

# MESSAGE

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**TITLE : THE FEEDING OF THE MULTITUDES - THE REAL STORY**  
Text/s :

Mark 6:52

52 For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.  
KJV

Bible Reading :

**Lam 3:22-36**

**22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.**

**23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.**

24 The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

25 The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.

26 It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.

27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.

28 He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him.

29 He putteth his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.

30 He giveth his cheek to him that smiteth him: he is filled full with reproach.

31 For the Lord will not cast off for ever:

32 But though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

33 For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.

34 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth,

35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the most High,

36 To subvert a man in his cause, the Lord approveth not.

KJV

Ps 136

1 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth for ever.

3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

5 To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.

6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters: for his mercy endureth for ever.

7 To him that made great lights: for his mercy endureth for ever:

8 The sun to rule by day: for his mercy endureth for ever:

9 The moon and stars to rule by night: for his mercy endureth for ever.

10 To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth for ever:

11 And brought out Israel from among them: for his mercy endureth for ever:

12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm: for his mercy endureth for ever.

13 To him which divided the Red sea into parts: for his mercy endureth for ever:

14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it: for his mercy endureth for ever:

15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red sea: for his mercy endureth for ever.

16 To him which led his people through the wilderness: for his mercy endureth for ever.

17 To him which smote great kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

18 And slew famous kings: for his mercy endureth for ever:

19 Sihon king of the Amorites: for his mercy endureth for ever:

20 And Og the king of Bashan: for his mercy endureth for ever:

21 And gave their land for an heritage: for his mercy endureth for ever:

22 Even an heritage unto Israel his servant: for his mercy endureth for ever.

23 Who remembered us in our low estate: for his mercy endureth for ever:

24 And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever.  
25 Who giveth food to all flesh: for his mercy endureth for ever.  
26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven: for his mercy endureth for ever.  
KJV

Song/s :

### I WILL SING OF THE MERCIES (D)

I

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever  
I will sing, I will sing  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord

With my mouth will I make known  
You faithfulness, your faithfulness  
With my mouth will I make known  
Your faithfulness to all generation  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

II

All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise forever  
For the things He has done  
All the hosts of the angels sing God praise forever  
All the hosts of the angels sing God's praise.

Who can be compared to God  
In faithfulness, in faithfulness  
Who can be compared to God  
In faithfulness to all generations?

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever  
I will sing of the mercies of the Lord.

### GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS (D)

1

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

2

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
 thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
 strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
 blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

### **SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY (Eb)**

A pilgrim was I, and a wandering,  
 In the cold night of sin I did roam,  
 When Jesus the kind Shepherd found me,  
 And now I am on my way home.

#### Chorus:

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
 All the days, all the days of my life;  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
 All the days, all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever,  
 And I shall feast at the table spread for me;  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
 All the days, all the days of my life.

#### Verse 2:

He restoreth my soul when I'm weary,  
 He giveth me strength day by day;  
 He leads me beside the still waters,  
 He guards me each step of the way.

#### Verse 3:

When I walk through the dark lonesome valley,  
 My savior will walk with me there;  
 And safely His great hand will lead me  
 To the mansions He's gone to prepare.

### **HE GIVETH MORE GRACE (Eb)**

#### I

He giveth more grace when the burdens grow greater,  
 He sendeth more strength when the labors increase;  
 To added afflictions He addeth His mercy,  
 To multiplied trials, His multiplied peace.

#### Chorus

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,  
 His power no boundary known unto men;  
 For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
 He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

#### II

When we have exhausted our store of endurance,  
 When our strength has failed ere the day is half done,

When we reach the end of our hoarded resources  
Our Father's full giving is only begun.

III

Fear not that thy need shall exceed His provision,  
Our God ever yearns His resources to share;  
Lean hard on the arm everlasting, availing;  
The Father both thee and thy load will upbear.

Chorus

His love has no limits, His grace has no measure,  
His power no boundary known unto men;  
For out of His infinite riches in Jesus  
He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again.

