#### TODAY'S MESSAGE

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# Compassion FOR THOSE CNEED MATTHEW 15:32-39



Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children. Matthew 15:36-38 "Don't you remember, when I broke the five loaves for the 5,000, how many basketfulls of pieces did you pick up? And when I broke the seven loaves for the 4,000, how many basketfulls of pieces did you pick up?" Mark 8:19-20

12 basketfulls for the feeding of the 5,0007 basketfulls for the 4,000.

Aspect	Feeding of the 5,000	Feeding of the 4,000
Number Fed	5,000 men, plus women/children	4,000 men, plus women/children
Location	Near Bethsaida, Sea of Galilee (Jewish area)	Likely Decapolis (Gentile area)
Resources	5 loaves, 2 fish	7 loaves, a few small fish
Leftovers	12 small baskets (kophinos)	7 large baskets (spuris)
Context	After John the Baptist's death; teaching crowd	Crowd with Jesus for 3 days; compassion for hunger
Disciples' Reaction	Skeptical, suggest sending crowd away	Skeptical, question feeding in desolate place
Theological Symbolism	Provision for Israel (12 baskets); Bread of Life	Provision for all (7 baskets); Gentile inclusion
Gospel Accounts	Matthew, Mark, Luke, John	Matthew, Mark
Aftermath	Crowd seeks to make Jesus king; walking on water	Jesus departs by boat; no major crowd reaction

# "I have compassion for these people!" - Jesus

Jesus sees need and has compassion on them. Can the same be said of us? Oftentimes we are too quick to judge someone's situation without knowing their whole story.

What can we do? How can we help? It begins with having a true heart of compassion like Jesus has.

# The miracle working power of Jesus can change anyone, anywhere, in any situation. Will we be willing helpers?

## THE MIRACLE OF MULTIPLICATION!

#### LET US TAKE PART!

"Sometimes compassion costs us time; sometimes it costs us more. But true compassion doesn't weigh the cost first; it simply responds to human suffering with lovingkindness. Compassion is being willing to respond tenderly and lovingly to the specific needs God places in our pathway and puts upon our heart as we prayerfully follow Him."

- Pastor David Jeremiah

#### To Jesus...

the time or circumstances of need does not matter!

#### **But His compassion does!**

So does ours!