**A FEAST WITHOUT A LOT OF FOOD**

**John 6:1-14**

[**1**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-1/)**After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is *the sea* of Tiberias.** [**2**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-2/)**And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.** [**3**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-3/)**And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.** [**4**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-4/)**And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.** [**5**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-5/)**When Jesus then lifted up *his* eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?**

[**6**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-6/)**And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.** [**7**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-7/)**Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.** [**8**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-8/)**One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,** [**9**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-9/)**There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?** [**10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-10/)**And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.** [**11**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-11/)**And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.** [**12**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-12/)**When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.** [**13**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-13/)**Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.** [**14**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-14/) **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.**

**INTRO:**

**\*\*The first thing that jumps out at me in this passage is that the Lord already knew what He was going to do!**

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**\*\*The Lord has never been caught off guard, and He has never been caught by surprise! He already knew what He was going to do in this situation, and in your situation!**

**\*\*He already knew what He was going to do with . . .**

**1. Their Likely Fears**

**a. The Lord knew they would be Upset, but He also knew what He was going to do!**

**b. The Lord knew they would be Unsettled, but He also knew what He was going to do!**

**\*\*When we get upset and unsettled, we need to try to remember that the Lord already knows what He’s going to do!**

**2. Them Lacking Faith**

**a. The Lord works in our lives to Inspire our Faith.**

**b. The Lord works in our lives to Increase our Faith.**

**\*\*When the Lord sees we lack faith, He already knows what He’s going to do to inspire and increase our faith.**

**3. The Little Food**

**\*\*With just a little, Jesus was going to give them . . .**

**a. A lot of Help**

**b. A lot of Hope**

**\*\*Give Jesus whatever you have, and you can have A Feast Without A Lot of Food!**

**I. LOOK AT THE SITUATION**

**A. There Wasn’t A Lot**

**1. There wasn’t a lot of Food**

**John 6:7** [**7**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-7/)**Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.**

**a. Phillip knew there wasn’t enough Money.**

**b. Phillip knew there wasn’t enough Means.**

**\*\*Sometimes in life we realize we do not have the money or the means to do what needs to be done to help others or to even help ourselves, but Jesus knows what to do!**

**2. There wasn’t a lot of Faith**

**John 6:8-9** [**8**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-8/)**One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,** [**9**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-9/)**There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?**

**a. Andrew’s eyes were on the Lunch, and he was Troubled.**

**b. Andrew’s eyes wasn’t on the Lord, and he wasn’t Trusting.**

**\*\*The disciples had heard the Lord teach and preach to them to rely on their Faith and on their Father, and then when a problem came along, they did not rely on their Faith and their Father! Are we not guilty of the same?**

**B. There Was A Lord**

**John 6:10** [**10**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-10/)**And Jesus said, Make the men sit down.**

**\*\*Jesus said, “Everybody just sit down and let me show you something!”**

**\*\*Most of the time, our only part is to give the Lord what we have and then sit back and watch Him make the most of it!**

**1. There was a lot of God!**

**2. There was a lot of Goodness!**

**3. There was a lot of Grace!**

**\*\*When the Lord is present, He’s all you need because He is God; He is Goodness, and He is Grace!**

**II. LOOK AT THE SUPPLY**

**A. The Lunch was Multiplied**

**John 6:11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.**

**1. He kept Furnishing**

**2. He kept Filling**

**3. He kept Feeding**

**\*\*Many times we think we don’t have a lot, and it’s true; we don’t. Still, the Lord gets a hold of the little bit we have, and then He helps us and keeps furnishing us, filling us, and feeding us!**

**B. The Lunch was Miraculous**

**John 6:12** [**12**](https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/John-6-12/)**When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.**

**1. They were Miraculously Filled!**

**2. There were Miraculous Fragments!**

**a. Don’t Leave the Fragments**

**b. Don’t Lose the Fragments**

**Illustration: God has done miracles in some people’s lives, but then they leave behind the fragments and lose the fragments. Pick up the fragments and keep on eating on it!**

**C. The Lunch was More**

**John 6:13 Therefore they gathered *them* together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.**

**1. Sometimes we need to Eat the leftovers!**

**Illustration: The Lord gives us blessings and bread over and beyond our needs, and sometimes we put them in cold storage and forget about them and let them ruin. So many church people are starving because they never have learned to get out yesterday’s leftovers and warm them up and eat them!**

**2. Sometimes we need to Enjoy the leftovers!**

**a. Enjoy the leftovers when you’re no longer around the Lord’s people.**

**b. Enjoy the leftovers when you’re no longer around the Lord’s place.**

**\*\*You can listen to the message again! You can listen to the songs again. You can read the scripture and the outline again! You can ponder again what God has done in the service or done in your life again and again!**

**\*\*You can have A Feast Without A Lot of Food!**

**III. LOOK AT THEIR SATISFACTION**

**A. Their Hunger was Satisfied**

**1. Jesus satisfied the hunger concerning their Bellies.**

**John 6:12a When they were filled,**

**a. They did get filled!**

**b. They did get full!**

**\*\*I’m glad the Lord is still able to fill people up with a Spiritual Food and a Special Filling!**

**2. Jesus satisfied the hunger concerning their Blessings.**

**John 6:13 Therefore they . . . filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.**

**a. They were blessed with Filled Basket Loads!**

**b. They were blessed with Fragmented Barley Loaves!**

**\*\*How many times has God blessed you with more than you needed and above and beyond what you expected?**

**\*\*A child of God never has to go hungry! The Lord will feed you spiritually over and over again!**

**B. Their Hesitation was Satisfied**

**John 6:14 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.**

**1. Jesus fixed their hesitation about their Dilemma.**

**a. The Mess of the Crisis had them Troubled.**

**b. The Miracle of the Christ had them Trusting.**

**\*\*When we’re troubled about our Crisis, let’s trust our Christ!**

**2. Jesus fixed their hesitation about their Doubt.**

**a. They didn’t doubt His Miracle.**

**b. They didn’t doubt His Marvel.**

**\*\*Jesus gave them a Feast without a lot of Food!**

**CLOSE**

**\*\*Perhaps you have been focused on how little you have and how you cannot do a lot.**

**\*\*Isn’t time to take what little you have and give it to the Lord?**

**\*\*The Lord specializes in making a lot out of a little!**

**\*\*Do you look at the things you face in life and say, “*There’s no way!*”?**

**\*\*As long as there is a great God who sits on the throne of Heaven, there is a way!**

**\*\*In fact, He says, “*I am the way!*”, John 14:6!**

**\*\*If you can get it into His hands, He will handle it and make a lot out of your little.**

**\*\*Many times I’ve brought to Him just the only little bit that I had to offer, and in return He made me a feast and gave me a lot of blessings out of my little bit that I gave!**

**So what is it that you need to bring to Him right now?**