**A Two Piece Fish Dinner**

(John 6:9 KJV)

*There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?*

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ou may have heard the story of two friends who met for dinner in a restaurant. Each requested filet of sole, and after a few minutes the waiter came back with their order. Two pieces of fish, a large and a small, were on the same platter. One of the men proceeded to serve his friend. Placing the small piece on a plate, he handed it across the table.

"Well, you certainly do have nerve!" exclaimed his friend.

"What's troubling you?" asked the other. "Look what you've done," he answered. "You've given me the little piece and kept the big one for yourself."

"How would you have done it?" the man asked. His friend replied, "If I were serving, I would have given you the big piece."

"Well," replied the man, "I've got it, haven't I?" At this, they both laughed.

In the text Jesus and his disciples are in the midst of their great Galilean ministry—minding the ministry of the Heavenly Father. Jesus because of the daily exhaustion takes his disciples apart for a break—and then the crowds begin to appear, approach, and applaud Jesus for such affirmative action's—that indeed he's no ordinary man. I love the way John states it in (John 6:5 KJV), “*When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him…*” It’s like a scene out of a action packed movie. All eyes are on Jesus!

Repeatedly, Christ had done some healing work before coming arriving at the northeast of the northern part of the Sea of Galilee this region, and many people followed Him for that particular reason—but Christ would deviate from the miracles and focus more emphasis on teaching—and once Christ left the miracles and put the emphasis on teaching, the crowd lost their interest. This is in fact still vividly scene in many of our churches today. The messages of name it and claim it and physical appetites and the serving of food appeals more than spiritual instruction from Heavens Headquarters. So to get a crowd, some churches put the emphasis on the spectacular potlucks, mother's day gift, father's day gifts, raffle tickets, gift cards, time changes, evening of songs, lunch plate sales and complimentary food as a lure to get people in the church while the preacher water down the message because he's in love with the quantity of the crowd and not the quality of the crowd.

1. **The Supposition:**

***"Jesus Wants Us To Meet The Need Others"***

(John 6:1-7 KJV)

*1After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. 2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. 3And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. 4And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh. 5When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat? 6And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do. 7Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.*

The word **SUPPOSITION** means there's an awareness of the disciples **unbelief**, **unachievable**, **uncontrollable**, **unenthusiastic**, **unenjoyable**, and **unfixable** situation at hand—that **5000** people are hungry and there's only one boy's lunch available and that's a **two piece fish dinner**. And Jesus once again must perform another miracle to accommodate everyone's hunger pains.