

Give What You Have

by Jeremiah Krieger

Matthew 14:16-18, *"But Jesus said to them, 'They do not need to go away; you give them something to eat!' And they said to him, 'We have here only five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to Me.'"*

I have found that it's difficult to love and serve people. Honestly, I love myself too much. I would rather think about my own needs before thinking of the needs of others. Unfortunately, there is a deep root of selfishness that comes out of me sometimes. It can become tough to do what I know to be good and true when it comes to serving others.

As I read through this account of Jesus' life, I find it astonishing how Jesus reacted in tough situations. In this particular scenario, after a long day of teaching and, by the way, discovering that his friend was beheaded (how traumatic is that?!), Jesus finally takes time to retreat. Yet, the crowd followed him wherever he went. This may have been really annoying, considering the circumstances.

And we find that when Jesus comes ashore, there are all those people once again. Yet, he has compassion on them. He heals the sick. There is nothing like dealing with others when you have already exerted yourself. But Jesus did it, and his disciples did it with him. So, good, the work was done. The day was finished and it was time to go home.

Except for.....

The people who were hungry. Those pesky people again! His disciples were so conventional. In essence, they said, "Hey, let's just send these people away into town so they can get something to eat." I can identify with that. Isn't it much easier to point people to resources rather than to be the

instrument for change?

But not so fast. Take note of Jesus. What was it that He said? "You give them something to eat."

Are you kidding?!

His disciples had five loaves of bread and two fish. There were 5,000 men, not including the women and children. But check this out: Jesus was asking his disciples only to do the possible. That's right. Notice, while his instructions were for the disciples to feed the crowd, the disciples' responsibility was to give Jesus what they had. Jesus said, "Bring them [the loaves] here to me."

There are times in life when it seems like we're being asked to do the impossible. Walking on the Path where God's finger is pointing toward life and fullness may lead us to tough situations like this. Today, in Dallas, hunger exists. There are thousands of homeless people wandering the streets. People in various places are experiencing injustice. There are orphans and widows whose needs are being neglected. It will take a miracle to make everything as it should be. At some point, if I go out today, I will bump into some of them. And my job is to "feed" them. So what do I do?

Jesus is asking all of us, "Bring what you have to me." Our job is not to perform the miracle. We must only give what we have. If we all did what we could, we may be shocked to see the miracles that take place because of our faithfulness to do our simple part. This will mean intentionally being aware of opportunities in the midst of a mindset that leans toward selfishness. We must battle against that because our small influence can make a big difference, even in inconvenient situations.

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Life group prayer and praise

- **John Lanier**, a friend from Arlington, has had a stroke and it has affected his right side, please pray for complete healing. ~ **Sheri Wiederspohn**
- **Please pray for Karla Signs**, she is having some medical problems, lots of headaches from blood on the brain, please pray that God will heal her and reliver her headaches. ~ **Sandra Signs**
- **Praise!** Our first Bible study at Vintage Apartments went great, everyone is excited and wants to ask others to join us! ~ **Millie Byrnes**
- **Chastity Hoggins** asks that we pray for her family and her other loved ones, and that we also pray that she keeps her heart open to Jesus.
- **Judy Warren's dad, Paul Klein** is in the hospital with pneumonia, he is 87 years old, please pray for him. ~ **Tom Warren**
- Please pray for my family in New Orleans, my daughter **Emily** needs her eyes opened to the truth and in the meantime, needs God's surrounding protection. We praise God for the successful surgery for my **Great Uncle Rev. Jeff Day**, who has just undergone heart surgery. ~ **Kelly Brock**
- Please pray for **Patrick Means**, he is going to have a pacemaker put in.
- I have cancer and would like prayer for a cure. Thanks, **Annette Kerby**
- **Mark Deiner** needs a dryer.
- Please pray for my grandson, **Vance, Lenny's** son, (5 yr.) His appendix started to rupture in the operating room and the doctors nicked his small intestines. ~ **Bobby Backstrom**
- Please pray for my son, **Nathan**, he is reverting back to the world of drugs. ~ **Roy McCowan**
- **Heidi, my daughter**, needs to find a job soon. Please pray for her and my mom, **Bettie Aitkin's** who is suffering a great deal of pain following her stroke in June, which hinders her recovery. ~ **Kim Edwards**
- Please pray for my oldest daughter and her little girl, they are being mentally and physically abused by a boyfriend. Please give her the courage to leave this abusive relationship. ~ **Barb Lillard**
- Please pray for our son, **Zack**, who is 20 months old and is under weight, we would like prayer for a healthy appetite and that he would begin to gain weight. ~ **The Rodriguez family**
- Pastor Cathy Johnson of Queen Anne Baptist Church reports: **Rev. Colvin Caughey** went home to be with the Lord early this morning. Please keep his wife, **Ruth, his daughter, Rev. Cathy Kernen**, and the rest of the family in your prayers. Information regarding a memorial service will be sent when it is available.
- **Rev. Oscar Vega** requests prayer for **Leo Moore**, who is a pioneer member of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Grandview, WA. Leo's wife, **Beva**, indicates that Leo is close to death.



