

# Who Will Feed the Multitudes

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of carrying the compassion of Christ and being willing to be inconvenienced to love people, in order to feed the multitudes and fulfill our responsibility to share the gospel.*

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker emphasizes the importance of surrendering all to God and giving Him everything we have, even if it feels insufficient. He uses the story of the little boy who gave his 5 loaves and 2 fish to Jesus, who then performed the miracle of feeding 5,000 people. The speaker encourages listeners to give their whole hearts to Christ and allow Him to use them for His purposes. He also highlights the need for Christians to share the message of Jesus with others, so that they may come to know Him and desire to have a relationship with Him.

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## Transcript

Amen. Okay, this morning we're going to turn to the Gospel of Matthew in chapter 14. Matthew in chapter 14, and the message this morning is going to be a question, and that question is who will feed the multitudes? Who will feed the multitudes? Matthew chapter 14, and we'll begin reading in verse 13.

When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place of part. And when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. And Jesus went forth and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them.

And he healed their sick. 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.

But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart. Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves and two fishes.

He said, Bring them hither to me. 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 break, and gave the loaves to his disciples and the disciples to the multitude.

And they did all eat and were filled. And they took up the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men beside women and children.

Let's pray together. Heavenly Father, we thank you so much for your living word. And God, I thank you for everyone who's gathered here this morning, that not a single one of us is here by accident, but you have brought us together on purpose, Father, and that you want to speak to every single one of our hearts.

So I ask you to give us ears to hear what your spirit is saying specifically to us today. Each one of us, Lord, I pray that your word would go forth with power and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, because apart from the power of your spirit, Lord, we can do nothing. We can only proclaim the letter and the letter kills, but the spirit gives life.

So God speak today, we pray in Jesus name. Amen. Now, there was a hungry multitude, according to verse twenty one, five thousand men.

That's beside women and children. So how many were really there could have been close to ten thousand. When you consider all the women and the children, this vast multitude and they're hungry, they've been there with him all day.

When Jesus saw them, he was moved with compassion for them. When the disciples saw this great multitude, they said, send them away. Big difference between Jesus and the disciples at this point.

There was a hungry multitude. They were hungry for bread, something to eat. But I want to talk to you today, brothers and sisters, about another hungry multitude in our day, and they're not I'm not talking about those who are so much hungry for a piece of bread or a bowl of soup, although that hunger is there and we as a church should meet that kind of hunger.

But there's an even greater hunger, a far more serious hunger than physical hunger. There's a hungry multitude that have yet to taste the bread of life. Jesus Christ said of himself, I am the bread of life.

There are multitudes who have never yet met the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal savior, a hungry multitude that are dying without him. Now, in Amos chapter eight, I want you to notice this verse with me, because this is the days in which we are living. I was sharing visiting with the brother earlier today, and we were talking about just the state of the church throughout this entire nation of ours.

And when you think of that, the state of the church today, in light of these two verses, I think you'll agree with me that these are the days in which we're living. Amos chapter eight, verse 11, listen to this. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.

And they shall wander from sea to sea and from the north even to the east. They shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord and shall not find it. There's a famine in the land.

There are hungry multitudes who have yet to taste and eat of the bread of life, who have yet to receive Christ. But the question I have today is who will feed them? Who will go? Who will feed this hungry multitude? We have the gospel, which is the power of God unto salvation. We have the word of God, which is fresh manna from heaven.

And if you're a Christian, you have the living Lord Jesus Christ living on the inside of you. You have the answer for the world today. The question is, will you go feed them? Who will feed the multitudes? Verse 16, Jesus' disciples said, send them away.

Jesus said it's not or I'm sorry. Verse 15, the disciples said, send them away. Jesus said unto them in verse 16, they don't need to be sent away.

They don't need to part. You give them something to eat. And the Lord would be saying the same thing to us today when it comes to Ingram, when it comes to Lady Smith, when it comes to this entire area of Wisconsin, who is responsible to feed the multitudes in your land, in your community? You are church.

