



Hope Awaits

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Recently I was reminded of the scripture where Jesus feeds the 5,000 (found in John 6:1-14). In the passage we read that a large crowd of 5,000 men (plus women and children) were following Jesus. Jesus asked his disciples “where can we buy enough food for them to eat?” They couldn’t afford to buy enough food for the crowd, but Andrew came to Jesus and said “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Jesus took this small amount of food, gave thanks, and distributed it to the crowd. After the crowd was done eating, twelve wicker baskets were filled with the leftover fragments.

When Andrew looked at the five loaves and two fish he saw that they didn’t have enough food for the crowd – it appeared to be no good for feeding so many. But in the hands of God this little was not turned into just enough, but rather turned into abundance!

How often do we think that we don’t have enough to offer? I know this was true for me when God first called me to this ministry. I asked Him why me? There are so many others who are more qualified, who have more experience, who are more knowledgeable, who have more to offer – why me?

What if all that God is calling us to do is give our “little”? Maybe all we have is a heart that loves God – but what if God can turn this little offering

into abundance? The boy in the passage would have known that what he had was too little for everyone, but he still offered it, and in the hands of Jesus this little was turned into abundance.

There are times at Hope Awaits when men come to the door looking for a pair of socks, or some food, or a different small item. Sometimes it seems like we have given them so little, but I know that God can turn this little into abundance.

Often we don’t know how our little offerings can impact someone. Recently we told some new clients how we are not government funded, that it comes from donations from many supporters. This impacted them both. One responded by saying “there are still good people out there”, the other said “I am now more grateful”.

I can see how God turned all of our “little” offerings into abundance. Let us continue to offer our little to Jesus, knowing that nothing is small in the hands of God.

God bless you.

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Glory be to God!