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The Book of John

Lesson 14 So many

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Read John 6:1-14

Verse 14. *Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world.* This miracle confirmed in the minds that Jesus Christ was the Promised Messiah. He was the One that Moses talked about; and in their minds they made the connection. The I AM fed the multitudes in the wilderness when we came out of Egypt. Here is the one that claims to be the I AM and He just fed a multitude by Himself in the wilderness and they believed. Now let us make the application to today. There are multitudes everywhere we look that have need. We the saints of God look at the multitudes and say the same things as the Apostles said. We cannot meet that need with what we have in our possession. Instead of looking at our circumstances, we need to look to GOD.

Yesterday was July the 4th and thousands of people showed up at Lake Eola in Orlando to watch fireworks. Fifteen saints verses an estimated 50,000 lost people who needed to be fed from God's word, that needed to take the bread and the water of life, so they could be free and have eternal life. But what could so little do to help so many?

We gave our weaknesses our talents, abilities, and strengths, *"what are they among so many?"* We gave what we had to Jesus, and 46 souls trusted Jesus Christ to be there Lord and Saviour, Praise God.

Too many of us 21st century Christians have given up in allowing God to use the talents that He has given us to serve Him. Nowadays we just pray and give the situations to GOD and say God you save them. They give it to the Lord hoping that the Lord will do it for them. Now, do you have talent? Do you have ability? Do you have knowledge? Is it enough to meet the need of the multitude out there? Absolutely not. Is it enough to build a church? Is it enough to establish a mission work? Absolutely not – it's not enough. But you give that thing to Jesus. He blesses it. In our story, He blessed what they gave Him. What will the Lord bless? He will bless what you give Him. Ah, but what then did He do? He blessed it and He broke it... and He broke it.

This is where most Christians will quit on God, if you are not careful. This is where people drop out of church. They say, I gave my life to the Lord. I gave my family to the Lord. I gave my talents to the Lord. I gave my ministry to the Lord and He was really blessing. And then all of a sudden, everything fell apart. Oh, you mean, He broke it? You mean, He wanted to prove to you that His blessing did not guarantee there would be some breaking to follow. Look, He blessed first and then He broke. He may break your heart. That's right. He may disappoint your ambitions and dreams. He may refuse to answer your prayers. He may let you get a church started and then have it fall apart. He may let you get to the mission field and then go broke and have to come home.

How many missionary biographies have you read? We always need to read more. Here is a guy that surrenders his life to the Lord to go to the mission field and gets off the boat and his wife dies. People get to the field and people start getting saved and their children die. He gets a church established and all of a sudden the tribe turns against him and he ends up being murdered; then what happens? The Lord multiplies it, turns out more than it could have been without that trouble, without that difficulty; and who knows?

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Who can understand these things – but He blessed it and then He broke it – then look what He did. He did not give it to the multitude; He gave it back to the disciples. And He said to the disciples, now you give this to the multitude. That is how He works.

The Lord is going to meet the need of the multitude through His disciples. But without Him, the disciples can do nothing. Without Him what the disciples possess is insufficient. So give your talent to Jesus and He will bless it, then He will break it. Then Jesus will give it back to you, now what little you had originally given becomes an endless supply.

This is what Jesus wants to do in our lives and in our ministries. It is a picture of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. It is like the living water that we will come to in chapter 7. It never gets exhausted. It never runs out. No matter how many people take something out of that basket, there is always more there. If you men will give up your lives and let God bless and break you and put you into the ministry, He can give you enough Holy Spirit power to handle every person in every situation that comes your way. It is incredible. You could never do that on your own no matter how much education, seminars, or self help books you read.

Something really amazing happens here to the disciples, it was not until they had ministered to every person there that they realized the benefit and the abundance in their own lives. Everybody there had enough to eat. But twelve disciples ended up with a basket-overflowing full in addition to what they contributed.

