

## John 6:1-14, Daily Devotions

### ❑ Monday - When God Asks the Questions.

John 6:5-6

"Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?' This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do" (John 6:5-6). God does not ask questions to gain information. He is omniscient; that is, He knows all things without investigation (Job 11:11). Nevertheless, God questions us to test our faith and to cause us to stop and think about our actions. Look up the following verses and think about what response God was trying to elicit from these questions: Genesis 3:9, 4:9, 18:13; Isaiah 6:8; Matt. 16:15; John 21:15-17; Acts 9:4

### ❑ Tuesday - Something Out of Nothing.

John 6:8-9

In the "large crowd" (John 6:2) that followed Jesus, there were some 5000 men (John 6:10), not counting women and children, and they were all hungry. How could Jesus feed them all? "One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 'There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but *what are these for so many people?*'" (John 6:8-9). "What can Jesus do with five loaves and two fishes?" the disciples wondered. What can He not do! The truth is that God delights in making something out of nothing. Do you feel small and insignificant, Christian? Good, then perhaps you are ready to be used by God. For this is contained in Scripture: "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you (e.g. do great things through you) at the proper time" (1 Pet. 5:6). Yes, if God can create the universe out of nothing, then surely He can do great things through the humble man or woman of God whose heart is completely bowed down to Him (2 Chron. 16:9). Read Psalm 10:17

### ❑ Wednesday - How Great is Our God?

John 6:11

Our text says that all 5000 men were fed and had "as much as they wanted" (John 16:11). To understand just how big this miracle was we have to determine how many loaves and fish one man can eat, if he can have as much as he wants. My appetite is not as big as it used to be, but I think I could have eaten at least a quarter a loaf of bread and a whole fish, depending on the size of the loaves and the fish. Multiply that by 5000 men, and from five loaves and two fish Jesus made 1250 loaves and 5000 fish. And if there were women and children who were also fed, then we must at least double or triple that number. At the wedding in Cana Jesus made 180 gallons of the finest wine imaginable (John 2:1-11), and here He literally made tons of food! Christian, stop saying what God cannot do! Nothing is impossible for God (Luke 1:37). Read Ephesians 3:20-21

### ❑ Thursday - The Lavishness of God's Grace.

John 6:13

After Jesus fed the 5000, they "filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten" (John 6:13). So here's the picture: They started with five loaves and two fish and they ended up with twelve baskets full of leftovers -- which was more than they started with! And so we might ask ourselves why did Jesus make more than they needed? We saw the same thing at the wedding in Cana, when Jesus turned 180 gallons of water into wine (John 2:1-11). The point is this: God does not dispense His grace with an eye dropper, but lavishes His favor upon His people (Eph. 1:7-8). Dear Christian, meditate today upon the God who is rich in mercy and abounding in lovingkindness. Read Ephesians 2:1-7

### ❑ Friday - Jesus, The Prophet.

John 6:14

"Therefore when the people saw the sign which [Jesus] had performed, they said, 'This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world'" (John 6:14). Jesus is The Prophet promised by God (Deut. 18:15), who is the final Word of God to man (Heb. 1:1-2). Let Christ's Word be the final say in all of your decisions today. Read John 1:1-2, 14, 18