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John
4:27-36
NIV

²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

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²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.”



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³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.”

³³ Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

³⁴ “My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open

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your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.”

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01

Setting the
scene of this
story

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4:8
NLT

⁸ He was alone at the time because his disciples had gone into the village to buy some food.



02

The start of
the food fight.

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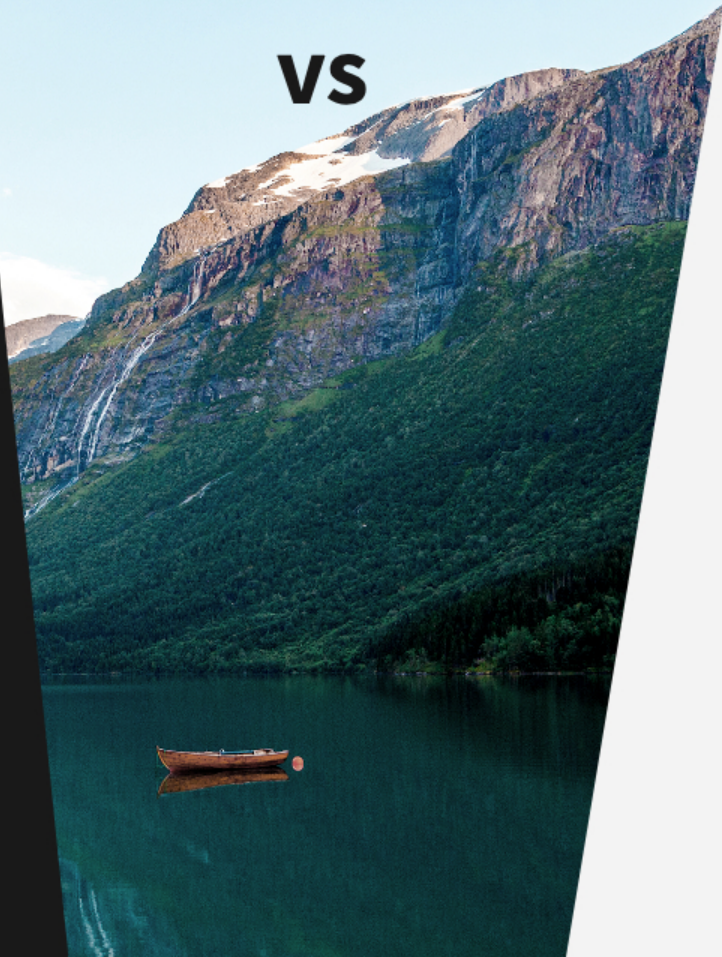
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Jesus' food

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the disciples' food.