MISSIONS BOOK SALE: November 6th is the SAM booksale during their luncheon in the Social Hall at 11:30 am. Then on Sunday, Nov. 8th the Senior Adult Ministry is sponsoring a Book Sale in the Social Hall before and after worship.

All proceeds will go to local missions.

Pray for our Military

- *Jonathan Michaels Estrella— son of Sharon Boswell.*
- *Jason Bjazevich—Megan Owenby's husband—Army Special Forces— Stationed in N. Carolina.*
- *Joel Ellis—son of John & Midge — Serving in Iraq.*
- *Scott Harpell—son of Brian & Lynne— Stationed at Fort Bragg.*
- *Aaron Weston—nephew of Ken and Kathy—Stationed in San Diego.*
- *Eric Schmidt — son of Gene and Pat Schmidt — Camp Fallujah, Iraq.*
- *Benjamin Lagonia—dear friend of the Naylor family—stationed in Manitoba.*
- *David Coyle—son of Karen Mark— residing in Seattle, member of the National Guard.*
- *Adam Flynn—a young Marine safely home and out of military.*
- *Brett Love—grandson of Wilma— Army National Guard—Serving at home.*
- *Robin Swartz - Serving in the military - currently home in Everett.*
- *Christian Chmielewski—nephew of JoAnn Couturie' - in the Marines.*
- *ENS Andrew E. Timpner (fiancé to Christin Suthard) on deployment with USS Momsen.*
- *Devin Abbitt—nephew of Paul Abbitt - Marine, stateside.*
- *Doug Baer—a teacher at Kamiak HS heading to Iraq in the Army Reserves—thru Sept. 09.*
- *Duane Neyens—brother to Kathy Chapman—Nat. Grd. Afghanistan.*
- *Philip Ankney-LCPL Afghanistan Cousin of MaryAnn Peterson.*
- *Jeffrey Lillard—son of Barbara Lillard — Srg. In Army, Stationed in Afghanistan.*
- *Aaron Chmielewski—joined the Marines. Nephew of JoAnn Couturie.*



Life Group Happenings

All in the Family



by *florence miller*

Louis Manus passed away on Monday, Oct 26th in his sleep just three weeks before his 102nd birthday. His daughter, **Carolyn Meagher (Joe)**, called the church office saying they would like the funeral to be held in our church. The service is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 6th at 2:30 pm after the SAM luncheon in the Pacific Room.

Lyle Gordon sent an email to the church office with the following excerpts: *"Louis, along with his wife Frances were among our (SAM) Nifty Nineties celebrants when Louis was 97. I've visited with him several times since then and always mentioned to him the poster that was behind and above his chair honoring him on his 101st birthday and which was presented to him by the Reserve Officers Association of Everett in which he had been a former member and leader. The last two times I visited, I took our SAM handbook and showed him each time his name in the section 'Inactive but not Forgotten' and he looked at it intently. I last visited him on Thursday and fortunately Carolyn, who now lives in Omak, saw him Sunday before he passed away early Monday a.m."*

Pastor Brian writes the following: " Last Sunday our church plant **Everett Community Church**, which meets in our Community Center on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m., celebrated its 1st anniversary. **Pastor Peter Gata** hosted the service, with guest musicians coming from Boise, Idaho and a guest preacher from Mountlake Terrace. **Lyle Gordon**, representing our Senior Adult Ministry and **Pat Alvarez**, representing our Outreach Team were in attendance to present a gift to Peter Gata from the First Baptist Church and to present flowers to Peter's wife and partner in ministry, **Martha Gatata**. SAM and our Outreach Team partnered in funding \$1,000 towards Peter's green card which he needs to be able to work outside his ministry. Praise the Lord for this opportunity to bless this new church in Everett! Thank you **SAM, Outreach Team** and **members of FBC** for your generosity!"

