

⁵⁰But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die.

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Stop Grumbling

⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

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Literal Verses Figurative

⁵²Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

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Literal Verses Figurative

⁵³Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you.

⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day.

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⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me.

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⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹He said this while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.



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It's Not Always Easy

⁶⁰On hearing it, many of his disciples said,
“This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?”

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It's Not Always Easy

⁶¹Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶²Then what if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! ⁶³The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit and life.

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It's Not Always Easy

⁶⁴Yet there are some of you who do not believe.” For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. ⁶⁵He went on to say, “This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled them.”

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The Power Of Belief

⁶⁶From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him.

⁶⁷“You do not want to leave too, do you?”
Jesus asked the Twelve.

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The Power Of Belief

⁶⁸Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God.”



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The Danger Of Faking It

⁷⁰Then Jesus replied, “Have I not chosen you, the Twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!” ⁷¹(He meant Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, who, though one of the Twelve, was later to betray him.)

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Communion

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26 NIV)

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Communion

²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

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Communion

²⁵In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” ²⁶For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

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