

# Hunger Pains

## Pt. 4 - Lending Jesus Your Lunch

Opening joke - Why in the world would my husband invite all these people over for lunch?

John 6:2-13, A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. 3 Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. 4 (It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) 5 Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?” 6 He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. 7 Philip replied, “Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!” 8 Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up. 9 “There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?” 10 “Tell everyone to sit down,” Jesus

said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) 11 Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. 12 After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, “Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.” 13 So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.

- Our spiritual hunger should remind us everyone is hungry.

Psalm 107:9, For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Note - All the disturbing things around us - Drug abuse, alcoholism, adultery, promiscuity, corporate greed, false religions and the occult - all are evidence of mankind's deep spiritual hunger.

Proverbs 27:7, One who is full loathes honey, but to one who is hungry everything bitter is sweet.

- Our response to the world's hunger should be lending Jesus our lunch.

Note - The boy's fish and loaves were a loan!

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Note - Andrew was a bringer. (Our WIG)

Luke 6:38, "Give to others, and God will give to you. Indeed, you will receive a full measure, a generous helping, poured into your hands - all that you can hold. The measure you use for others is the one that God will use for you."

Proverbs 19:17, Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and will be repaid in full.

Note - Everything we “give” God is a loan!

Example - My friends at conversion. The response to my Anniversary post this week.

## **The Lunch We Lend**

1. Your time.

John 9:4, We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work.

Example - \$86,400.00 in an account that will be gone tomorrow.

Proverbs 3:28, If you can help your neighbor now, don't say, “Come back tomorrow, and then I'll help you.”

Example - Charles Francis Adams journal entry

Note - Serve on a team.

## 2. Your talent.

Note - Many have the same question Andrew struggled with.

John 6:9, But what good is that...?

Example - The old violin

Note - Your influence is a talent that must be managed well.

## 3. Your treasure.

Matthew 6:21, For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Note - This is why God established the tithe. It puts money in its proper perspective.

Example - Creflo Dollar (Matthew 23:23)

- Lending our lunch to Jesus will help satisfy our own spiritual hunger.

John 4:34, Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work.”

Example - Eating our seed

The little boy's decision

Note - When Jesus truly has your life He will always have your lunch!