

# Bread for the Multitudes

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*The Lord's desire is for us to be like Him, to be consumed and used by Him, and to be bread for the multitudes.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the parable of the sower and the different types of ground where the seed falls. He emphasizes the importance of being the 'good ground' that receives the word of God and allows it to take root and bear fruit. The preacher also highlights the disciples' lack of faith when they question how they can feed a large crowd in the wilderness. Jesus teaches them about divine compassion and the importance of trusting in God's provision. The sermon encourages listeners to not let the word of God be choked or forgotten, but to allow it to transform their lives and show compassion to others.

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## Transcript

It's a blessing to move in the naturalness of the Lord, so that the sort of uniqueness and the specialness of being the Lord's is sort of passed away in the sense of, well, we're just used to living this glorious life with the Lord. And that's a marvellous thing. And the more and more we can become natural, really what God wants to be, uniquely sons, specially sons, and yet naturally sons, then the more the Lord will have an opportunity to do and be Himself through us and in us to others.

It's so lovely, isn't it? The way the Lord deals with us all. And that He wants really to make us like Jesus is still the key to everything. And I want to spend a while with you tonight in a certain theme in Scripture, in the books, several of the books of the New Testament, on this wonder of being like the Lord, what He wants us to be in the world.

You know, today I had the joy of listening to a tape from Nepal. It was sent to me by dear brother Devu Singh and his wife. And it was a thrill to listen again and to tell just by listening to his voice, leave alone the words that he had to say, of the wonder of the Lord in him, the communion, even by means of a bit of magnetic tape there, whatever you might want to call it, the communication and the communion and the simplicity in these people that just want to be the Lord's and want to live for Him.

They're at such cost. I haven't come to sort of tell you a lot about that, but the wonder of it, the glory of living for the Lord is absolutely beyond words really. And so when our sister prayed a little earlier about

that God the Lord put us first, how true that is, how true it all is, that God has put us first.

I know that originally he made man in his own image, and man fell from that. But God put man over creation. Man has lost that position in its chiefest sense.

He still wants to dominate and lord it over everything, but he can't, he's lost it of course without Christ, because he's lost the secret. He may blast off great big jet engines, and he may do all sorts of things like that, but he's only finding that he's utterly dwarfed by space. And he hasn't really accomplished much except, what is it, I was going to say pour millions down the drain, but blown them up in the air sort of thing.

He hasn't got very far. Whereas the blessed unique simplicity of being the Lord, and living in the majesty of simplicity of life, and how truly too that rang in my heart when that was prayed, how that God wants us to get more and more simple, and out of every complication, we get too involved. We get too involved in things and with people, and this is why God takes people and sets them aside, perhaps for years, puts them out of the way, because they've got too involved.

Everything's been revolving around them, and they're involved in this and that, and the Lord just takes them away. It isn't that he's fed up with them, or that they're on the scrap heap, or that anything like that has happened, it's simply because they've got to come out of it, and that's it, if they're going to get on any further. Because it isn't involvement and running around over our tracks that indicates that we're great men of God, it's how much more we're like Jesus, that really indicates it.

I suppose I'm only saying things that could be called trite, but with this in mind, I want to consider a great fact about our Lord Jesus Christ, and it's concerning being bred for the multitudes. This so sort of possessed me that I mentioned it in an answering tape back to Debu, the great thought of being the Lord's. You know, when he was born, the Lord was born at a place called the House of Bread, for that's what Bethlehem means.

Thou Bethlehem Ephrata, though thou be the least among the princes of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth to me, and so on. The bread of God, and this is what father intended for his son, that he should be the bread of God to the multitudes, to men and women. And that is exactly what the prophecy was when he was born, at least this was the great thing to which the wise men pointed when they spoke to Herod.

When he demanded of them where Christ should be born, they put their finger unerringly on Bethlehem. Now, where's Christ going to be born? In Bethlehem, Judea. There, the House of Bread.