And though many would say, send them away, we don't want those kind to come in here. I don't know if there'd be someone say that or not. There are many churches that would say that I've been told that we don't want those kind.

What kind? The kind that the Lord Jesus Christ bled and died for and gave his life for. Who will feed them? Whose responsibility is it? Jesus says to his disciples, you go give them something to eat. And he's saying to us today, you go give them something to eat.

You bring to them what they need and what do they need but the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, in order to feed these multitudes, we have to be willing in a few areas. We talked about this a little bit in Sunday school.

The first thing we must be willing to do is we must be willing to carry the compassion of Christ. We must be willing to carry the compassion of Christ. Notice what it says in verse 14.

And Jesus went forth and saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion toward them. He was moved with compassion toward this hungry multitude. Mark chapter six, verse 34, says that he was moved with compassion for this multitude because they were like sheep without a shepherd.

Did you know I learned this not long ago from reading Charles Spurgeon that before the gospels were written and even up to to this point, I think you cannot find this word compassion that they use in the Greek here. You cannot find that word in classic Greek. And the reason was when they saw the compassion of Christ, in other words, imagine seeing Jesus as he looked at this multitude and he was moved with compassion for them.

Imagine seeing Jesus as he looked over the city of Jerusalem and literally wept over that city when his heart was just bursting with love and compassion for people and his eyes. He wept for the lost. He wept for the destruction of Jerusalem when the disciples saw that they didn't even have a suitable word to define it because they'd never, ever seen that kind of compassion.

And they had to come up with a new word in the Greek for this kind of compassion that they witnessed in the Lord Jesus Christ. Do you have that kind of compassion for people? Do you have that kind of compassion for the lost? This is the kind of compassion Jesus had when he saw the leper, a person that would have stunk. The leper had sores all over him.

You could smell him hundreds of yards away. No one would approach a leper. And yet Jesus, when he saw the leper, was so moved with compassion that he went and even touched the leper.

When he saw a widow weeping over her son, the widow of Nain, her son was in a casket, he had died and she was weeping over him. The Bible says when Jesus saw that he was moved with compassion. And he raised her son to life.

When he saw two blind men that cried out to him, Lord, have mercy on us. The Bible says he touched them. He healed them because he was moved with compassion throughout the Gospels.

You read this over and over again. Our Savior is a compassionate Savior. Jesus is moved with compassion.

Now, when he looks at you and I today, he looks at us through eyes of love and compassion. I want to ask you again, how do you look at people? It's only two ways we can look at people, either through eyes of compassion or eyes of criticism. The scripture says of Satan, the devil, Revelation chapter 12, it calls him the accuser of the brethren.

And it says that he does something day and night. You know what it is? He accuses them before God day and night. Satan accuses day and night.

Hebrews chapter 7, verse 25, tells us that something Jesus does day and night. He intercedes, he ever lives to make intercession. And I want to ask you, which whose ministry are you joining? The accuser of the brethren, where you look at everybody through eyes of criticism and you're quick to accuse you're joining hands with the devil.

Or do you look through people with eyes of compassion and it moves you to pray for them? Then you're joining the ministry of Jesus, the ministry of intercession. When Jesus looks at people, he looks through eyes of compassion. When the disciples looked at this multitude, they looked through eyes of criticism.

Lord, send them away. Let them buy their own food. We've got to be willing to carry the compassion of Christ.

I heard a story one time, a true story about two people who were. In a prison camp like a concentration camp, these two men. One was a Christian, the other was not.

Both of them were suffering. They were starving to death. They were in filth.

They were dying in this camp. The one who was not a Christian was in worse shape, worse health than the than the other, and he had sores all over him. He was very ill.

He was dying. And every day they would receive one bowl of rice, but the rice was so horrible they literally had to separate what was rice and what was maggots. Once they removed the worms, the maggots, they would get the rice and that's all they had to eat once a day.

