



Daily Reflections

April 13, 2019

Scripture

John 6: 1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee.

A large crowd followed him,
because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick.

Jesus went up on the mountain,
and there he sat down with his disciples.

The Jewish feast of Passover was near.

When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him,
he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?"

He said this to test him,
because he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him,
"Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough
for each of them to have a little."

One of his disciples,
Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him,
"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish;
but what good are these for so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people recline."
Now there was a great deal of grass in that place.
So the men reclined, about five thousand in number.

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks,
and distributed them to those who were reclining,
and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples,
"Gather the fragments left over,
so that nothing will be wasted."
So they collected them,
and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments
from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.
When the people saw the sign he had done, they said,
"This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."
Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off
to make him king,
he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

Our Scripture Reflection

After feeding 5000 very hungry people Jesus quickly leaves the scene. Why? Because He is neither a magic man nor politician. They wanted someone who would satisfy their material needs on demand. Jesus wanted to give them something that their bellies could not hold...Heaven. We are so much like the crowd. We get upset with Jesus when He doesn't act "on demand". But He is larger than our secular thinking and desires. He wants us to have a life that will never end and He gave His own life to prove it.

Food for your Journey

Faith is not trying to believe something regardless of the evidence: Faith is daring to do something regardless of the consequences.

—Sherwood Eddy.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, As I continue to rejoice in this Easter season I cannot help but marvel at the love You showed Your people on Calvary. How petty I can be when I get frustrated by not getting the little things I think can make me happy in this life. What I do get, Lord, never satisfies me. Help me to keep focused on how huge Your love is for me. May I always remember that no matter how happy I can be in this life, You promise something bigger than what my mind and heart can take in. Amen