Wonderful that, isn't it? And yet, you know, sometimes I think that this is one of the least things that we really think about our Lord Jesus Christ. And we haven't got it into our heads that each one who is to be a true son of God has also to be born at Bethlehem. In this sense, when we are born again ones, we are born in the intention of God of being bread for the multitudes to feed on.

Now, we know that the multitudes in the end didn't treat their bread right and would have thrown it out and kicked it about and they despised it and so on and so on. And we could have, we can look at these things perhaps a little more closely as we go along. But nevertheless, this was the intention of God.

And so sure, my beloved brother and sister, so sure as you have been born of God, you have been born to be bread for men and women to eat. You may not have realised this. You've been born to be consumed,

eaten, used.

And you will know that this is absolutely fundamental. If the Holy Ghost is our new breath, which is of course our first need at birth, we have to breathe. If the Holy Ghost is to be the living water that we drink, which of course he is, and unless we've drunk the Holy Ghost we're quite dead, surely the next great thing, our bread, is to be our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of God, he's to be our milk, which is one up on water, I should think. Better than water, any time. You shouldn't drink water, it's bad for you.

I mean in the natural, that's what I think anyway. I drink milk and tea and things like that. I know that if you're a medical person you won't go along with me here, but I haven't died yet on milk and tea and things like that.

And I still feel as though I might be going on for quite a while, so it's not too bad. And then you see, undoubtedly, we know that the Lord Jesus Christ is the bread. We know that the Lord Jesus Christ is the meat.

You must understand this. It's fine to talk about drinking the water. It's fine to think about breathing the air.

We can get very Holy Ghost minded without having the mind of the Spirit really. Yes, that's right. And the whole tremendous thing is to know that the mind of the Spirit is Jesus Christ.

He's the will, the consensus of the thought of God. He is the Spirit expressed, the Lord Jesus Christ. The Spirit expressed is not a mere gift, especially an oral one.

The whole tremendous thing, beloved, is that it's got to be substance for men to eat. Consumed. What a glorious thing it is.

You may also remember too, and I hope you do, that though the Lord Jesus was born in Bethlehem, Judea, the house of bread, He never became the bread of the multitudes when He was two months old, nor yet two years old. If we understand the Bible right, it was when He was thirty years of age. Isn't that right? When the Word was not just flesh, but mature flesh.

All right? When the bread was real bread. Hallelujah. Glory be to the name of the Lord.

And you know, beloved, the whole glorious truth... Hey, don't sit there with your back to us. Just sit over there. Let's have a look at your face.

I'm sure it's worth looking at. And the multitude needs bread today. The multitudes need it.

They must have it. You understand that? And it's God's intention to give His people to the multitudes. But you see, we're going to read some scriptures, and we shall find there's a connecting thing between these scriptures, I trust.

Where shall we start? Let's start, say, in John's gospel, shall we? It's quite a good gospel to start in. Where do you think I'm going? To chapter six, that's right. And I want you to notice that at the end of chapter six, wherein we have the record and the reading of the 5,000 and so on, and we also have the word where Jesus says that He is the bread of God, which hath come down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof and never die.

Verse 50, this is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof and not die. Oh, what a tremendous challenge this is to our hearts. I don't know whether it's a challenge to your heart, that men may eat thereof and never die.

Praise God. Isn't it a tremendous thing that if men will just eat natural bread, natural men, they'll die. They will.

They might eat it for 70 years, but they'll die. They might eat it for 80 years, but they'll die. In the end, they'll die.

And it won't matter if you keep pushing this natural bread into them, either, they'll still die. The glorious truth about it is that God has intended that we should be eaten, and eaten, and eaten, and eaten. And I wonder sometimes whether we've really got hold of this right.

When it came the time for the law to be understood as the bread of God, his life from that moment was lived right out there with the multitude. No privacy. No boathold.

No one to run home to. Nowhere to go. Nothing.