And this Christian who was in the prison camp would take his friend who was not a Christian and he would put his arm under his head and he would feed him this rice. He would even feed him his own rice and he would go without. He would wipe his wounds.

He demonstrated the love of Christ to this man day in, day out, never preached to him yet. But the day came when he saw that his friend was dying. He wasn't going to live long.

He said, sir, I must tell you something. I must tell you about my Jesus. Have you ever heard about Jesus? Has anybody ever told you about Jesus? And this lost man who was dying looked up and said, no, sir, I never heard of him.

But if he's anything like you, I want to know about him right now. Can people say that of you, dear friends? If your Jesus is anything like you, I want to know him. I want to know him right now.

That's what the world needs to see. The true and living God, the true Lord Jesus Christ, who lives on the inside of us, who is a compassionate savior, he's moved with compassion. Are you willing to carry the compassion of Christ? That's who will feed the multitudes.

Who else will feed the multitudes? It's those who are willing to be inconvenienced. In other words, you're going to have to get over yourself. You're going to have to get your eyes off of yourself and onto Christ alone.

And when you get them on Christ alone, he will then also give you his eyes for others, for those in need of him. It was not a convenient time for Jesus, but there's nothing about the Christian life that is selfish. The reason I say it was not a convenient time for Jesus is because of verse 13.

Notice this with me. It says when Jesus heard of it. He departed then by ship into a desert place apart.

What did he just hear about? His beloved John, the Baptist, had just been beheaded. Jesus loved John the Baptist. Remember what Jesus said about John the Baptist? He said, I tell you, there's never been one greater born among women.

He loved John the Baptist. He had just received the news that his beloved John the Baptist had had his head cut off. They killed him.

Herod had him put to death when Jesus heard of it. He must have been so grieved. Don't forget that Jesus was fully man.

He's fully God, but he's also fully man. His heart must have been broken to hear what had just happened to John the Baptist. And the Bible says when he heard about it, he got in a ship and he went to a lonely place.

I'm sure it was to grieve. But when he left, this multitude followed him. It wasn't a convenient time, Jesus could have said, you know, I know they're hungry, but it's not a good time.

I'm grieving over the loss of John the Baptist, but there was nothing about Jesus that was self-centered. Nothing. Even in the midst of a time of grief, he had eyes to see others in need, he had eyes to lift that to go beyond himself onto those in need.

The Bible says in Philippians, chapter two, verse 21, the apostle Paul is basically pouring out his heart for this church at Philippi, and he's saying, I want to send someone to you, but I can't find anyone. I'm paraphrasing, of course, he says in about Timothy, he said, I have no one like him. Who will care for your state.

Why? Verse 21, Philippians 221, because all men seek their own. Not the things of Christ, everybody's concerned about himself. The Bible says in first Corinthians, chapter 13, verse five, that love seeketh not her own.

When you love Jesus and his love fills you, you're not concerned about yourself, you're concerned about others. All men seek their own. I tell you about a church that is sure to die.

It's a church that is obsessed with themselves and that seeks only their own. Love seeketh not her own. Love, seek of the things of Christ and what he loves and what he's passionate about and whether you're inconvenienced or not, you remember the parable of the Good Samaritan.

There's a man who has jumped on this road from Jericho to Jerusalem. They beat him up, they stripped him, they left him for dead. And along comes a priest, priest got to know God, right? Priest ought to have compassion above everybody else is on his way to the temple.

What does he do when he sees this poor man wounded, stripped, beaten, lying for dead, left for dead? The Bible says he looks at him and passes by on the other side of the road. He walks right on by a Levite comes. That's the one who's going to lead worship.

He's coming along. He sees this poor man. He looks at him and passes right on by.

He's got other things to do. It's not a convenient time. Got to get to church.

And the Good Samaritan comes by and he sees this poor man. And the Bible says he had compassion. And on him.

He picked him up, put him on his donkey, led him into the end, paid his time to stay at the end, he took care of this man, he loved him. Was it a convenient time for him? Probably not. Those who will feed the multitudes are those who are willing to be inconvenienced to go out of their way.

