“You are the Living Word” with Fred Hammond

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=agdw4UnCH2o>

“Everything to Me” with Fred Hammond

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tKA_sztiDE>

“If You Could Hear My Voice” with the Grand Harmonic Children’s Choir

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGPfREe1wOY>

“Your Presence is Heaven to Me” with Israel Houghton

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kQAwpMFS_9o>

“Glory” from the Selma Soundtrack with John Legend and Common

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzbKaDPMoDU>

At the Oscars: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVmoixNtKsA>

**Hearing Our Heavenly Calling**

***John 6:34-51; Song of Solomon 2:9-13; Hebrews 3:1; Philippians 3:20-21***

This week’s Bible Study focuses on Jesus’ claim that He comes from heaven. Jesus comes from heaven to bring life and transformation to our lives.

*34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.*

*35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.*

*36 But I said unto you, That ye also have seen me, and believe not.*

*37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me, and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.*

*38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.*

*39 And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.*

*40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day.*

*41 The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven.*

*42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph whose father and mother we know? How is it then that he saith, I came down from heaven?*

*43 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.*

*44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

*45 It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me.*

*46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is of God, he hath seen the Father.*

*47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.*

*48 I am that bread of life.*

*49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.*

*50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may ear thereof, and not die.*

*51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. John 6:34-51*

Jesus claimed to come from heaven, and this was much bigger of a claim than Jesus being a prophet or a king or a miracle worker. May we stop for a second to think about whether Jesus is making a much bigger claim about who He is in our lives.

When I spent time with a friend and his 2 and a half year-old son, a lady walked by with a large and friendly dog. Immediately, the child began to play and have fun with the dog. After a few minutes of playing, the lady explained that she often brought her dog to class to play with her students. The dog had so much fun in this park that the dog did not want to leave.

When the lady and her dog left, my friend said that he did not think that this woman came from there and wanted to know where she came from. I asked him why he thought the lady was not from around there. My friend explained that neither the people nor the dogs in that area seemed to be that friendly; and that she had a special spirit.

Jesus is the bread of life and comes from heaven to transform our lives. He is not from here; and everything he does with us changes us and where we are.

Jesus’ call for us to come and join Him is as grand as the beloved in *Song of Solomon 2:9-13: 9 My beloved is like a roe or a young hart: behold, he standeth behind our wall, he looketh forth at the windows, showing himself through the lattice.*

*10 My beloved spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.*

*11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;*

*12 The flowers appear on the earth and the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;*

*13 The fig tree putteth forth her green figs, and the wines with the tender grape give a good smell. Arise my love, my fair one, and come away.*

May we hear our heavenly calling from Jesus and arise to come away to be with Him. *Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; Hebrews 3:1.*

May we all ask ourselves this question: If heaven came into our lives, how would it be different? *20 For our conversation is in heaven: form whence also we look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ:*

*21 Wo shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself, Philippians 3:20-21.*

May Jesus, who came from heaven, continue to transform our lives. May we hear His voice.

May we live new life,

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