Look at First Thessalonians 2:19-20. *For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? Are not even ye in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at his coming? For ye are our glory and joy.* And here is all these people that come in and stand at the judgment seat of Christ and every one of them receive something from the Lord. Then the Lord turns to one of His workers, to those that ministered and to those that gave themselves not only to Him but to the multitude and He says now, I want to go through that crowd and I am going to take something from that multitude that you ministered to and I am going to give it to you. Okay? They were rewarded for their service. They are not just serving the Lord; they are serving people, serving others. Here is this hungry multitude and Jesus said, what are you going to do about the multitude, and Thaddeus says, "I do not know about the multitude Lord, I just want to stay here and serve you." You know that sounds real spiritual; but serving Him meant going out there and feeding those kids and those women and those children – that was serving the Lord. Most Christians today do not understand, that serving means much more than just going to Church each Sunday, Wednesday, or Thursday. The definition of serving is you need to leave your comfort zone and go out into the highways, in the jails, the nursing homes and serve others. Well, I just want to stay right here at Jesus feet...That is a great story about Mary and Martha, the next time you see Mary, she is not sitting at His feet. She did not spend her whole life there. We have been entrusted with taking the message of the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the people.

Rom 10:14-15

14 *How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*

15 *And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!*

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Now even this verse, lazy Christians use as an excuse not to serve, they say, look it says "preacher." If you attend a church where you leave all the preaching to others up to the Preacher, you are killing him, he will eventually get burned out and either quit serving God or he will die. God never intended that verse to imply to only one man, In fact if you look at the verse above... *Romans 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

If you are saved, YOU are ordained and called to preach, you do not need a piece of paper signed by an organization or University telling you that you can began to preach the Gospel, the Lord said

Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

1 Corinthians 9:14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Your Pastor works real hard each week to come up with 3 good sermons to feed a congregation of people for one year – much less twenty years or thirty years. If you will take what God has given you let Him bless them and let Him break them, you will not run out of food for that multitude. There will be plenty bread for hungry people. Aren't you glad this Bible contains an inexhaustible supply of food for God's people? You may preach a sermon one day that you heard your Pastor preach ten times before, this time God is using you and that same sermon will come across completely different and will bless the body of Christ. It is a joy to speak out for the Word of God... to know that that supply is endless. And it is good news.

There is another application to this section. *verse 9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? What can we learn from this verse? This young lad was willing to give all he had to further the cause of Christ. He knew it was not much, the amount was not even enough to feed one grown man, lest 5000. This lad trusted Jesus, he humbled himself before him and offered what he had, he was not some rich landowner that had a multitude of groceries packed on his donkey. The lad had only so very little, but he gave what he had for Jesus to use, The other thing was that the lad did not ask what the return on his investment was going to be, he did not ask when Jesus was going to pay him back, he did not ask for something in trade. He willingly, without any thought to his own well being gave all that he had for Jesus to use. I will tell you this; this is the kind of faith that Jesus is looking for in His Church.*

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Lesson 14

Name _____

1. What can we learn from this lesson about the age requirement for those wishing to serve the Lord?
2. What can we learn from this lesson about the size of our gifts and contributions?
3. Explain the following terms:
 - a. to prove him
 - b. he himself knew what he would do?
 - c. barley loaves
4. What is meant by breaking and blessing?
5. Who responsibility is it to spread the good news about Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?
6. Who much knowledge do we need before we are ordained to serve God?
7. What convinced the disciples that Jesus was that Prophet that should come into the world?
8. Compare 21st Century Christianity with our story of feeding the 5000, what similarities can you find?
9. What is the responsibility to every Christian who serves His Lord?
10. What is the example the lad shows each of us in this story?
11. What is your talent? How are you using it to serve the Lord?

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12. Mary and Martha in John 11 give us a great example on serving and sitting, explain how the 21st Century Christian has distorted this example.
13. Explain what you learned from this lesson.

true/false

- You are not supposed to preach until you have received ordination from an organization.
- You cannot begin to serve God until you have been well educated in the word of God.
- Serving God means serving others also.



Scripture Memorization; (write these on the back on the sheet, Must be in KJV)

Mark 16:15; 1 Corinthians 9:14; 2 Timothy 4:2

any questions?