I hope we all understand that. This rather tends to eat into my heart in these days. No wonder he was 30 when he started, and not exactly a spring chicken.

And the Lord brings this home to my heart very clearly. He'd come to be eaten, and he was literally consumed. He never died a natural death.

He never went home and lay in his own bed and passed peacefully away. In the end, everything is plain and open. I want my heart to sit.

I want your hearts to sit. I want you to understand what it's all about. What the calling is if you are a child of God.

What the intention of your father is. He so loves the world that he wants to give it bread, food to eat. Surely the great cry in the world today on the natural level is this.

Where are we going to get the food to feed our increasing millions, hundreds of millions? We'll scour the seabed, see if we can get seafood. We'll try and increase our crops. We'll reclaim land.

We'll do anything. We'll do everything. Can we eat seaweed after all? And so on and so on and so on.

This is right. This is the way they're going. Must feed the multitudes.

Must feed them. And multitudes are made up of individuals as we'll come and we'll examine in a moment or two from the scriptures. But what is our attitude toward it all? What's your attitude toward the multitude? What is it? Not exclusivism I hope.

I hope that your attitude towards the multitude is like Jesus. Don't get carried away by these sort of last end time talkings about people that we're just in the ages now when all the Lord's want to do is to sort of perfect his bride coming out of the womb. Get up in little and get yourself all sort of smartened up full of the charismatic idea and ideal and then Jesus is coming.

For God's sake and for men's sake and for your own sake flee that doctrine. This is the people that are just looking around parochial, parochial probably never been out of England or their native country and probably never gazed on the multitude at all. Probably never seen as I might say beyond their own backyard.

I don't know. I'm not accusing anybody but what I do know is this that God's heart is out there beloved. Unless your heart and mine is out there God's heart won't long remain here.

You do understand that I hope very very deeply. As we get down this sixth chapter we begin to get a clue as we look into the hearts of men and into the heart of the Lord Jesus Christ. You remember the famous saying when the Lord said you've got to eat my flesh and drink my blood.

The Lord never gave any indication that bread was divorced from flesh and blood. Bread, so far as God is concerned is not merely a spiritual thing. It's concerned with flesh and blood.

You've got to eat my flesh and my blood he said. It's this totality of self given. God didn't so love the world that he gave a spirit.

He gave his son. You understand that. Flesh and blood.

There is no bread for men and women unless it's the bread of flesh and blood. Do you understand that? It isn't a sermon. It isn't anything like that.

Talking with someone the other day about the great love of God I quoted that wonderful verse that we all love in Galatians 2.20 The Son of God loved me and gave me some advice. The Son of God who loved me and gave me a sermon. The Son of God loved me and gave himself.

That's what the Bible says. He didn't give me some advice. The Son of God didn't love me and give me a sermon.

He gave me himself. Amen. Gave himself for me.

Amen. It's flesh and blood beloved. It's wonderful.

It's a glorious full experience. And he said Now if you don't eat my flesh and drink my blood if all you want from me is miracles and if all you want from me is parables if all you want from me is a good word if all you want from me is a gift you've missed the point. It's me, my flesh, my blood everything you've got to have me.

And they turned back from that and then this is what he says He says to the Twelve in verse 67 Mark this Will ye also go away? Now Peter at that time made a marvellous statement but he hadn't got hold of the full truth. He said Well to whom shall we go that is the word of eternal life and many sermons have been preached on that but at the moment all he had were words from Jesus that were words of eternal life but Jesus said you've got to eat me. This is a tremendous thing for our hearts to see.

And it's in connection with this thought of going away go with me for a minute now into Matthew's Gospel and we'll go into chapter 15.

