

## **WHEN A PAUPER'S LUNCH BECAME THE KING'S PAGEANT**

Text: Mark 6:30-44

This is a story that depicts God's compassion and provisions. There are parallels that we can relate to in our lives. The Lord never puts narrations like this in the Bible to merely entertain us. He has life lessons He wants to teach us. Therefore, let us become open and observant to what He did and what He is saying to us in the story. First of all, make note that:

### **I. No one is exempt from a broken heart.**

Mark 6:30,31. For background, read Mark 6:20-29 and Matthew 14:10-14.  
What can I do when my heart is broken?

- A. Help others – Matthew 14:14
- B. Listen to a positive report – Mark 6:30
- C. Place your schedule in God's hands – Mark 6:31-34

### **II. Discipleship must include being placed in circumstances beyond your control.**

Mark 6:35-37. This takes place when:

- A. Human resources are unavailable – Mark 6:35
- B. Human logic is unacceptable – Mark 6:36
- C. Human possibilities are unavailable – Mark 6:37; John 6:7

### **III. Miracles come with an atmosphere.**

Mark 6:38-44

- A. A Surrendered Life – Mark 6:38, John 6:8-11
- B. A Decent Order – Mark 6:39,40; I Corinthians 14:40
- C. A Thankful Heart – Mark 6:41; Colossians 3:15
- D. An Extravagant Abundance – Mark 6:42-44; Philippians 4:18; Ephesians 3:20

Conclusion: Never underestimate what God is doing, even when we are hurting and we have no human resources to fall back upon. God's glory has been defined as the display of God. God's displays, like the rainbow, are in the foreground of the darkest skies.

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