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John 6:5-13 The Miraculous Feeding of the 5,000

“Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, ‘Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?’ He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. Philip replied, ‘Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!’ Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up. ‘There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?’ ‘Tell everyone to sit down,’ Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, ‘Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.’ So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.”

The Three Stages to Break Through Lack

1. God Uses Lack to REVEAL Kingdom Values.

John 6:6 “Jesus was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.”

When we face situations of lack, it is first a test from God to see our response.

Matthew 6:31-33 “So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

Deuteronomy 8:2 “Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, to humble and test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands.”

Before God fills your empty pocket He wants to fill your empty heart.

Matthew 16:25-26 “If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul?”

Psalms 106:13-15 “They soon forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel, but lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God in the desert. And He gave them their request, but sent leanness into their soul.”

Proverbs 28:6 “It is better to be poor and honest than rich and evil.”

2. God Works in Accordance with our RESPONSE.

John 6:9, 11 “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish.’Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish.”

Proverbs 11:24-25 “One person gives freely but gets even richer. Another person doesn’t give what they should but gets even poorer. Anyone who gives a lot will succeed. Anyone who renews others will be renewed.”

Everything in your hand is a seed. Everything in God’s hand is a harvest.

Exodus 4:2 “Then the Lord asked him, ‘What is that in your hand?’”

Don’t allow what you DON’T HAVE to keep you from giving WHAT YOU DO HAVE.

3. God REWARDS us with Abundance.

John 6:11-13 “They all ate as much as they wanted. After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, ‘Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.’ So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.”

Ephesians 6:8 “Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do.”

2 Corinthians 9:6-8,10-11 “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”

Psalm 34:9-10 “Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.”

Memory Verse: “Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing. Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.” Psalm 34:9-10