Hope you like studying your Bibles In Matthew chapter 15 you know that this is the story of the feeding of no it isn't well it is actually at the end of the chapter but it's not the feeding of the 5,000 I want the one, the

feeding of the 5,000 it's in Mark chapter 6 we'll go there anyway in Mark chapter 6 yes this one will do us Jesus he comes out in verse 34 and he's moved with compassion towards the multitude, much people because they were his sheep not having a shepherd now you know what a shepherd does with sheep he feeds them that's right isn't it that's what a shepherd does with sheep he herds them to a place where they can find pasture he feeds them, alright and he began to teach them many things and when the day was now fast spent his disciples came unto him and said this is a

desert place and now the time is fast past send them away send them away they said you see here were these crowds beloved the multitude was needing to be fed and they're saying send them away now remember what I drew your attention at the end of this in John's Gospel he says to them do you want to go away these men had almost a mania for wanting to send people away this is the tragedy I wonder if you do that because you haven't got the wherewithal to feed them you see this is it this was their problem here's the multitude needing to be fed we can't feed them send them away again and again when it comes to feeding beloved when it comes to really giving them bread of life that's what it is it's got to be bread of life it's got to be the bread of your life because that's what it was with

Jesus it wasn't just bread to give life it was bread of his own life and it's when it comes to giving people the bread of your own life you see as the living father has sent me and I live by the father the father was the bread of Jesus' life I might put it this way even so they that eat me shall live by me and they could eat Jesus because Jesus was feeding on the father we'll come to this a little more closely a little more clearly later on and because he was living by the father he was then bread of life and people could live by him but you see these great apostles they weren't living by Jesus at all not then and when it came to the crunch every time they said send them away they didn't mind performing miracles on them they loved that when Jesus could call them and ordain them and say

now look here you go out and you heal the sick you do this and you go that was great and it was marvelous feel the power flowing through you at a wonderful time but when it came to feeding the multitudes send them away what was the difference? a vast vast difference beloved you know what the difference was give ye them to eat send them away he said no no we'll go back to Matthew 15 now I want to show you this very clearly in Matthew 15 32 he calls his disciples he says I have compassion on the multitude because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat I will not send them away fasting there it is this time it's the feeding of the four thousand with the seven loaves the second time I won't send them away he said I won't praise the name of the Lord I wonder if you've

ever realized beloved and I think probably this is what the disciples never really got hold of in their day they didn't really realize that people are wanting to feed they're wanting to eat that's what they're wanting to do and they feed their souls on this and they feed their souls on that and they feed their souls on the other you see it happened that so when you're living right out there in the public gaze and you get lots of people like this there comes a time when they've been very busy these disciples have been all out preaching you'll have to trace this through consecutively in your reading they've been sent out by Jesus they've gone out preaching they've gone out performing miracles and they come back and when they came back ever so tired Jesus said now let's all go out in the

desert and rest a while now this is very rare I get told this quite more often now than I used to everybody, you know, you're getting old and all sorts of things like that be careful and so on and so on and somebody said I can hear people saying it now I can hear the sort of unctuous tones when they say to me Jesus said it sounds so great and of course you do get a little more tired you go on but you see the troubles with this

out multitude is that they invaded their privacy that's it whilst they were having a marvellous time the multitude turned up you see the multitude turned up it couldn't keep them away three, I tell you it didn't seem to last very long and Jesus said send them away, send them away you see why can't you send them away Lord didn't you say we would come here and rest

send these away Lord I'm sure it's your it's not your will you brought us out here to rest you see oh the nonsense utter nonsense they've forgotten the text which says this they that wait on the Lord if they'd really waited on the Lord their strength would have been renewed you see they should mount up with wings of eagles they should run and not be weary they should walk and not faint that's right that's what the scripture says doesn't it so they hadn't really waited on the Lord or if they had they had a lot to learn about the way things turn out about the way things work they haven't really got a clue send them away, send them away no I'm not going to send them away but this was ingrained in these people it all was when it came to the matter of feeding people let's look a little higher

