

Right At Our Point Of Need

Mark 6:30-44

Jesus meets each person at their point of need. He provides:

- Rest for the weary (30-32)
- Compassion for the lost (33-34a)
- Instruction for the seekers (34b)
- Challenge for the self-sufficient (35-37)
- Significance for the inadequate (38)
- Satisfaction for the hungry (39-42)
- Encouragement for the faint-hearted (43-44)

The return of the twelve (30-32)

The apostles returned from their ministry trip (7-13) and reported all that transpired.

Jesus directed the disciples to come away for a well earned rest.

Feeding the 5,000 (33-44)

Jesus did not view the crowd as an inconvenience. He had compassion and saw them as sheep without a shepherd—lost and helpless, without guidance, nourishment, or protection.

As Jesus ministered, the shadows lengthened. Late in the day, the disciples encouraged Jesus to let the people go so that they could find food.

Unexpectedly, Jesus told the disciples to feed the people. Their caustic reply emphasizes their lack of resources and the impossibility of the demand.

The disciples checked out the crowd and found five loaves of bread and two fish.

Jesus looked up to heaven, gave a blessing, and distributed the meal to all. He wanted to make sure that the people witnessing the miracle would know that God provides.

No explanation is given as to how the miracle occurred, but all ate enough to feel satisfied. The provision was complete, total, and satisfying.

Application

A God who can feed 5,000 from five loaves and two fish can do anything.

What needs do you want Jesus to meet in your life?