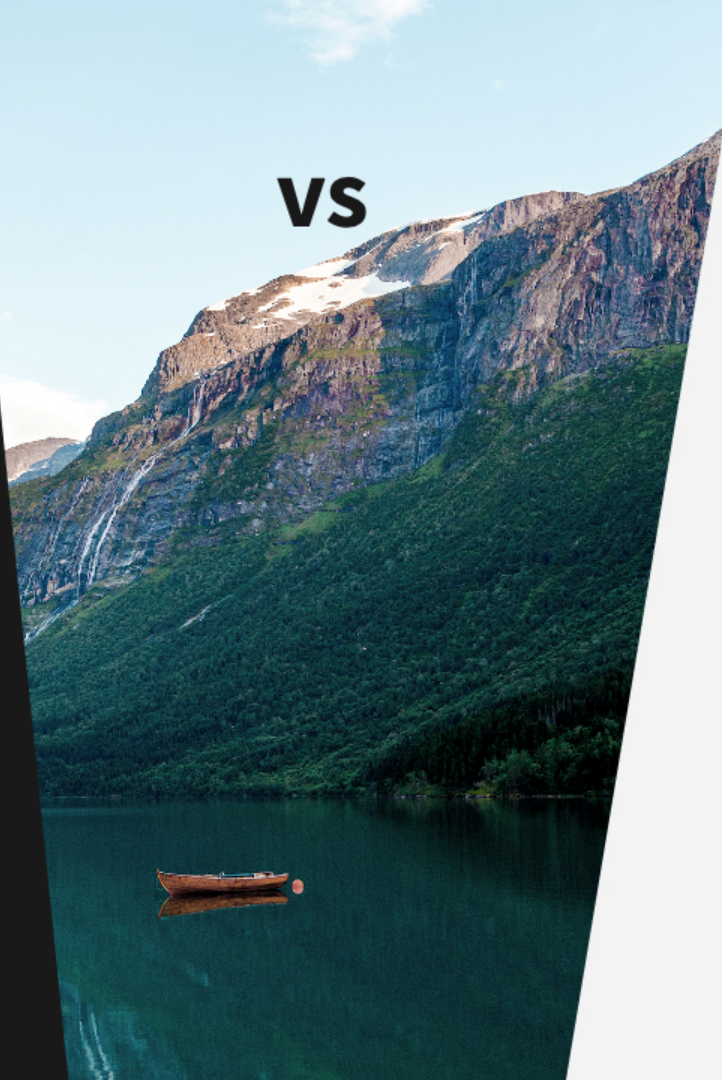
Jesus' food

Big picture

vs

the disciples' food.

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Jesus' food

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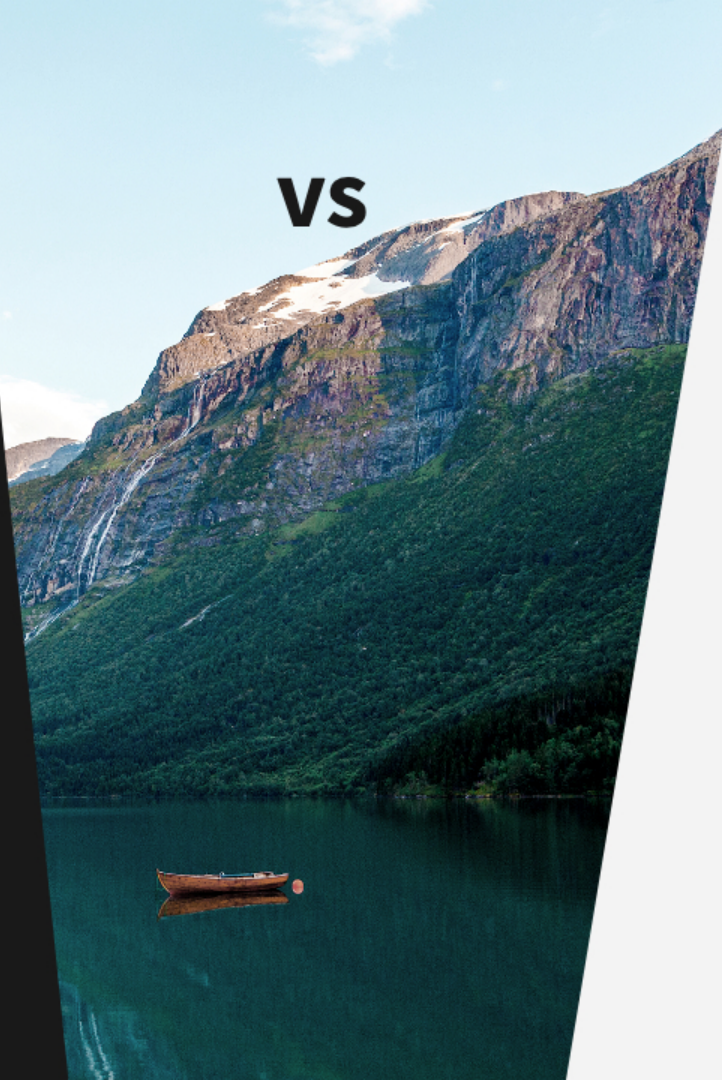
Lasting satisfaction
and strength

vs

the disciples'
food.

Small picture

A need for more



Jesus' food

Big picture

Lasting satisfaction
and strength

Other's needs focused

vs

the disciples'
food.

Small picture

A need for more

My needs focused



Jesus' food

Big picture

Lasting satisfaction
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Other's needs focused