The story is told about a man I heard one time he had a gift, an anointing upon him. He would pray for people that were sick and they would be healed. He was leading people to Christ.

It didn't take long for the news to spread, and when people hear that, they say, I want to go and have him pray for me. I've got a problem. His ministry started expanding, he got very busy and all of a sudden he started getting calls in the middle of the night.

One day he got a call in the middle of the night. He was so tired, but it was someone in need. He hung up the phone and he said, oh, God, will you please stop these people from calling me in the middle of the night? Stop them so much, so many from coming.

And you know what the Lord did? He answered his prayer. He removed the anointing. And from then on, he would pray over people and no one would get well.

He would share the gospel and no one come to Christ. And it broke that man and he said, Lord. Whatever the cost, give it back, I want to serve you, brothers and sisters, if you're going to follow Christ, you've got to die to sell.

It's no longer about me, it's all about him, because I am no longer my own. That's what the Bible says. You are not your own.

You've been bought with a price, the precious blood of Jesus. Now glorify him, live for him. That's why you were created.

Your purpose in life is to bring glory to God. It's not about you. It is all about him.

Who will feed the multitudes, those who are willing to get over themselves and love people and carry the compassion. Also, it's those who are willing to become co-workers with Christ. Apostle Paul said in First Corinthians, chapter three, he said, I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase and he goes on to say, we're just co-laborers with God.

We're co-workers with God. Now, I want to ask you a question. Could Jesus Christ have fed this multitude without this little boy's lunch of five loaves and two fish? Could he have done it? Of course he could have.

He could have spoken the word and the whole hillside would be covered with fish and bread. He could have performed a miracle like that. But he chose not to do it that way.

Why? Because he's looking for co-laborers, someone who will come along and join him in the ministry. And all he had at this point was a little boy and his lunch. And he took that little boy in his lunch of five loaves and two fish, and he performed an absolute miracle of feeding 5000 people beyond men.

It's probably closer to 10,000. Are you willing to be a co-laborer with Christ? It's a privilege to serve God. It's a privilege to serve him.

And he's not looking for people that are able. He's looking for people that are available. He doesn't look for someone who's adequate.

In fact, he looks for people who are inadequate. The Bible says in Second Chronicles 16, nine, that the eyes of the Lord go to and fro throughout the whole world, looking for someone that he can show himself strong through someone whose heart is completely his. God's looking for someone to join him as a co-laborer.

I love what my friend Edgar Rich says. He says it's his power and my dependence. It's his will and my obedience.

It's his love and my ability. Listen, all God is looking for is for us to surrender all to him and give him what we have. And a lot of us, it's not even five loaves and two fish.

Many times I feel, Lord, I don't even have five loaves and two fish. I don't feel like I have anything. And the Lord says, just give me yourself, surrender all.

And he does the hard part, he does the miraculous part, the little boy, all he had to do is give five loaves and two fish, give his lunch away to Jesus. Jesus would do the hard part. That is the miracle of feeding five thousand.

Are you willing to give your whole heart to Christ? Are you willing to surrender all to him so that he can use you? You know what the beauty of it is? Those who surrender all to God will never lack any good thing. If this little boy would have kept his five loaves and two fish, how many people would he have fed? One himself, maybe maybe a few family members. He gave it all to Jesus.

And how many were fed? Over five thousand, Matthew six thirty three says to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you, you don't have to worry about yourself if you're sold out to glorifying Christ, your needs will be met. The scripture goes on to say in our text, in Matthew, chapter 14, that after they had all eaten this, the disciples had not yet eaten, the disciples

were serving the verse 20 says they did all eat and were filled and they took up the fragments that remained 12 baskets full. How many disciples were there? Twelve, how many baskets full did they pick up? Twelve, that's our God, you put others before yourself, you serve others first and you will go home with the full basket.

