# PHILADELPHIA CHURCH

One Loaf

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# MARK 8:1-14

During those days another large crowd gathered. Since they had nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples to him and said, <sup>2</sup> "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. <sup>3</sup> If I send them home hungry, they will collapse on the way, because some of them have come a long distance." <sup>4</sup> His disciples answered, "But where in this remote place can anyone get enough bread to feed them?" <sup>5</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked. "Seven," they replied.

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<sup>6</sup> He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. When he had taken the seven loaves and given thanks, he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people, and they did so. <sup>7</sup> They had a few small fish as well; he gave thanks for them also and told the disciples to distribute them. 8 The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. <sup>9</sup> About four thousand were present. After he had sent them away, 10 he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the region of Dalmanutha.<sup>11</sup> The Pharisees came and began to question Jesus. To test him, they asked him for a sign from heaven. 12 He sighed deeply and said, "Why does this generation ask for a sign? Truly I tell you, no sign will be given to it." 13 Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side.14 The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat.



# LESSON ONE

When God does something good in your life the enemy will often bring a distraction.

# MARK 8:14-21

<sup>14</sup> The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. 15 "Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod."16 They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread." Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? 18 Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? 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?"





Leavened

Unleavened

Faith isn't a strong desire, faith isn't being more positive than negative... Faith is expectation that God will make good on his promises!

#### PHILIPPIANS 4:19

19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

We often lack a sense of expectation. When we meet do we expect anything unusual to happen? Often we don't, so the usual happens.

We need to read the word, pray and come together in fellowship with a sense of expectation.

in times of plenty and in times of want I need to remember he is with me.

#### 3 EXCUSES:

- 1- I can only do so much.
- 2- God hasn't give me something to do.
- 1 Peter 4:10 -10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms
- 3- I can't do as much as so-and-so.

# QUOTE

# He expects us to be faithful and fruitful... But not Fearful. PD

#### WE SHOULD EXPECT:

#### 1- God to speak to us

Acts 2:17-18 <sup>17</sup> "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

2- God to show signs and wonders

Acts 2:19-20 - 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

3- God to help us overcome in battle

Acts 2:21-21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

People let us down and things don't work out the way we want them to but Jesus is still with us!

# ROMANS 8:11

Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

# 1 PETER 1:3-5 (NLT)

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation, 4 and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. 5 And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

# CIRCUMSTANCES

- He has provided
- He is providing
- He will provide

# **EMOTIONS**

- He has been your Rock
- •He is your Rock
- •He will continue to be a Rock

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