up in that same 15th chapter of Matthew Jesus goes into the coast of Tyre in Siloam verse 21 and behold a woman of Canaan came out of the same coast cried unto him saying have mercy on me O Lord thou son of David my daughter is grievously vexed with the devil but he answered her not a word and his disciples came and besought him saying send her away there it is send her away always wanting to send people away what's wrong with you brother and sister what's wrong why this privacy why this going to find a nice little spot way out somewhere where you're all nicely shut up and secluded and you can enjoy the Lord and all this business send her away he said do you know what she was she was after a crumb verse 27 she was after a crumb Jesus says send her away and cast it to dogs and she said

truth Lord yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table and he says oh woman grave is thy face she knew there was bread somewhere and it was only a crumb do you see and they were saying send her away get rid of this woman can't get them away from our doorstep can't have time for this see I will not send them away he goes up a mountain lower down in this chapter you'd think you'd be alright on a mountain wouldn't you see they come and they find they cast them down at his feet he heals them he has compassion oh glorious truth is this beloved that unless you so love that you give and give and give and giving and giving more and giving further and giving more still you've not really touched the secret springs of eternal ability not really I haven't said you haven't

tasted yet that's not what I said but I mean if you taste the river Thames at south end it doesn't taste a bit like it does at seven sister springs up in the Cotswolds do you see you haven't tasted the living springs everybody wants to be drinking of the river come on beloved let's have a drink of the springs tonight see people say the springs on earth I've tasted more deep I don't know quite where to an ocean fullness I want to drink of the spring personally always I always want to drink of the spring I remember the day when God showed me that river in Ezekiel 37 and told me that you have to come up facing upstream going up to the spring everybody said don't go in ankle deep go in where you can swim no that's where you're always caught in the net where you swim you finish up ankle deep

and then finish walking right up to the throne where the living springs are they've got it all wrong most people do this is the tragedy to get up into the living springs where the great gulf see deeper than any depths of the oceans where everything was rent out wide where understanding comes where compassion is where God says I won't send anyone away no one you take this woman you'd never think that people are seeking for crumbs would you do you remember the story of Lazarus now I don't mean Lazarus the brother of Martha and Mary who was raised from the dead this Lazarus wasn't raised from the dead he

was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom and that's where he stayed but let's think about this Lazarus shall we he was laid daily at the gate of this rich man who was clothed in purple

and fed sumptuously every day and this Lazarus he just lay there and this is the thing we're told the little dogs came and licked his sores and this is what she says the little dogs seek crumbs now Lazarus was a Jew those of Tyre and Sidon were Gentiles and think that the dogs licked the sores of a Lazarus who's a beggar he can beg his food but here's one a little dog who's denied anything comes and licks sores of Lazarus who can at least get what's thrown off the master's table even if he is a deep-dyed beggar and a very poor thing and then think I want you to get this tracing of the thought down through how about these poor little dogs just a crumb they say just a crumb if only I could have a crumb so big somebody give me a crumb they're crying out like that and if we don't be careful

we're walking along with our heads in our air looking in the air looking for the coming of the Lord Jesus I trust not with our noses in the air looking for the Lord Jesus trying to keep ourselves right and I don't know what but I mean there are little dogs who come and lick your sores brother if you're a beggar that's the thing and they're wanting crumbs send them away send them away they say send them away where to where are you going to send them to to whom are you going to send them haven't you even a word of eternal life if you haven't got the flesh and blood of it yet have you got a word of it bread for the multitudes bread for individuals or take the famous story that we all know so well in Matthew in Luke I'm touching on well known truth but I only invite you to do this because I

do it myself to go over these same grey truths beloved where God is wanting to teach us the wonderful things here it is it comes to pass in verse chapter 11 verse 1 he's praying in a certain place when he ceased one of his disciples said unto him Lord teach us to pray as John also taught his disciples and he said unto them when ye pray say our father which art in heaven hallowed be thy name thy kingdom come thy will be done as in heaven so in earth give us day by day our daily bread Martha's praying that how about that little dog that's here can I lick your sore and pick up a crumb you just think of them you think of them and think hard give us day by day our daily bread forgive us our sins for we also forgive everyone that's indebted to us lead us not into temptation but deliver us from