Each one of you don't worry about about putting yourself first. In fact, someone came up with a beautiful acrostics. It's joy, joy.

You want to have joy, Jay, Jesus first. Oh, other second, why you last and you have true joy. That's our Lord, that's the way of the Lord.

For being poured out for others. Now, I want you to notice finally, Jesus did two things before he fed this multitude. He took the bread and the Bible says, look at this in verse 19.

He commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass and took the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he blessed. And he break and he gave the loaves to his disciples and the disciples to the multitude, he took the bread, he first blessed it and then he broke it. And if God is going to use you to feed the multitudes, these two things have to happen in your life.

You first must be blessed by God. You secondly, must be broken. By God and for God.

It's only blessed and broken bread that feeds the multitudes. What do you mean, Brother Brian? First of all, blessed Jesus bless them. You know what the greatest blessing that we need, that the greatest blessing to the church today from the Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest gift is this, the gift of his blessed Holy Spirit.

That's the blessing, that's what we need to feed the multitudes. Turn in your Bibles to Luke chapter 11. Luke chapter 11.

Is a beautiful example of what I'm wanting to say here, Luke chapter 11. In verse five, Jesus said unto them, which of you shall have a friend and shall go unto him at midnight and say unto him, friend, lend me three loaves. Now, midnight is a crisis hour.

And this friend has another friend coming to him, he's hungry, he wants some bread, lend me three loaves. Verse six, for a friend of mine in his journey has come to me and I have nothing to set before him. Have you ever felt like this? God gave you an opportunity to witness to someone.

God brought somebody across your path, but you had nothing to set before them. That's who he's talking about. It's a midnight hour.

A friend has come to me and they're hungry, they're in need and I'm dry. I have nothing to set before them. What a tragedy, what a tragic thing.

You know what happened after 9-11 when the towers fell? Many churches were full of people. They came to the church, but they had nothing to set before them. In many churches, they didn't have a message from God, a word from God for the people and the people left just as dry and empty as they came.

God forbid, brothers and sisters, that when God brings needy people across your path, you have nothing to set before them. Who will feed the multitudes? It's somebody that has something to set before them. They say, what do I do if I don't have anything to set before them? You've got to be blessed.

What do you mean blessed? Let's continue reading verse seven. And he from within shall answer and say, trouble me not. The door is now shut and my children are with me in bed.

I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity, in other words, his persistence. He will rise and give him as many as he needed.

And I say unto you, ask and it shall be given you. Now, now, as we read this, answer the question, ask and it shall be given to you. Ask for what? Seek and you shall find.

Find what? Knock and it shall be open to you. What shall be open to me? For everyone that ask receives he that seeks finds and to him that knocks, it shall be open. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? If he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? If he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If he then being evil know how to give good gifts under your children, how much more shall your heavenly father give the.

Holy Spirit. To them that ask him, this is the blessing, how are we going to feed the multitudes first, we got to be blessed, what is the blessing, the blessed Holy Spirit, the spirit of God, and apart from being filled with the Holy Spirit, I have nothing to offer them. I have nothing to set before them.

And who does he give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him who are filled with the Holy Spirit, those who pray, ask and you shall receive, receive what the Holy Spirit seek and you shall find find what the filling of the Holy Spirit knock and it shall be open unto you. What shall be open? This filling of the Holy Spirit. God says I will give you everything you need.

He says my grace is sufficient for you. And his all sufficient grace, once it's poured out upon us, we will have something to offer a lost and dying, desperate world, brothers and sisters. That's the blessing and the blessing comes through prayer, through asking, seeking, knocking till you find.

You're blessed now, what's the second part? He blessed the bread. Now he's got to break it and only broken bread, only broken people, you know, for years, I I broke horses for a living, rode colts. And those of you have ever experienced that or done that, you you take a horse that, you know, somebody is not in their head.

You know what I'm talking about? You get one that's not broken. What's it like? Stubborn, stiff necked. They might buck, they might grab the bit and take off running.