Cliff Hudspeth seems to be doing better and is back home and appearing in the dining room to eat. The Dr's diagnosis was congestive heart failure in connection with fluid in the lungs. We are praying that the doctor's prescribed medicinal care keeps him perking for many more years! Hopefully too, **Lois Hudspeth** will get some much needed rest. She is such a great helpmate and wife to Cliff.

The **Volunteers of America** let us know that our church contributed #25 of food this past month.

A notice was received from **John Ellis** regarding **Rev. Colvin Caughey's** death. The Celebration of Life will be held at 2 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church in Tacoma on Friday, October 30th. For further information if you wish to attend the funeral or the viewing and/or visitation on Thursday night, October 29 you may contact the church office for more details.

We received a note from "**Lost and Found Ministries**" saying, *"You and FBC are a blessing from God. Thank you for the financial gift for our 501c3 and your many prayers. I ask that god continually pours his blessing and favor upon you. God bless, In His grip, Chris.*

Just wanted to dash you off a quick note as **Michael** just finished giving his first sermon as part of a speech assignment during chapel at school. **Steph** was there at least for part of it and said he did really well...didn't seem nervous and looked very natural. I am hugely thrilled for him...he has not been feeling too great either this week...I know God has big plans for him!!!! YAY! This email was from **Jill Kinsman, Michaels mom**.

Update on **Dixie Burgess mother, Joan**: They tried to put a pic line in her and she flat lined. Fortunately they were able to revive her. Her colostomy is still not working so they may be airlifting her to Boise. She is having a difficult time and is depressed. Please continue to pray for her.

There will be a wedding shower for Amanda and Drew on the 7th of November in the Pacific Room at 2:00 pm. They are registered at Target and Macy's. Please RSVP to/or any questions, please call Hyesook Johnson .

Preschool ministry is in need of a radio/CD players to use on Sunday mornings with their curriculum. They also need a baby gate for a doorway. If you would like to donate, please contact Christen Weller.

Lifegroup Contributing Opportunities

Update October 25th

Adult attendance: 246 Children: 9 am: 32+11 10:30 am:59+18

Youth Small Group: Middle School 13+4

High School 12+3



October 28th,
October 29th,
October 30th,

October 31st,
November 1st,

November 2nd,

Lacey Reisen
Christen Weller
Steven Kinsman
Kit Mullen
Sandra Signs
Alison Nealy
Cindy Pimentel
Brent Anderson
Mary Miller

USHER CAPTAIN 2009:

November- Ron & Kay Olson
Craig Reisen
December—Darrell Olson
Marc Owenby

COFFEE HOUR 2009

November 1st
Bryan Blair
Life Group
November 8th
Ruelyn Nelson
Women of Purpose
November 15th
Steve Dittoe
Marriage Builders
November 22nd
Barb Menia
Women of Purpose



Empty boxes are available at the booth in the Hospitality Room. If you have questions, call Beverly DeCelles. Remember to include \$7.00 shipping with each box.

Return your packed boxes by November 15th.

Fall is in the air and in the streets. More people are asking for blankets and sleeping bags and dry shoes. If you can help with this, it would be GREATLY appreciated!

I often hear from people outside of our Friday Night Ministry. "Why do you give people food?" "They have food stamps, they should budget their money better." "If you keep giving them food, they will just continue with their bad habits."

This morning's Everett Herald had a column by Julie Muhlstein that hit me between the eyes and I challenge you to join me in this. It was titled, "*Can you cut your daily food budget to just \$7?*" Seven dollars is the maximum amount that food stamp recipients in Washington receive. For the week of November 1-7, she challenges us to "Try walking in someone else's shoes for a week." "Participants are asked not to use any groceries they already have. Except for salt and pepper, all seasonings, condiments, oils and other staples must be counted in the meal's cost. Also, those who try it aren't supposed to accept food from family or friends, or even munch on supermarket samples. Another goal is to include fresh produce and protein each day." There is more information at www.uwsc.org/hungerchallenge.php

I believe a week (or even two) would change your view of why we care for our community in such a practical way. Care to join me????

Chris

Friday Nite Update