evil which of you shall have a friend and shall go unto him at midnight and say unto him friend lend me three loans for a friend of mine in his journey has come to me and I have nothing to sit before him nothing for your friends nothing for the dogs nothing for beggars where are we nothing nothing for the multitudes send them away where are we beloved what are we doing I find this bible a wonderful book I find that if I read it properly with my heart open it searches me out down to the bottom of me I find that it won't allow me to float about on a cloud up there it brings me with my feet well down on the earth you can say our father give us day by day our daily bread the lord taught it it's right enough but he taught something more than daily need he taught divine compassion and moreover

beyond teaching divine compassion he was divine compassion flesh and blood compassion absolute reality he didn't deal with nice philosophies he dealt with men as they are this is why men want to leave him as he is and go after philosophers because it's very much more comfortable to live with a philosophy than it is to live with reality but the lord said I am reality I am truth I want to be like that don't you you see in all this beloved in all this there's something else you've got to remember that if people come and ask you for bread what have you got to give them a stone no no I haven't even got that send them away send them away I can't meet the needs of these people but you were born in the house of bread my brother my sister you were born a Bethlehemite if I may put it that way

that's where you were born you were born to be given to the multitudes you see behind all this all the great teaching there is this verse 14 he was casting out a devil and it was done that's what's behind it all they go up and find him in a place praying and behind all that all moving on to it and this was what was in his heart all the time father give me day by day my daily bread just keep me in communion with you lord I'll live by the father amen but what for? in order to present a true account no no no but that he might be God's paying or giving his account to men the real God the true God as he really actually is see this little woman that wanted a crumb she got a daughter that was full of devils I really want a crumb can't I have this crumb you people talk about your salvation you

talk about your heaven you talk about this that have you got a crumb to give me for my daughter no I'm afraid I haven't but I don't want your heaven could you blame her could you really I don't think I could see you talk about your marvelous meetings please have you got a crumb I'll come and lick your soul for you if you let me find a crumb as well will you do that no send her away send her away well where to hell the devil witch doctors necromancers where are you going to send them to those that sell LSD what are you going to do if they can't find healing they'll find temporary alleviation even if they do die of an evil thrust don't you dare condemn them and don't let my heart do it they know better where you're supposed to be that better that they know and so am I isn't that right so

God wants to move on our hearts in a very very real and tremendous way this is what he's got in mind you see all the time luke 15 neil i turned to a a man he's sitting away out in the far country he's so hungry sometimes i wonder if this is why God allows tragedies to come on the earth because you see there was a famine in that land everybody suffered because there was a son out there who'd run away it was like that with Abraham the father of the faithful goes down into egypt and you know what happens there because he was out of his place and he'd run away from reality dear man Abraham friend of God and how about you and i beloved you see he's out there he says he'd fain would have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat no man gave to him and this is what he said my father

hath bred in nothing to spare and i perish with hunger what's gone wrong do you know why those people said send the multitude away because they were perishing with hunger they hadn't got the wherewithal to give out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks they had an abundancy an abundance in their heart of trying to run away from reality and they spoke out of their heart send them away hardness lack of compassion that's what jesus said i mean i'm not saying i'm only repeating what jesus says it didn't originate with me that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh it was jesus said that in my father's house my father had bred enough of despair i'm perishing with hunger wouldn't this be wonderful that god had so much bread in his house and there was a lot of it stacked

up in 23 belmont road that he he gave it out wouldn't it be wonderful anywhere else praise the name of the lord for people to feed on to live on go a little bit further i suppose i soon got to stop but i'm not finished yet so if you'll bear with me a little longer we'll take the scriptures to a conclusion to something of a conclusion tonight anyway or let the scriptures take us to a certain conclusion shall we and uh in mark in chapter 8 how many loaves have ye verse 5 and he asked this question because uh his disciples had said in verse 4 whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness that's what they said see they were all defeated and uh terrible beyond this you see verse 3 um jesus said if i send them away fainting fasting to their own houses they'll faint by the

