



YOU FEED THEM

But Jesus said...

“you feed them”

Matthew 14:16 (NLT)

Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had **compassion** on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. **You give them something to eat.**”

¹⁷ “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered.

¹⁸ “Bring them here to me,” he said.

¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people.

²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.



Verse by verse

- Vs 13-14

Sometimes, we are not privileged to grieve the death of a loved one as we prefer because of kingdom agendas.

Compassion is backed by action (s).



Verse by verse

Vs 15 – The disciples' perspective

(i) The disciples saw Jesus as one who could provide healing (spiritual food), not as one who could provide physical food.

As disciples, we need to have a proper perspective of Jesus.

Do not be quick to send the crowds away. You (a disciple) have what it takes to FEED the people (physically and spiritually). God sent them to you for a reason.

(ii) The disciples had a poor judgement of time.

God owns time.

(iii) The disciples distracted the people.

- The people did not say they were hungry.
- The people did not say they were tired.
- The people were not concerned about the hour of the day.

Do not distract people who are enjoying God's presence.



Verse by verse

Vs 16

Jesus gently reminds the disciples that they have what it takes to feed the people.

- You have been entrusted with the Word of God in 2020. You therefore, have the responsibility of dispensing the Word to the people freely.

Freely you have received. Freely give!

Vs 17

The disciples undermined what they had.

Vs 18

Jesus gently reminds His disciples to bring the people to Him. In other words, acknowledge that I can help.

Jesus was hospitable to them even though he fed them.



Verse by verse

Vs 19

- Jesus makes them sit down in green pastures.
- Despite our circumstances, Jesus wants us to assume a position of rest in “Him” so that we can receive all that He has for us.
- This verse also reveals to us the mystery of stretching the little we have (thanksgiving/sharing) and in turn receive more.
- We are the hands, mouth, eyes, ears, and feet of Jesus Christ.



Verse by verse

Vs 20

-Trust that what you feed the people with (as received from Jesus and unaltered), will satisfy them.

-Refuse to be a waster of the Word (by not sowing)

-Refuse to be a waster of resources

- i) by not investing.
- ii) buying what you do not need.
- iii) going where you should not go.
- iv) talking when you should not.

-Be diligent and faithful in stewardship (1 Cor 4:2 - Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.)



Verse by verse

Vs 21

-Receive grace to FEED many.

-Trust God for the capacity to handle many who may demand from you.



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