

Encounter Church
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God's Love Language
He Meets Your Needs

INTRODUCTION: Have you ever noticed that for every human need, there is a corresponding way to meet that need?

When you get hungry, you eat! When you are thirsty, there is water to drink! Or if you're like me, coffee or coke zero!

Did you know that you need air to breathe! Your environment contains the exact combination of oxygen, carbon dioxide, and other gases that we need to survive and thrive!

Did you know that you need your feet to stay on the ground? It's called GRAVITY!

In physics, gravity, also known as gravitation or gravitational interaction, is a fundamental interaction, which may be described as the force that draws material objects towards each other!

YOU AND I NEED GRAVITY, AIR TO BREATHE, FOOD TO EAT AND WATER TO DRINK TO SURVIVE. **AND THEY'VE ALL BEEN PROVIDED.**

It's almost as if someone planned it that way!

Genesis 2:8-10 (NKJV)- "The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made every tree grow that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now a river went out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it parted and became four riverheads."

If our Creator has been meeting our needs since the very day he thought up the idea of human beings, why would we think that he has no interest in seeing our needs are met now?

Why would we think that he doesn't care?

In John 6 Jesus is out preaching to a huge crowd of people and the disciples come to the realization that the people are getting hungry!

Now there's no McDonalds on the corner that could serve up burgers and fries for that many people on such short notice!

They had a pretty big problem on their hands. Jesus brought it to their attention.

John 6:5-6-(NKJV) “Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.”

If Jesus had asked you this question in this situation, how would you have responded?

Are you facing an “impossible” situation in your life right now? Most of us do at one time or another!

FUN FACT: The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle of Jesus that is mentioned in all four of the gospels. Matthew. Mark. Luke. John.

Matthew 14:14-21 (NKJV)- “And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food.” But Jesus said to them, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.” He said, “Bring them here to Me.” Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about five thousand men, besides women and children.”

“He was moved with compassion for them!”

Why would I ever think that he doesn't care?

NOW, HERE'S THE BIG QUESTION I BELIEVE THE HOLY SPIRIT IS ASKING US TODAY.

Are we expecting God to meet our need at “snack level” or “eat till you are satisfied level?”

Matthew 14:20- (NKJV)- “So they all ate and were filled...”

Filled- (chortazo) *This word in the greek came to signify being satisfied with food in abundance!*

Jesus went over and beyond in his generous response to the hungry crowds of people!

Matthew 14:20 (NKJV)- “.....and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.”

Remain- (*perisseuo*) *to abound, be in abundance, to overflow, to excel.*

Bible hub- *all-around" which indicates abundance or surplus) – properly, exceed, go beyond the expected measure, i.e. above and beyond*

The Ezra Project- This Greek word is used to describe God’s habit of providing more than enough. It is used 39 times in the New Testament.

The Blue Letter Bible- to excel more than, exceed, to make to abound, to furnish one richly so that he has abundance, to make abundant or excellent. to superabound (in quantity or quality), be in excess, be superfluous; to cause to superabound or excel:— (make, more) abound, (have, have more) abundance (be more) abundant, be the better, enough and to spare, exceed, excel, increase, be left, redound, remain (over and above).

It was Christ’s standard practice to provide abundantly.

REMEMBER: Jesus is the divine expression of our Heavenly Father!

It is God’s nature to give far more than the minimum required.

CONCLUSION:

Philippians 4:19 (NKJV)- “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Ephesians 1:7-8- “In Him we have redemption [that is, our deliverance and salvation] through His blood, [which paid the penalty for our sin and resulted in] the forgiveness and complete pardon of our sin, in accordance with the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and understanding [with practical insight]

The penalty has been paid and complete forgiveness and pardon of our sin has been given.

Because more than of enough, abundant, overflow, beyond the measure expected of God’s grace has been poured out on us.

ARE YOU LIVING IN THE OVERFLOW OF HIS GRACE?