

Ordinary People – Extraordinary God

The Boy with a Lunchbox

John 6:1-14

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii[a] worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.” 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?” 10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”

Reflection Questions

- What insurmountable needs do you see in your own life? What are some tangible ways you can entrust those needs to Jesus to meet them?
- What small thing can you contribute to God's work? How can you participate (even in small ways) in the work He is doing?
- In what ways have you seen God take small offerings or gifts and multiply them beyond imagination in your life or the life of those you know?
- Why might it be significant that there were twelve baskets leftover?
- How does it give you hope to know that Jesus is the bread of life that satisfies us forever? In what areas of your life do you need to find your ultimate hope in Him?

Guided Prayer

Thank God for the ways He meets both your temporal needs, but also your eternal/spiritual needs. Ask Him to sustain you when the needs of your world remain unmet and hope for the day when every need will be met in Christ. Ask Him to make you aware of the needs around you. Ask Him to show you the simple offering you can make to participate in His work. Thank Him for using you in His work. Ask Him to multiply your gift beyond what you can imagine. Thank Jesus that you have ultimate Hope in Him, who is our bread of Heaven. In

Jesus' name,
Amen