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As the day wore on, the disciples asked the Lord to send the crowds away to buy food. However, Jesus did not send the people away. Instead, the Lord Jesus fed more than five thousand people with only five loaves and two fish. Each one was satisfied and there was even a surplus of food, twelve baskets full (Matthew 14:20-21). By performing this miracle, the Lord showed the people that their need was not simply for outward healings and signs, but rather for food to satisfy their hunger (John 6:26). The disciples' concept was to ask the people to do something by themselves; however, the Lord's concept was to give them something to eat (Matthew 14:16). Not only did the Lord know their real need, but He was also the One to meet their need.

We are in the same situation today. Deep within our being, we sense a need for something, and yet we may not know what we need. We struggle to satisfy the inward hunger with many different things, such as physical food and material possessions, yet our human life is full of shortage and vanity and is insufficient to meet our real need (Ecclesiastes 1:2-3). The satisfaction we find is always temporary and before long we have a need for something else (Ecclesiastes 1:14).

In contrast, the Lord Jesus knows exactly what we need, and more than that, He is able to fully supply our need (Philippians 4:19). To satisfy our inner hunger, what we need is the real, spiritual food. This food is the life of the Lord Jesus (John 6:57). His life is abundant, eternal, and fulfilling, able to meet our innermost need (John 10:10b). Nothing else can satisfy us, and nothing else can supply and sustain us.

The Lord Jesus does not demand that we struggle to find satisfaction for ourselves; instead, He supplies us by feeding us with Himself. He said, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall by no means hunger, and he who believes into Me shall by no means ever thirst" (John 6:35).

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