way terrible to faint by the way wouldn't it send away and faint by the way jesus said i'm not going to do that send them away let them faint by the way don't we care now jesus says i'm the bread of god i've come

down from heaven to give life to the world people are still faint by the way they've been sent back to their own houses this is what's happening let's go right on shall we and you know what happened they discovered they had seven loaves verse 5 he commands the people to sit down he gave thanks after he took the loaves gave thanks and i like you to remember that in verse 6 too the opening phrase it says he told them to sit on the ground not on a cloud and he took the seven loaves see we're inviting people to come and sit on our cloud sit on the ground he said took seven loaves he

gave thanks and he prayed and gave it to his disciples to sit before them and they did sit them before the people the disciples had to feed them he kept getting this over you see so jesus fed the multitude so he did as the instigation the creation of it but the disciples have to do it every time jesus never handed one of the crowd not one of them a piece of bread ever thought of that he handed it to his disciples they had to be the bread the bringers of the bread if you got that sit on the ground he said let's get this clear hallelujah they had to do it they did eat they were they were filled they took up of the broken meat broken meat broken broken amen you'll never be cut up beloved jesus will never cut you up but he'll break you you ever said oh i was cut up well you'll never be cut up

by jesus but he'll break you alright well they get in a boat and they go over the other side and they'd forgotten to take bread in verse 14 and they only had one loaf in the boat with them that's right that was jesus that's right they only had one loaf it was him they weren't loaves they weren't bread one loaf but i want to say something else we should only ever be one loaf bread which we break he charged them saying take ye beware of the leaven of the pharisees and so on and they said it's because we've got no bread and jesus knew it he said why reason ye because you have no bread perceive ye not yet neither understand have ye your heart yet hardened oh god he put his finger right on the spot verse 21 how is it that you do not understand so the lord beloved causes mooses wants us to go

through with this great truth for god to fulfill all his great life in us beloved what have you understood out of all this tonight what do you understand it's got to come to your understandings beloved it's got to if it doesn't come to your understandings hand waving and shouting hallelujah and all that is nothing it's got to come to our understandings what it's all about you might fairly ask me well what is it all about then beloved isn't it true that we can see that they had nothing to set before them then we got to a place where there was there were five loaves then we got to a place where there were seven alright because in fathers house there's bread enough and to spare we've not got to be out in the place beloved where we're eating the husks because it's only as we eat the bread of

fathers house that we in turn being satisfied should become bread for others earlier today and it was then really my wife didn't know at the time this meditation tonight began to take shape we were reading together in Mark's gospel let's go there shall we as in chapter four began to teach by the seaside now you know that the seaside is always the place of the indication of the vast ocean of need in human hearts the sea of humanity always when you come to the sea i'll make you fishers of men you've got to catch men out of the vast sea of humanity the Lord Jesus Christ is there and he sat in the sea when the great multitude came to him and in verse two he taught them many things by parables now the first thing he taught them in this great sequence of prophetic pictures or parabolic insights

or what you want and they contain both they contain both prophecy and the parabolic insight into the great kingdom of God the first thing he did was to teach them about stuff with which you make bread wheat he taught them the parable of the sower and you know the the four classes the wayside where the sea didn't go in he taught them the stony ground where it went in and it sprang up very quickly because it had no

depth there and then died then he taught them of another type of person that receives the seed in thorny ground and the thorns grow up with it and choke it and then there is the good ground and it's to you especially that I want to speak tonight those that are the good ground those that really are the true children in verse eight fell on good ground it yield it did yield fruit

