He Blesses, He Breaks, He Gives Luke 9:7-17

Luke 9:7-9: Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done by <u>Him</u>; and he was <u>perplexed</u>, because it was <u>said</u> <u>by some</u> that <u>John had risen from the dead</u>, and <u>by</u> <u>some</u> that <u>Elijah</u> had appeared, and by others that one of the old prophets had risen again. Herod said, "John I have beheaded, but <u>who is this of whom I hear such</u> <u>things</u>?" So he sought to see Him.

Luke 9:10: The <u>apostles</u>, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then <u>He took them and</u> <u>went aside privately</u> into a <u>deserted place</u> belonging to the city called <u>Bethsaida.</u>

Mark 6:31: "<u>Come aside</u> by yourselves to a <u>deserted place</u> and <u>rest</u> a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time <u>to eat</u>.

- Physical Rest
- Spiritual Rest

Matthew 11:28-29: <u>Come to Me</u>, all you who <u>labor</u> and are <u>heavy laden</u>, and I will give you <u>rest</u>. <u>Take</u> <u>My yoke upon you</u> and <u>learn from Me</u>, for I am **gentle** and lowly in heart, and you will find **rest for your souls.**

Hebrews 4:10-11: For he who has entered <u>His rest</u> has himself also <u>ceased from his works</u> as God did from His. Let us therefore be <u>diligent</u> to enter that <u>rest</u>.

Luke 9:11: But when the multitudes knew it, they followed Him; and <u>He received them</u> and spoke to them about the <u>kingdom of God</u>, and <u>healed</u> those who had need of <u>healing</u>.

Luke 9:12: When the <u>day</u> began to <u>wear away</u>, the <u>twelve</u> came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here."

Luke 9:13: But He said to them, "<u>You give them</u> <u>something to eat</u>." And they said, "We have no more than <u>five loaves</u> and <u>two fish</u>, unless we go and buy food for all these people."

Luke 9:14-15: For there were about <u>five thousand men</u>. Then He said to His disciples, "Make them <u>sit down</u> in <u>groups of fifty</u>." And they did so, and made them all sit down. **Luke 9:16:** Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and **looking up to heaven**, **He blessed** and **broke** them, and **gave** them to the disciples to set before the multitude.

- <u>Blessed</u>
- Broke
- <u>Gave</u>

✦ He blesses us!

✦ He breaks us!

When God wants to drill a man, And thrill a man, and skill a man When God wants to mold a man To play the noblest part;

When He yearns with all His heart To create so great and bold a man That all the world shall be amazed, Watch His methods, watch His ways!

How He ruthlessly perfects Whom He royally elects! How He hammers him and hurts him, And with mighty blows converts him Into trial shapes of clay which Only God understands; While his tortured heart is crying And he lifts beseeching hands!

How He bends but never breaks When his good He undertakes; How He uses whom He chooses, And which every purpose fuses him; By every act induces him To try His splendor out-**God knows what He's about.**

✦ He gives us!

Luke 9:17: So they all ate and were filled, and <u>twelve</u> <u>baskets</u> of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

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