God's will be done

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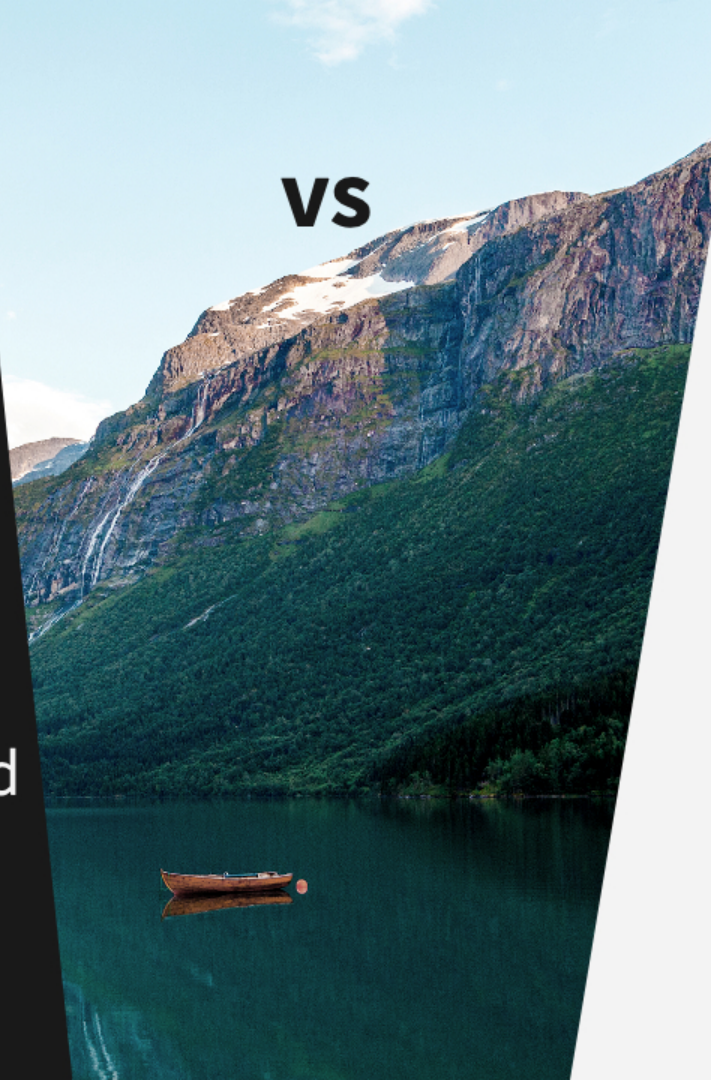
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Eternal

vs

the disciples'
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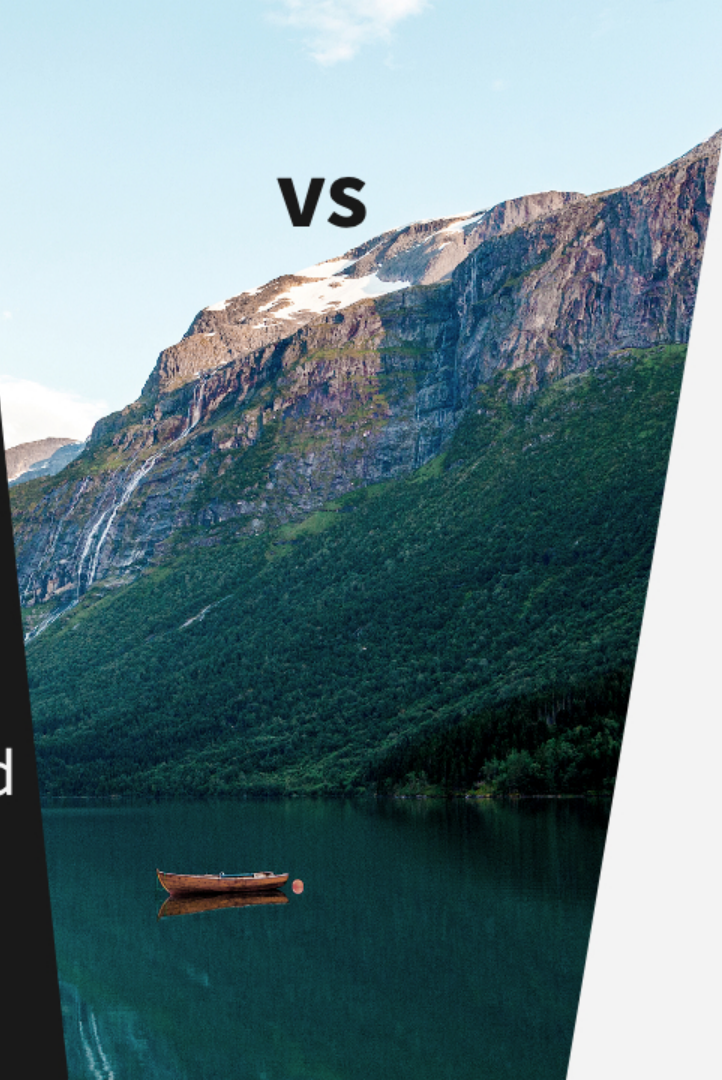
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Temporal



03

What was truly the issue that Jesus' disciples were dealing with?



Jesus wants to shift
our focus off of our
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our **eyes** and **hands**.



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04

What is the prescription for near-sighted vision?



2 Peter
1:5-9
NIV

⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection,

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2 Peter 1:5-9 NIV

love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins.