



That's a *GOOD* Question

Part III

Why This Series

Jesus who is *All-Knowing*, *All-Seeing*, and *All-Powerful* Constantly *Asked Questions...*
The Four Gospels Record About *339 Questions* Asked By Jesus
Jesus Did Not *Ask Questions To Get Information...* There Was Always Something Deeper

- 1) To Teach Others by promoting *THOUGHT* and *SELF-EXAMINATION*
- 2) To Nurture Deeper Conversations and Relationships
- 3) To Encourage People to come to their Own Conclusions, and Reveal Their Needs
- 4) To Build *FAITH* and Draw People into a more Personal Understanding of Truth
- 5) To Draw Out What Was Really In Their Hearts

Jesus' Questions Went *Beyond Surface Dialogue*
They Were Intended To Go *Beyond Words* To Challenge *Beliefs and Mindsets*

So, In This Series We Will Study Some Of Jesus' Questions
To Engage In Deeper Conversations And See How They Can
Promote Deeper Thought And Spiritual Insight

Week One

Question: “Do You Want To Be Made Whole”

The Question Is Personal

The Question Challenges His Personal Desire

The Question Challenges His Personal Development

Week Two

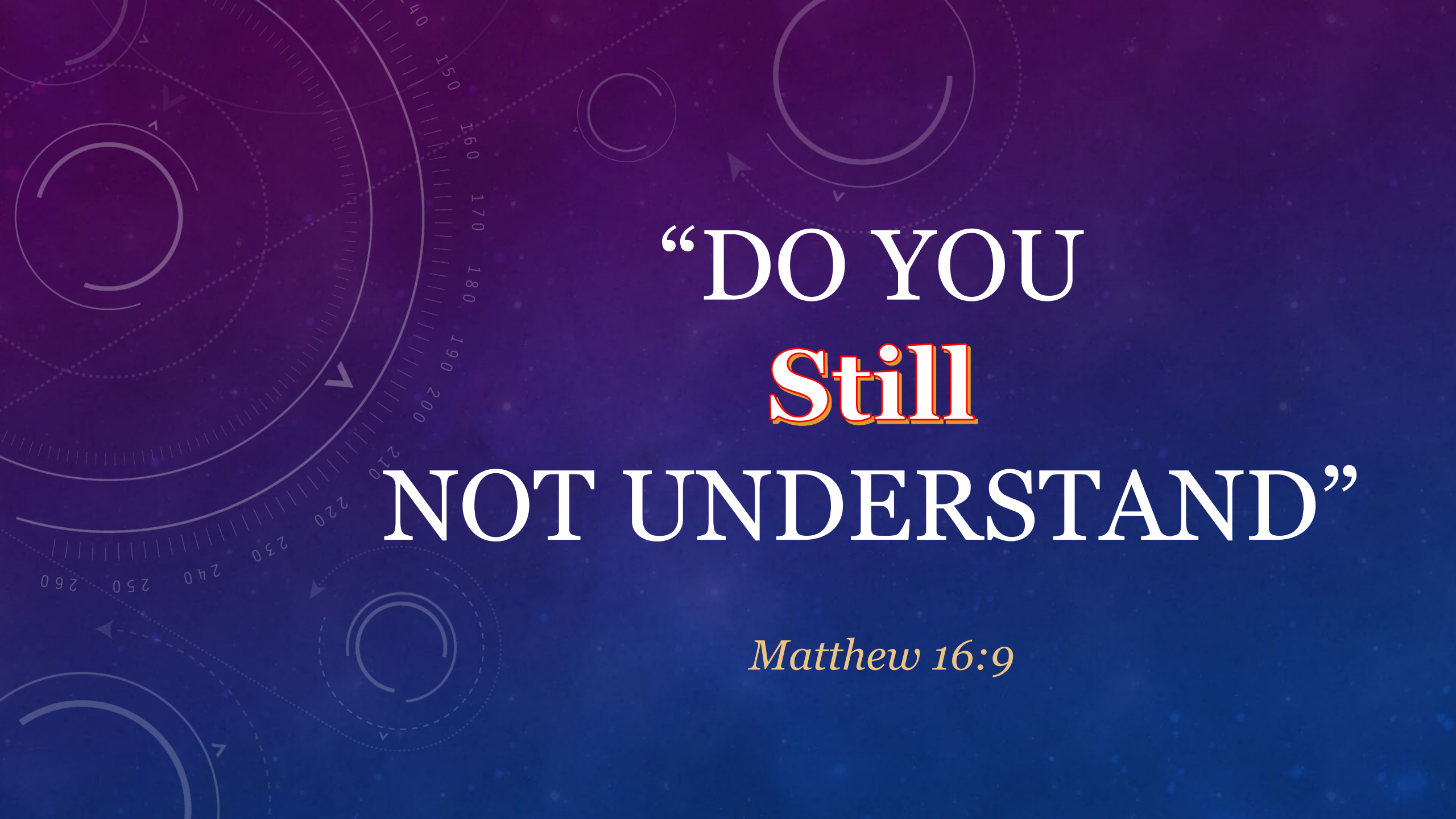
John 21:15 (NLT)

15“Simon son of John, do you love me *more than these?*”

The Priority Of Peter's Love

The Pride Of Peter's Love

The Personal Perspective Of Peter's Love



“DO YOU
Still
NOT UNDERSTAND”

Matthew 16:9

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*9 **DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND?** Don't you **remember** the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered?*

Breakdown of the Question

9 DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND?

“DO YOU” ~ My Followers, My Disciples, The Ones I Have Been Training For 3 Years

*“Still” ~ Repetition and Expectation ~ You Have Seen This Before,
You Have Been Through This Before ~ By Now You Should Have Learned This...*

John 14:9 (ESV)

*9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you **STILL** do not know me, Philip?
Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”*

Hebrews 5:12 (NIV)

*12 In fact, though **BY THIS TIME** you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths
of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!*

*“Not Understand” ~ spiritual insight and the ability to interpret and apply God's word to life,
driven by faith and obedience*

*Wisdom is the **what** ~ Understanding is the **How***

Proverbs 4:7 (NIV)

*7 **Wisdom** is supreme; therefore, get **wisdom**. Though it cost all you have, **GET UNDERSTANDING**.*

***Wisdom** is the treasure ~ **Understanding** is the Key that unlocks its value*

Introduction

In **Matthew 16** and **Mark 8**, Jesus is confronted by a group of Pharisees and Sadducees.

These religious leaders are **DEMANDING MORE SIGNS** from Jesus to **PROVE TO THEM WHO HE IS...** They have **evidence** of his power... some have **experienced** his power... but they are having trouble **explaining** his power...

They are *threatened* by his power, intimidated by his popularity and now they come seeking more signs **TO PROVE** that **HE IS WHO HE SAID HE IS...**

They say to Jesus... **WE ARE NOT CONVINCED YET...** We need more signs, more miracles for us to be convinced... Apparently, **ALL THAT HE HAD ALREADY DONE WASN'T ENOUGH FOR THEM.** Jesus already knew no number of miracles, signs, or wonders would convince those **with hardened hearts...**

NOTICE JESUS' RESPONSE TO THESE RELIGIOUS HYPOCRITES...

Matthew 16:4 (NLT)

4 Only an evil, adulterous generation would demand a miraculous sign, but the only sign I will give them is the sign of the prophet Jonah." **Then Jesus left them and went away.**

WHEN YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE AND WHOSE YOU ARE...
You don't spend time **TRYING TO CONVINCe PEOPLE** who you are...

Introduction

*Jesus leaves them and **departs with his disciples**... Jesus **expected** these religious leaders who refused to believe him **NOT TO UNDERSTAND**...*

But something happens on the boat that heightens his frustration....

*Jesus displays **extreme frustration**...WHEN HIS FOLLOWERS...HIS DISCIPLES **STILL DIDN'T UNDERSTAND***

*The same group of men that Jesus had chosen to become his disciples **{Still Didn't Get It}** After every miracle they have seen.... after every message they have heard... after every encounter, every experience... Jesus says to them.... **"You Still Don't Get It"** ~ They still hadn't put the pieces together as they should. They hadn't connected the dots.*

What Have They Witnessed

- *There when He turned water into wine ~ ~ ~ Nobleman's son was sick and healed him from afar*
- *Man with unclean spirit in synagogue was delivered ~ ~ ~ Peter's Mother-in-law sick of fever*
- *Cast your net out into the deep for a great catch ~ ~ Man with leprosy came and asked if willing*
- *Centurion's son was sick... I sent the Word ~ ~ Man was brought through the roof was healed*
 - *Widow's son at Nain was raised from dead ~ ~ Calm the stormy seas*
- *Demonic Man in Cemetery ~ ~ Woman with issue of blood ~ ~ ~ Jairus daughter ~ ~ ~*
- *Man at the Pool of Bethesda ~ ~ Walked on Water ~ ~ Healed Blind Bartimeas ~ ~*

Introduction

THEY STILL DIDN'T GET IT!!!! ~ ~ ~

Hold On Before We Come Down Too Hard On Them....

Sometimes **WE** are also slow to catch on... **WE** see and we hear, but **WE** do not comprehend.
We read His Word, but **WE** do not believe it. **WE** have experienced His power,
but it has not convinced us that **WE** can **TRUST HIM COMPLETELY**.

WE CAN SHAKE OUR HEADS AT THEM....

Yet for all we've learned of God from the Scriptures and for all we have seen Him do in our lives,

- Many of us still struggle to trust Him.
- Many of us fail to take Him at His Word
- Many of us fail to remember and recall the ways he's made, the doors he's opened
 - Many of us fail to recognize His Tests
 - Many of us fail to see His Power, His Purpose, His Plans

Sometimes, **WE JUST DON'T GET IT~~~~ THE QUESTION IS WHY....**

Principle #1

*Their **FOCUS** Kept Them From Understanding*

Matthew 16:5-7 (NLT)

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6 “Watch out!” Jesus warned them. *“Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”*

7 At this they began to argue with each other because *they hadn’t brought any bread.*

Beware of those who may try to **influence you** in what seems like small matters...
Beware of their hypocrisy...

Jesus was giving them *a warning* about the dangers of being influenced by false teaching....

Jesus was giving them *a warning* about being lead astray with just a small twisting of Scripture

Jesus was giving them *wisdom about a spiritual matter*....

Their conclusion ~ Jesus is mad at us because *we forgot the bread*... Their Mind Is On **Physical Bread**

Jesus is giving them *spiritual instructions*, and they are **FOCUSED ON THEIR INSUFFICIENCIES....**

Jesus is giving them a word that **THEY WILL NEED**...and **THEY ARE FOCUSED ON WHAT THEY DON'T HAVE**...They could not understand Jesus’ goal, Jesus’ mission, Jesus’ intentions.

BECAUSE THEIR FOCUS ON THE PHYSICAL

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They focused on THE PROBLEM ~ **WE DON’T HAVE ANY BREAD!!!**

~~~ Instead of **focusing** on the problem, they should have focused on **HIS PRESENCE**...His Frustration  
was with their **failure to understand THE VALUE OF HIS PRESENCE WITH THEM.**  
As long as they have been with Jesus, they should have known that when he is present...  
there are no **unsolvable problems in his presence**...

**THEY MISSED GOD’S PLAN, BECAUSE THEY ONLY FOCUSED ON THE PROBLEM...**

**We don’t have but one loaf of bread... They are worried about Bread ~  
WHEN THE BREAD OF LIFE IS IN THEIR MIDST...**

The Lord was **frustrated** at their inability to **raise their thoughts** beyond the **physical to the spiritual.**

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*If you are not careful ~ Lack will steal your attention and shift your focus...*

- ***Lack of Money** ~~~ **Lack of Patience** ~~~ **Lack of Hope** ~~~~ **Lack of Fellowship***

### ***SHIFT YOUR FOCUS***

- *Focused on not having finances ~ When The One Who Owns A Cattle on Thousand Hills*
  - *Focused on your strength ~ When the One Who Has All Power is with you*
- *Focused on your Healing ~ When the One Who Was Bruised For Your Iniquities Is Present*
  - *Focused on your Friends ~ When the One who sticks closer than a Brother is with you*
- *Focused on your Inability ~ When the One who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all...*

*Instead of holding fast To His Word, they began to **look at circumstances** (distresses and distractions)  
**THROUGH THE EYES OF HUMAN SPECULATION.***

*God wants us to **FOCUS ON HIM**... **FOCUS ON HIS WORD**... **FOCUS ON HIS WAYS***

## Principle #2

### *Their Faith Kept Them From Understanding*

#### *Matthew 16:8-9 (NIV)*

8 Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, "**YOU OF LITTLE FAITH**, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread?

9 **Do you still not understand?**

He wants us to understand that a lack of bread is *not the real problem*. The real problem is a serious **LACK OF FAITH!** Their focus shifted....Because *their faith was not rooted and grounded in the Word...*

Whenever you are **CONSUMED** by what is absent... It is an indication that **YOUR FAITH** needs to be *strengthened*... **THE DISCIPLES SHOULD HAVE SEEN ENOUGH BREAD MIRACLES NOT TO WORRY ABOUT EARTHLY BREAD.**

*Lack of faith* is not a *result of lack of evidence and proof*...they had enough evidence **TO TRUST**...enough proof to believe... But Faith is substance of things hoped for... **THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN**

The disciples believed Jesus when they saw him perform miracles... at that point *they believed/trusted*... That does not *require faith*... Their struggle was when they were in need, and *the answer/solution was not readily available*... *Faith trusts in the absence of what's needed*.... because *you know* God will supply

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**EVERYTHING YOU GO THROUGH IS DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH**

*Example ~ two times he rebuked their faith and expressed “o ye of little faith”...*

- In Matthew 8... they meet a centurion who has not been following Jesus... He heard about his miracles... The centurion has a dying servant at home... He says we are similar, we both have authority... I believe if you just say the word... Something will happen... I have heard about your power, and I believe you have that kind of Power ~ Jesus turns to the disciples and said... I have not seen this kind of Great Faith in all of ISRAEL...*
- He then commands his followers to get in the boat... The winds come... the storms rage... the waves are pounding... The disciples lose their mind... the are fearful, frightened, and Jesus says to them...  
O you of little faith... Where is your faith...*

#### *Another Example*

- In Matthew 15... they are on break/Sabbatical and this Syrophonician woman comes up to the Jesus and disciples and says, my daughter is vexed with a demon... Please help us... The disciples said send her away... Jesus ignores her/ tests her faith... she responds by saying, even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table... Jesus looks at his disciples and says... this is great faith...  
They get in the boat and once again, they still don't get it...*

## Principle #3

### *Their Forgetfulness Kept Them From Understanding*

*Matthew 16:9-11 (NIV)*

9 *Do you still not understand?* Don't you **REMEMBER** the five loaves for the five thousand,  
and how many basketfuls you gathered?

10 Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many basketfuls you gathered?

11 *How is it you don't understand that I was not talking to you about bread?*

Remembering all that God has done for us is **FOUNDATIONAL FOR LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE**. He says **forgetting** will lead to **loss of focus** and **life of frustration**; but remembering will **feed our faith** and **fuel us toward our future**. Therefore, I don't need new miracles to get me motivated for tomorrow; I don't need a new breakthrough to become driven toward destiny; I don't need a new Word to become committed to Christ... **ALL I NEED IS A MEMORY OF WHAT HE DID ON YESTERDAY...**

*I just think on what he did yesterday...*

### *Forgetfulness Weakens Faith*

*Psalms 103:2*

*"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and **forget not** all His benefits"*

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### *Mark 8:19-21 (NIV)*

19 When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, *how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"*  
*"Twelve," they replied.* 20 "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand,  
*how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?"* They answered, "Seven."  
21 HE SAID TO THEM, "DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND?"

#### *THE DETAILS OF THEIR REMEMBERING....*

Mark brings this point out ~ He asks the question...How many baskets full when we fed 5,000 (12)  
How many baskets full when we fed 4,000 (7) ~ You are good with *REMEMBERING DETAILS...*

*BUT STRUGGLE REMEMBERING WHAT I DID!!!!*

In John 9, there was a man born blind... Jesus heals the man and *the people around him wanted details... Who did it... How did he do it... How long did it take.... Is he sinner... Is he from God... Where did he go....*

This was the Man's Response ~ *I don't know about all that* ~ ONE THING I KNOW... I once was blind... but NOW I SEE... I went from not having to having what I need... *That's All I Remember...*

*Stop Focusing On The What, How, When, Why ~ REMEMBER THE WHO*



*In Conclusion*  
*Why Don't We Understand Yet?*

*Principle #1 ~ Our Focus Keeps Us From Understanding*

*Principle #2 ~ Our Faith Keeps Us From Understanding*

*Principle #3 ~ Our Forgetfulness Keeps Us From Understanding*