### **His Grace is Greater Than Our Need (F)**

Larnelle Harris

I

His grace is greater than our failures  
His peace runs deeper than our fears  
If we go to Him in mercy  
Our hearts can rest assured  
His love will keep us through our tears

II

He'll give us strength to simply trust Him  
Through times we may not understand  
We will gain a sweet assurance  
No passing doubt can dim  
Our lives are safely in His hand

Chorus

Though countless souls have come to Him  
So desperate and lost  
With faith no greater than a tiny seed  
Each one has found a wondrous truth  
Beneath His simple cross  
His grace is greater than our need

III

No height or depth in all creation  
Can reach beyond His love for me  
And His power has raised my spirit  
A work forever done  
His grace is greater than my need...

Coda

And His power has raised my spirit  
The work forever done  
His grace is greater  
His grace is greater  
His grace is greater than my need

## I Will Sing of the Mercies

1 I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord for - e - ver, I will sing, I will  
 2 All the hosts of the an - gels sing God's praise for - e - ver for the things he has

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 done. All the hosts of the an - gels sing God's praise for - e - ver, all the

sing of the mer-cies of the Lord. With my mouth\_\_\_ will I make known your  
 hosts of the an - gels sing God's praise. Who can be \_\_\_ com-pared to God in

faith - ful - ness, your faith - ful - ness; with my mouth\_\_\_ will I make known your  
 faith - ful - ness, in faith - ful - ness? Who can be \_\_\_ com-pared to God in

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Lord for-c-er, I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord.  
 Lord for-c-er, I will sing of the mer-cies of the Lord!

Other references :

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## INTRODUCTION

Mark 6:45-52

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:

50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

52 For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.

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Matt 14:22-32

22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

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### What happened before this scene:

Mark 6:34-44

34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, **and was moved with compassion toward them**, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

35 And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed:

36 Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat.

37 He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat?

38 He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes.

39 And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass.

40 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties.

41 And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

42 And they did all eat, and were filled.

43 And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes.

44 And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men.

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Matt 14:13-21

13 When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities.

14 And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

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John 6:1-13

1 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias.

2 And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased.

3 And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples.

4 And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was nigh.

5 When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he saith unto Philip, Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?

6 And this he said to prove him: for he himself knew what he would do.

7 Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little.

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, saith unto him,  
9 There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?  
10 And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.  
11 And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would.  
12 When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost.  
13 Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.  
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### A second scene of feeding:

Mark 8:1-21

1 In those days the multitude being very great, and having nothing to eat, Jesus called his disciples unto him, and saith unto them,  
2 **I have compassion on the multitude**, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat:  
3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far.  
4 And his disciples answered him, From whence can a man satisfy these men with bread here in the wilderness?  
5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven.  
6 And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people.  
7 And they had a few small fishes: and he blessed, and commanded to set them also before them.  
8 **So they did eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets.**  
9 And they that had eaten were about four thousand: and he sent them away.  
10 And straightway he entered into a ship with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.  
11 And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him.  
12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.  
13 And he left them, and entering into the ship again departed to the other side.  
14 Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.  
15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod.  
16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have no bread.  
17 **And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened?**  
18 **Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember?**  
19 **When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.**  
20 **And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven.**  
21 **And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?**  
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Matt 15:29-38

29 And Jesus departed from thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and went up into a mountain, and sat down there.  
30 And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them:  
31 Insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb to speak, the maimed to be whole, the lame to walk, and the blind to see: and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

33 And his disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in the wilderness, as to fill so great a multitude?

34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes.

35 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground.

36 And he took the seven loaves and the fishes, and gave thanks, and brake them, and gave to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

37 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the broken meat that was left seven baskets full.

38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, beside women and children.

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Matt 16:5-12

5 And when his disciples were come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

6 Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread.

8 Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread?

9 Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?

11 How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees?

12 Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.

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**Now, Jesus cites both the miracles of the loaves:**

- Five loaves among 5,000 with 12 baskets full of fragments left.
- Seven loaves among 4,000 with 7 baskets full of fragments left.

Now, understand. How is it that ye do not understand???

This is because all our eyes and hearts are focused on the loaves, fishes. And we think that this is an issue of math.

