

“BEING A RESTORED HUMAN”



“PROPER WORK AND RE-CREATION”
MARK 6:32-44; SUPPORT SCRIPTURE

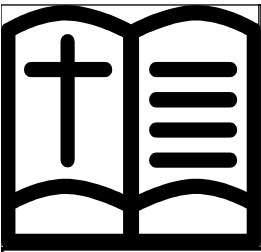
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A. The risk of taking undeserved credit

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- 3. Desire to keep it happening without thinking about the reason it is - focus on the gift, not the Giver; near equality with Christ?***

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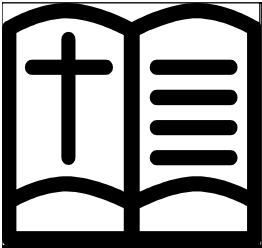
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- 2. Who He is: God as described in the Old Testament - merciful, gracious, longsuffering, full of compassion***
- 3. He would not leave these people to wander aimlessly; He would meet their needs; He had yet another lesson to teach His disciples about who He really is***
- 4. Would they be filled with the same compassion? Would they be annoyed that their proposed rest would be delayed? Would they pay attention and learn or just watch their Master do some more work? Were they still in union with Him or were they disengaged since their task was over?***
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II. JOINING JESUS AND MISSING THE POINT

- A. *Out-thinking the busy Jesus - defining the problem*
 - 1. *Send the people away (we are supposed to have some privacy here!)*
 - 2. *Appealing to Christ for their immediate need (reflections of the wilderness travels) and offering some suggestions*
- B. *“You give them something to eat!” replies Jesus! (Did He not just authorize them to do the same work He had done? But they were not “on the clock” now!); they are shocked by the response!*
- C. *Check your resources - done! But woefully short*
- D. *Get organized says the One who is the author of order, who brings order out of chaos*
- E. *Now the miracle*
 - 1. *Gathers the resources to Himself*
 - 2. *Looks to the Father and blesses the food*
 - 3. *Breaks the food and just keeps breaking it*
 - 4. *Hands it to the disciples for distribution*
 - 5. *There is always more food when they return for more*
 - 6. *Jesus is creating food with the appearance of age; after the first five loaves and two fish, all other food was food that had bypassed all natural processes and yet appeared as mature as the original loaves and fish; all of it was filling and satisfying; think that over!*

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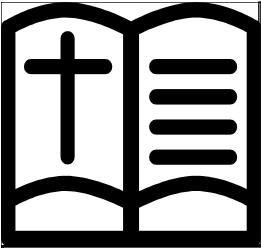
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