

Sermon Series – “Sharing Is Service”

Part 1 – “Miracle Feast at Bethsaida”

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Scripture Reading: John 6:5-9; **Supporting Texts:** Luke 9:10-17; Mark 6:30-44

When Jesus fasted in the wilderness for forty days and nights, He was once tempted by the devil to turn _____ into bread and use His power for a _____ advantage. But Christ did not fall for this _____ temptation but overcame with the great principle of faith given by Moses in Deuteronomy 8:3 which reads, “...man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” When we apply this rule of faith to our Christian walk, we should humbly recognize that there is no _____ on which the Bible teaches that we should refuse to listen and apply its principles to our lives. As in physical health, if we eat only our favorite food, we may hurt ourselves with an imbalanced diet, so in _____ health, if we _____ only our favorite themes, we will become _____ malnourished. As we embark on this _____ journey, let us aim to _____ our _____ as the model _____ who taught us of the true meaning of _____ and draw closer to Him as we _____ in His cause.

Lessons from a Lad’s Supper (John 6:1-15)

1. What can we understand from the _____ of this location? v1-2; Luke 9:10
2. Why did Jesus go there and what do we learn of His _____ work? v3; Mk 6:30-34
3. Why is there no place for doubt or _____ when working for Christ? v4-9
4. What Bible _____ should have given them faith despite the situation? 2Kg 4:38-44
5. What faith lessons should we learn from the _____ that remained? v10-14

After the multitude had been fed, there was an abundance of food left. But He who had all the resources of infinite power at His command said, “Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.” These words meant more than putting the bread into the baskets. The lesson was twofold. Nothing is to be wasted. We are to let slip no temporal advantage. We should neglect nothing that will tend to benefit a human being. Let everything be gathered up that will relieve the necessity of earth’s hungry ones. And there should be the same carefulness in spiritual things. When the baskets of fragments were collected, the people thought of their friends at home. They wanted them to share in the bread that Christ had blessed. The contents of the baskets were distributed among the eager throng, and were carried away into all the region round about. So those who were at the feast were to give to others the bread that comes down from heaven, to satisfy the hunger of the soul. They were to repeat what they had learned of the wonderful things of God. Nothing was to be lost. Not one word that concerned their eternal salvation was to fall useless to the ground.

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Let us trust God to do great things with our Sacrifice however small!