that sprang up and increased and brought forth some thirty some sixty and some hundred he said unto them hear he that hath ears to hear let him hear he interprets it verse twenty these are they which are sown on good ground such as hear the word and receive it and bring forth fruit now hear them beloved is the wonderful truth tonight we've meditated together you've heard the word have you received it you've heard it have you received now you can let it be choked by the time twenty four hours are over your head or you can let it be snatched away and you're just a way side here although you come regularly to the meetings or it can sort of immediately spring up like some of us were saying a little earlier today about doing physical exercises you get up you think oh I must do exercises

because we might last two mornings and then you forget it just springs up and there's no depth of that and it's gone I don't blame you about physical exercises if you do enough work of course you won't need them I mean work that entails physical activity you see but then there are those who rarely receive the seed into good ground and these are those they hear the word and they receive it now if you don't receive it my friend you just aren't even a born again Christian you're just one that's trying to be endeavored but you've got no root in you you've got nothing and you might just as well face it I had to face this if you haven't got any root in you you're not a born again Christian because I can tell you that a born again Christian has got to have roots because God speaks about being

rooted in his death rooted and grounded in his love this is what the scripture speaks of and you've got to have roots ok now then you've got to bring forth 30 fold 60 fold 100 fold now you know that the person that brings forth 100 fold has got a lot more bread to give you than the person that brings forth 30 fold isn't that right you'd have a hundred fold bread to give because as he said you see he said I live by my father and he heard father's word and he heard father's word and he did as he was told and he lived by the father and he obeyed father so you see he was the bread of God isn't that lovely he never had 60% bread and 40% rubbish he never had 30% bread and 70% rubbish he was bread I won't send them away I refuse to send them back feed them go on feed them feed them however I'm

going to feed them here's the food you see how does an ear of corn with a hundredfold in it if it's bringing forth this hundredfold all the time of course one ear of corn is no good is it grab a field full of corn or bring forth a hundredfold alright that's what you want isn't it they say it's been a bumper harvest in England over this last twelve months that's marvelous but I guarantee that every ear didn't have a hundred fold with it I guarantee it didn't but beloved this is what we've got to have and how in the world and when it's there it's got to be ground into flour it's got to be baked in the oven it's got to be put forth as bread I tell you Jesus had a good baking for thirty years back there in this home where nobody sort of cared nobody believed Mary had forgotten really it's

amazing how thirty years can eliminate precious things if you're not careful and she but he'd gone out beloved and I tell you precious as you live by the father this is made into bread for people to eat what God says to you today or what God says to you yesterday or what he said to you twelve months ago or what he said to you ten years ago if you haven't lived on this if you haven't gone through and taken the grindings and taking the pulpings and taking the pastings and taking the fire and taking the oven if you haven't gone taking the heats beloved no bread that's how Jesus did the sower sows the work for time speaks to you

speaks to you speaks to you and it's only what you put into practice though it costs you dear though it costs you persecution though it costs you rejection though it

costs you everything it's only that which can become bread for the multitude it isn't you knowing how to put a sermon together it isn't you knowing how to do this that you are saying you are preaching God's word you've got to be God's word you've got to live God's word God speaks to you that it may become you first though in your heart it's always others first in other words it's for others give me this day my daily bread somebody out there has got somebody out there that's right and this is how it all works and this is why you come under pressure and this is why you and I are dealt with here and dealt with there and this is why some people run away into the far country because they can't stick it and this is why some people think they've got somewhere to go or something to do they oh

well there is the real call of God I'm not talking about that I'm speaking about the butterflies that want to flip here and flip there and flip somewhere else and go here there's the genuine lead of God don't let's get tangled up in this but oh beloved you've got to be bred people have got to be able to eat you do you see don't say well we've nothing to set before the multitudes why not why not nothing to give my friend nothing to give to this poor woman from Tyre and Sidon nothing I eat the swine's food I've got nothing for myself what a terrible thing now may the Lord then lead us on into all this great and wonderful truth this fullness of God we've got to be bred beloved yes you have are you ready for it this is the great thing let's just pray shall we

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