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• “Do you not remember?”
It was a very busy day. Jesus, the disciples and a large multitude were out in the wilderness. Imagine, the Lord leading and behind His people following Him and you will get what should always be the case. BEFORE, FIRST OF ALL, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST LEADS THE PATH, and behind Him ALL of us following. Then Mark 8, verses 1-3 tells us:

Mark 8:1-3
«In those days, the multitude being very great and having nothing to eat, Jesus called His disciples to Him and said to them, “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with me three days and have nothing to eat. And if I sent them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar»

THE LORD HAD COMPASSION CONCERNING THE NEEDS of those men. He has compassion on those that follow Him on the way. He is merciful to each and every soul that follows Him and desires to care for their cares. «Cast all care upon God, for He cares for you» the Holy Spirit said later through Peter, one of the guys that were there that day. Continuing with Mark, the Lord had compassion on the multitude and called His disciples. He could do everything alone. However, He preferred to call His disciples and communicate to them His concern for the others. Then the disciples thought it well and answered starting with a …… how:

Mark 8:4
«Then His disciples answered Him, «How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?»
Jesus didn't ask them to tell him the «how», but it is there where their mind immediately went. The Lord communicates with us things, but instead of saying «Yes Lord, that would great», we say «How can this be done?» looking probably at our selves and our own abilities. The Lord replied to their question, with another question:

Matthew 8:1-5
«He asked them, «How many loaves do you have?» And they said «Seven»

What was seven loaves for those people? Well too many in the hands of the Lord. Whatever is put on His hands is multiplied. And so it was with those seven loaves:

Mark 8:6-7
«So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And He took the seven loaves and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. They also had a few small fish; and having blessed them, He said to set them also before them.»

The Lord didn't ask the disciples to make the bread themselves. The only that He asked them was to give Him the seven loaves and the few fishes they had and then take plenty of bread and fishes FROM HIS HANDS AND SET THEM BEFORE THE PEOPLE. God's servants are not asked to make the bread, but to TAKE THE BREAD FROM THE LORD'S HANDS AND SERVE IT TO THE PEOPLE. And verse 8 continues:

Mark 8:8
«So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments.»

Only the food that comes from the Lord's hands is able to fill the Lord's household. Our own food, the seven loaves, will keep ourselves and the people to whom we deliver it hungry. His food however, is enough to fill all and to even leave leftovers.
«Do you not remember?»

But our story does not stop here. Few verses later we read:

Mark 8:14-16
«Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, and they did not have more than one loaf with them in the boat. Then He charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, «It is because we have no bread»

These people were the very people that had distributed miraculously-made bread to four thousand men. And yet, just hours latter, they were reasoning that they didn't have enough bread. Obviously, what the Lord had done, had not touched them. Yes, they had done the job, they had distributed the bread, yet their hearts were untouched. It is not enough just to do the work, but also to do it with your HEART. If you don't do it with your heart, you may have distributed many loaves from the Lord's hand and still thinking of your own one little loaf. Then the Master replied:

Mark 8:17-21
«But Jesus being aware of it, said to them, «Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive nor understand? Is you heart still hardened? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? AND DO YOU NOT REMEMBER? When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments did you take up? They said to Him twelve. And when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of fragments did you take up? And they said «Seven.» So He said to them, «How is it you do not understand?»

How really they didn't remember? How really we don't remember? REMEMBER MY FRIEND, REMEMBER ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS THE LORD HAS
DONE FOR YOU. Take your mind away from the sounds of the reasonings and thoughts, from yourself and your one little loaf of bread. If your walk is by sight and not by faith you will only go as far you have loafs. Yet the Lord can make loafs out of nothing. The loaf you will put in His hands will bring forth thousands more, able to feed you and many others. In Luke 22:35 He asked the disciples:

Luke 22:35
«And He said to them, «When I sent you without money bag, knapsack and sandals, did you lack anything?» So they said Nothing»

NOTHING is needed to serve the Lord except obedience to Him, AND NOTHING WILL BE MISSING FROM YOU WHEN YOU SERVE HIM.

Mark 10:28-30
«Then Peter began to say to Him, «See, we have left all and followed you.» So Jesus answered and said, «Assuredly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My sake and the gospel's, who shall not receive a hundredfold now in this time - houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions - and in the age to come, eternal life.»

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