

How Much Bread Do You Have?

Do you ever feel as if there isn't enough of you to go around? In Matthew 15:33-39 we find Jesus and His disciples ministering to a group of 4000 men plus women and children. Jesus' compassion for the people wouldn't allow Him to send them away hungry. So He asked His disciples to share their bread with the people.

Have you ever noticed how Jesus never gets into a mind set of, "What am I going to do?" or "How will this work?" He simply looks to what is available and offers thanks to God for it. The disciples on the other hand can't imagine how on earth their meager supply can provide enough for this multitude of people. I mean humanly speaking, seven loaves of bread and a few fish would barely be enough for their own ministry team let alone 4000+ people!

Now before you discount their attitude, consider for a moment how you might have reacted to Jesus' request. If we're honest, we would have to say that we aren't much different from the disciples. Even with all the teaching and revelation we claim to have, our faith in God is blocked by our human mind set and reasoning. We rely more on our own strength and ability than on God's supernatural provision. We are so focused on meeting and maintaining our own needs that many times we miss the bigger picture of being a blessing to others. We fear that if we give away what we have, there might not be enough for us!

But God's ways are NOT our ways (Is 55:10). I commend the disciples for their willingness to allow Jesus to take the little bit they did have and use it for the people. Surely there was skepticism. Yes I know that they had seen Jesus multiply food before, but that was someone else stuff (John 6:9)! Now Jesus was asking for their stuff! Would their little bit go as far as the boy's lunch had gone? Would the people like it as well? How would people respond to their fish and loaves? Sound like anything you might ask??

The reason Jesus wasn't concerned about feeding the people was because He knew the Source from which ALL provision comes. He knew El Shadai, the God of MORE than enough! He asked the disciples to open their eyes to what they had because He wanted them to see that quantity is not the issue. When the disciples willingly gave their supply to Jesus, Jesus offered thanks to God, broke the bread and gave it back to them to distribute among the people. As the bread was given away, it miraculously multiplied so that the people were filled and there were even lots of leftovers!

So how much bread do you have? What has God placed in you that He desires you to give away? The Kingdom of God is within you, but until you are willing to give it to others, it will not multiply. As we take our gift and allow God to distribute it to others for His Glory, His Kingdom will increase in the earth. God isn't concerned with the amount; He is only looking at your heart. So take what you have, offer it God for His use and go share it with someone today.

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for entrusting me with Your Kingdom. Help me to steward the gift you have placed in me so that You will be glorified through my life. Forgive me for being afraid to use what I have. I choose today to place my gift in Your hands so that it can be used as You desire. In Jesus Name, Amen



Matthew 15:34
Jesus said to

them, "How
many loaves do
you have?"