

Good Attitude In God's Service

(Part 3)

“¹⁰ When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, ¹¹ but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who needed healing. ¹² Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here.” ¹³ He replied, “You give them something to eat.” They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” ¹⁴ (About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, “Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” ¹⁵ The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. ¹⁶ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. ¹⁷ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.” (Luke 9:11-17)

Good to remember that you are not alone in this life. You are not alone in your endeavour to live your life for Him and to serve Him. Many times you are baffled and struggling with big problem that even you cannot figure out in your mind how you will solve the problem but you have forgotten that you are not alone and you are not aware that the Lord is with you.

“¹⁴ The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14) God had sent His Son the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth and the Word become flesh. God sent His Son for a purpose because God wants to save us from sin and death, *“¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” (John 3:16-17)* With Jesus we had received God's grace to live our lives unto Him, *“¹⁶ Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given.” (John 1:16)* And through Jesus we come to know who God is for Jesus made God known to us in a clear and profound way, *“No one has ever seen God, but God the One, who is at the Father's side, has made him known.” (John 1:18)* Jesus is encouraging us that God is real in our lives that He can save us from our troubles and our difficulties. Jesus made God know to us as a Holy God, loving God and a God who delight to save and deliver His people from troubles and calamities.

The miraculous multiplication of bread and fish to feed the big crowd is a clear declaration from God that He is a God who care and love and provide and sustain His people, His disciples and His church. That occasion is a real happening and God is continually doing the same till this day and supporting us with mighty miracles that uphold us with His grace, increases our faith and trust on Him, and help us to stand firm in this life until Jesus will come and take us to heaven. We continue to learn from Jesus more about God and what He wants from us to do and walk in His ways.

9- Put the little of what you have in the hand of Jesus: “Taking the five loaves and the two fish,” Jesus is the way and the truth and the life; He is the only way to God the father as He declared: *“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)* Jesus after His death and resurrection from the dead He ascended to heaven and He is now at the right hand of God as it is written, *“After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God.” (John Mark 16:19)* As we come to God in prayer through Jesus, he can help us and support us and He can save us for Jesus always intercede for us, *“Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them.” (Hebrews 7:25)* As had happened here the little that was in the disciples hand when they hand it over to Jesus it was multiplied and satisfied the big needs.

10- Look up to heaven: “Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven.” It is a good attitude to look up to heaven and to trust God that he can satisfy the big need. God may use people to bless you, but good attitude and what always you need to do is to look to God and expect help from Him. *“^d I lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? ² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.” (Psalm 121:1-2)* Trust Him and expect always that He can do miracle and save you from your current problem.

11- Give thanks always: “He gave thanks.” Always give thanks to the Lord not only when things are going well but as well as when things go wrong. *“¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray continually, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)* Thanksgiving is expression of faith unto God. In thanksgiving there is multiplication. Don't grumble and don't be tempted to grumble against God and against others, give thanks instead. God will see your good attitude and turn the situation to a victory.

12- Willing to share: “and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people.” The five loaves and the fishes are the food of the disciples, but as they show their willingness to share that with the crowd God multiple that and the need satisfied *“They all ate and were satisfied,”* and not only that but *“the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.”* If we share the little of what we have, then we are working with the Lord to reach the lost, and the Lord will honour such attitude and blesses us with great harvest not only materially but with new souls that come to Christ and enter His Kingdom.

My Dear and Beloved: From our experiences with the Lord we learn new things that help us to trust him in our daily living and service. The life wear us in all the negatives and the downfalls but the Lord lift us up and strengthen us and help us to carry on with Him and to the end as we agree to pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. Lord help me to trust you more, not looking to the negative things and the obstacles that I am seeing in my eyes, but instead help me to fix my eyes unto you and build in me the spirit thanksgiving and gratitude to all the miracles that you will do in my life, this is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.