But the key to this are these truth:

Mark 6:34

34 And Jesus, when he came out, saw much people, and was moved with compassion toward them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to teach them many things.

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Mark 8:2-3

2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now been with me three days, and have nothing to eat:

3 And if I send them away fasting to their own houses, they will faint by the way: for divers of them came from far.

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You see, these stories are not lessons on loaves and fishes and the math of 5,000 or 4,000. These are lessons on the Compassion of Christ!

If others know these stories as The Miracle of the Feeding of the 5,000 and the Miracle of the Feeding of the 4,000 --- To us in Lighthouse, these stories are all about the Miracles of the Compassion of Christ.

**John 6:26-35**

26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

30 They said therefore unto him, What sign shewest thou then, that we may see, and believe thee? what dost thou work?

31 Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.

32 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses gave you not that bread from heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread from heaven.

33 For the bread of God is he which cometh down from heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 Then said they unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread.

35 And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

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**BODY**

Now, for our main message...

**Mark 6:45-52**

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:

50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.

52 For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.

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Why do we choose this story? Because of what Mark said, "For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened."

**Before I continue, let me say some pungent truths:**

It will not be the miracle of the loaves that will make us to cross the lake. It will be His unfailing mercies.

**Lam 3:22-23**

22 It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.

23 They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

KJV

**Rom 12:1-2**

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

KJV

**2 Cor 4:1-2**

**1** Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not;  
**2** But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

KJV

**1 Peter 2:9-10**

**9** But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:  
**10** Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

KJV

**Hos 2:23**

**23** And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

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And if we, in the mercy of Christ have this ministry, in His mercy He will keep, He will sustain, He will see us through... He will get us across.

**It is in the mercy of Christ when He constrained them to go across the lake... See what happened when they got across.**

**Mark 6:53-56**

**53** And when they had passed over, they came into the land of Gennesaret, and drew to the shore.  
**54** And when they were come out of the ship, straightway they knew him,  
**55** And ran through that whole region round about, and began to carry about in beds those that were sick, where they heard he was.  
**56** And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.

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**Matt 14:34-36**

**34** And when they were gone over, they came into the land of Gennesaret.  
**35** And when the men of that place had knowledge of him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto him all that were diseased;  
**36** And besought him that they might only touch the hem of his garment: and as many as touched were made perfectly whole.

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**Matt 15:32**

**32** Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

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**Isa 63:7**

**7** I will mention the lovingkindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.

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Ps 69:16

16 Hear me, O Lord; for thy lovingkindness is good: turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

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Ps 86:5

5 For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

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Ps 86:15

15 But thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

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**A) In His mercy, He constrained them to go across**

Mark 6:45

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people.

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Matt 14:22

22 And straightway Jesus constrained his disciples to get into a ship, and to go before him unto the other side, while he sent the multitudes away.

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The word constrain has weight in it. Compel. To impress the necessity of what should be done,

**B) In His mercy, He prayed for them**

Mark 6:46

46 And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray.

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Matt 14:23

23 And when he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.

KJV

**C) In His mercy He kept watch over them**

Mark 6:47-48

47 And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land.

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

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Matt 14:24

24 But the ship was now in the midst of the sea, tossed with waves: for the wind was contrary.

KJV

**D) In His mercy He came to them.**

Mark 6:48

48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.  
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Matt 14:25

25 And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.  
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**E) When we fail to see His mercy, fear will take hold of us. Doubt will make us to go down.**

Mark 6:49-50

49 But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:  
50 For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.  
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Matt 14:26-31

26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.  
27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.  
28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.  
29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.  
30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.  
31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?  
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**F) In His mercy they were brought across.**

Matt 14:32-33

32 And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.  
33 Then they that were in the ship came and worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.  
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Mark 6:51

51 And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.  
KJV

**G) Consider the mercy of God upon us. He does not leave His people**

Mark 6:52

52 For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.  
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1 Peter 2:9-10

9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:  
10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

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1 Peter 1:3-7

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:

7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

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## CONCLUSION

John 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

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1 John 2:8-11

8 Again, a new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true light now shineth.

9 He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now.

10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him.

11 But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes.

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