

without the thing longed for. We do not always long for the same things. Perhaps it is bread and meat—something to eat—at one time, and something very different at another. If our bodies are hungry, it means that nothing but something to eat will do us good. If you should offer a poor starving child a pretty plaything, that would not feed him. But suppose a little child who has no friends, no one to care for him, to speak lovingly to him, comes to you. Would it make his heart happy just to offer him cake and candy, without a kind word or look? The heart can be hungry for kindness and love just as the body may hunger for bread. And how often do we need bread? How often do we need love? Every day. There is but One who can give us enough to eat, and who can give us all the love we long for, and he bids us ask for it daily. [Drill on text.] Daily bread is a great blessing. We must have it. Let us write it on our blessing circle.

Jesus feeds people now by making wheat grow for bread, and other things grow for our eating, but one time when on earth he fed five thousand by a miracle, which is something God alone can do, and which he does not do every day, as he makes wheat grow. All these people followed him one day across the Sea of Galilee, and there they were, away from home or any place to get supper, and the day was going away. The people were tired and hungry, and Jesus was sorry for them. He might have turned stones or grass into bread, or brought it down from heaven in angel hands, but there was a better way. He knew what he meant to do, but he wanted others to do their part. He asked Philip what to do, but Philip could only wonder and say that two hundred pennyworth of bread would not go round. He knew they had no money, and he did not know what could be done. But now we have

*Andrew's part* in this matter. He had no bread himself, but he found some one who had. It was not much, to be sure, and Andrew did not think much of it, for he said, "What are they among so many?" but at least he found out what there was in all the company.

*The lad's part.* The only one who had bread was a lad who had brought his luncheon. It must have been his mother who thought about it and made it ready; so the mother had a part in feeding the five thousand, but the lad's part was to bring what he had to

Jesus, to give it into the Saviour's hands. It was but little—five barley loaves, or flat cakes, big crackers we would call them perhaps, and two small fishes. But he did not say, "I'll keep my own lunch;" he gave it up and gave it all. He could do nothing more.

*Jesus's part.* The Lord's part was greatest of all. He received the little store, blessed it, broke it, gave it to the disciples, and made it grow as they gave it into enough for all—not just a taste, but plenty and more than enough. And he is just as able and willing to-day to give us bread and everything we need, and to use the little things we bring to him.

*The disciples' part.* The twelve could not make bread, nor make it more, but they could hand it around to the hungry men seated on the grass, all comfortably as Jesus commanded. And afterward they could gather up the twelve baskets full of broken pieces, as Jesus said, so that they should not be wasted. They could give out and gather up what Jesus gave.

*Our part.* We have something to do now and here, though we were not with Christ that day beside the sea. First, we must pray for daily bread for ourselves and for others. No matter how he sends it, Jesus gives it and says we must ask for it.

Then, what we have we must be ready to share with others, whether it is food or clothes or playthings or good times or love and kindness. If that boy had kept his loaves, think how much he would have lost. We would not have heard of him to-day, and he would never have helped in that great work.

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