

A close-up photograph of a hand reaching down to drop small, light-colored crumbs onto a dark, flat surface. The crumbs are scattered in a trail, suggesting a path. The background is blurred, focusing attention on the hand and the crumbs.

Breadcrumbs & Footsteps

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Hansel & Gretel



- Breadcrumbs are left by Hansel in order to find their way out of the forest.
- We are in darkness as well and need to use God's teachings to exit the "Dark Forest: and come into the light.

Breadcrumbs & Legacies

- **Deuteronomy 6.5-7:** You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. *You shall teach them diligently to your children*, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.
- **Phillipians 4.9:** What you have *learned and received and heard and seen in me*—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.
- **II Timothy 2.2:** And what you have *heard from me* in the presence of many witnesses *entrust to faithful men* who will be able to teach others also.

What breadcrumbs were left for humanity?

- The Bible
- Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ The Bread

- Matthew 16:24: ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
- **John 6:35:** Jesus said to them, “I am the **bread** of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.
- John 6:51: ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.”

Significance of Bread

- **Exodus 16:4:** Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain **bread** from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.

What does Jesus & The Bible teach?

- Obedience & Reverence for God
- Forgiveness
- Compassion & Love
- Honesty
- Control & Humility
- Salvation

Obedience & Reverence

- Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.” John 14:23
- Ephesians 6:1: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right
- Leviticus 19:3: ³ Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father, and you shall keep My sabbaths; I am the LORD your God.

Forgiveness

- Mark 11:25 – And whenever you stand praying, **forgive**, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may **forgive** you your trespasses.”
- Ephesians 4: 32 Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, **forgiving** one another, as God in Christ forgave you.
- “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).
- It's much easier to talk and think about forgiving others than actually doing it. However, God gives an incredible freedom to those who choose to forgive those who've offended them. Christ's sacrifice at the cross is most modeled when we forgive as He has forgiven us.

Compassion & Love

- a feeling of wanting to help someone who is sick, hungry, in trouble, etc.
- Colossians **3:12** Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.
- The Good Samaritan: In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[c] and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'
- Luke 10:27 He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'^[a]; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.

Honesty

- We should always be honest as God is Truth and anything which is not harmonious with his way would be a lie.
- Romans 15:8 New American Standard Bible (NASB): ⁸ For I say that Christ has become a servant to the circumcision on behalf of the truth of God to confirm the promises *given* to the fathers,
- 1 John 2:22 New American Standard Bible (NASB): ²² Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is the [\[a\]](#)Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.

Humility

- Definition: Freedom from pride or arrogance : the quality or state of being humble. (Merriam Webster)
- Proverbs 22:4 New American Standard Bible (NASB): ⁴ The reward of humility *and* the [\[a\]](#)fear of the LORD Are riches, honor and life.
- Proverbs 15:33 New American Standard Bible (NASB): ³³ The [\[a\]](#)fear of the LORD is the instruction for wisdom,
And before honor *comes* humility.
- Ephesians 4:2 New American Standard Bible (NASB): ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love,

Salvation

- 2 Cor 5:21: God made him who had no sin to be sin^[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
- Acts 4:10-12: Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, *even* in ^[a]him doth this man stand here before you whole. ¹¹ He is ^[b]the stone which was set at nought of you the builders, which was made the head of the corner. ¹² And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved.

Other Things Along The Way

- Legacy of joy in the midst of difficulty

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance” (James 1:2-3).

- Legacy of receiving and giving grace

“By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care” (1 Corinthians 3:10).

God gives us great grace to accomplish His will right where we are. Being on the receiving end of undeserved grace and mercy makes it easier to pass it on to others. Giving grace is the ability to release our loved ones to experience everything God has created them to be and allowing them to make mistakes along the journey without being condemned.

Other Things Along The Way (Cont'd)

- Legacy of encouraging and inspiring others towards greatness

“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness” (Hebrews 3:13).

There’s always something to bring people down—a discouraging word, a disapproving look, or disrespectful actions. Sometimes we have to bring the joy with us when we show up in the home, work, church, or community. Great personal joy happens within us when other people are inspired by our words and actions.

This is exactly what Jesus has done for us? The fact that we are able to enter into the kingdom if we do as our Lord and savior commands means that he has left us breadcrumbs as a guide to eternal life.

Rotten Bread

- We leave rotten breadcrumbs which are not of God when we decide to follow our own foolish ways.
- Look at the Pharisees and Saducees.
- Matthew 23:27: ²⁷ “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men’s bones and all uncleanness.

Rotten Breadcrumbs

- Quarrelsome Proverbs 20:3: ³ [\[a\]](#) Keeping away from strife is an honor for a man, but any fool will [\[b\]](#) quarrel.
- Dishonesty: Titus 1:2: in the hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised long ages ago,
- Uncompassionate
- Arrogant: Psalm 119:21: You rebuke the arrogant, [\[a\]](#) the cursed, Who wander from Your commandments.

A photograph of a trail of breadcrumbs laid out on a dark, gravelly surface. The breadcrumbs are light-colored and irregular in shape, forming a path that leads from the bottom center towards the top center of the frame. The background is a dark, textured surface of small stones and pebbles.

What Breadcrumbs are you
leaving behind?

Are they good or bad?

WHAT YOU LEAVE BEHIND

- **Psalm 78.4:** We will not hide them from their children, but *tell to the coming generation* the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.
- **Joshua 4.21-22:** And he said to the people of Israel, “When your children ask their fathers in times to come, ‘What do these stones mean?’ then *you shall let your children know*, ‘Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.’”
- **Psalm 145.4:** *One generation shall commend your works to another*, and shall declare your mighty acts.

What breadcrumbs should we leave for others to follow

- Obedience & Reverence for God
- Forgiveness
- Compassion & Love
- Honesty
- Control & Humility

How do you start following breadcrumbs

- Hear (Romans 10:17)
- Believe (Romans 10:10)
- Repent (Luke 13:3)
- Confess (Romans 10:9)
- Baptism (Acts 2:38)

How Does One Start Leaving Breadcrumbs For Others To Behold & Follow

- Follow Jesus Christ Today
- Only A Step!
- The Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17)
- ¹³ Then Jesus *arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ But John tried to prevent Him, saying, “I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?” ¹⁵ But Jesus answering said to him, “Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he *permitted Him. ¹⁶ After being baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and [\[i\]](#)he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove *and* [\[i\]](#)lighting on Him, ¹⁷ and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is [\[k\]](#)My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.”

A scenic landscape featuring a dirt path that leads towards a bright sunburst breaking through a layer of clouds. A rustic wooden fence runs along the left side of the path. The foreground is filled with dry, brownish vegetation, and the overall atmosphere is warm and hopeful.

Start following today
End result: Your salvation