

Sunday – June 25, 2023



***“What Satisfies Me?”***  
***Matthew 8:1-13***

You stop at a stop sign and you see a person with a sign, “Please help, lost my job.” What is your first thought? What do you do?

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Compassion fatigue is something from which many struggle. Caring for parents, caring for kids, caring for the hungry, homeless, etc. there are people with needs all around us every day.

In Mark’s gospel, he highlights the things that Jesus does for people because he is moved by compassion for them- “sheep without a shepherd” as he says. Mark highlights two events, feeding 5,000 people and feeding 4,000 people- each involving a spiritual lesson of God provision, and a call on the disciples to participate.

Read through *Mark 8:1-13*. Write down your thoughts on what you see, but especially how you would be responding to this event as a disciple.

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Jesus shows his \_\_\_\_\_ to me for those in need.

Read *Mark 8:2,3* again.

Jesus’ compassion is greater than my \_\_\_\_\_

When was the last time your compassion for someone was stretched thin? What did you do, not do about the situation?

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What can I learn from Jesus’ response to people in need?

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How does the location of this event, “remote place, wilderness” especially add to this moment? Am I more likely to respond to a need when it is convenient, or inconvenient to me?

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Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ me to serve those in need.

Read *Mark 8:4-7*.

What need have I walked by in the past believing that there was nothing I could do? \_\_\_\_\_

What need do I see now that I would be willing to pray, “God enable me to help?” \_\_\_\_\_.

Read *Ephesians 3:20*. How does Paul’s prayer encourage me to get involved in someone’s need? \_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ me as I \_\_\_\_\_ other’s needs.

Read *Mark 8:8-10*.

In what spiritual, physical and emotional ways has God satisfied me? What need do I ask him to meet today in my life so I can meet the need in someone’s life?

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Read *John 10:10* again. What does an abundant life with God look like for me? For others?

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This week

How have I allowed my satisfaction in life take precedent over offering compassion in someone’s life?

Who would God have me show compassion for this week?

*Next Week: Communion ~ “Don’t Even Try”*