They're not broken. They're useless to the rider. A horse is not any good to the rider until he's broke, broke of what broke of his own will.

In other words, where his will is totally yielded to the master and a good broke horse. My brother is still doing this and he's one of the most amazing trainers that I know. And you get on one of his horses and with the slightest command, the slightest cue that horse is going to do exactly what you will.

You want him to speed up? He'll speed up. You want him to stop and slide? He'll stop and slide. You want him to spin around? He'll spin around on the slightest touch.

He yields to the slightest pressure because he's broken until you are you and I are broken of our stubbornness and our stiff neckedness in our rebellion till we yield completely to the Holy Spirit. And we

respond to that slightest prompting when the Holy Spirit says, do this and you go. Don't watch that and you turn it off.

Go away from there and you leave. Stop and visit him and you do. Spend some time in my presence and you kneel and pray.

That's a brokenness when you yield and you obey the Holy Spirit. Brokenness, broken bread, John, chapter 12, verse 21. Look at this with me, if you will, John, chapter 12 and verse 21, actually, I'll back up one verse to verse 20.

It says there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast. Verse 21. The same came, therefore, to Philip, which was a beside of Galilee, and desired him saying, sir, we would see Jesus.

That is, we want to see Jesus, I'm telling you, these lost communities around here are waiting to see Jesus in you. The real Jesus, we would see Jesus, we want to see Jesus. Verse 22, Philip cometh and telleth Andrew and again, Andrew and Philip tell Jesus and Jesus answered them.

What is he answering them? He's answering this request. We want to see Jesus. OK, here's his answer.

Verse 23. The hour is come that the son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone.

But if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. He uses the example of a kernel of wheat.

If you take a grain of wheat and that grain of wheat never is planted in the ground, never dies, never breaks apart, you have no fruit, you have no life. You take a grain of wheat and it never be broken, put it up on the shelf. And what is it seven years from now? A single grain of wheat, 10 years from now, a single grain of wheat, but plant that kernel of wheat in the ground and let it die and let it be broken.

And what happens? Life comes forth, it produces more wheat, more fruit. You take a Christian who dies to himself and is and denies himself and is broken. What happens? Fruit comes forth, more Christians.

But we've got to be broken. Matthew, chapter 16. And I'm coming to a close, Matthew 16, verse 24, Jesus said unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

For whosoever will save his life shall lose it and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it who will feed the multitudes, those who are willing to die to themselves so that they may live in Christ. Sadhu Sundar Singh. Was a young man who was born in the late late 1800s in northern India.

He grew up in a Hindu home with a Hindu father, but his mother sent him to a Catholic school at the Catholic school. He heard about Jesus. And he heard about the cross, even.

And when he was 14 years old, his mother died and he became so angry with God. So angry and so violent that at 14 years old, he began to persecute Christians, he literally bought a Bible one day, had his friends over and they ripped out every page and burned it, every page of the Bible. He had no peace, he was tormented inside.

One day at 14 years old, he said, I can't live like this anymore, I'm going to commit suicide. He was desperate, he was beside himself. He said tomorrow morning, I'm going to go out to the railroad tracks and lay my head on the tracks.

I'm through living that night, he cried out, who is the true God? They worship hundreds of gods as Hindus. Who is the true God? And even in his prayer, he said, Jesus, if you're the true God, show me if you don't, if nobody answered him, he had plans to commit suicide the next day. That very night, Jesus gave him a vision of himself.

He he met the Lord Jesus Christ in a vision as a teenage boy, he was so excited, he gave his heart to Christ, repented of his sins. He came to his father the next day and actually woke him up in the morning. Dad, I know who the true God is, the true and living God is Jesus Christ.

And his dad became so angry at him, he said, stop that nonsense, but he couldn't change his mind. And finally, he said, all right, you're no longer going to live here. We're going to have one final parting meal and then you're done.

They had a big feast and they sat down to eat. And after the meal, Sadhu Sundar Singh was kicked out of his house. His father kicked him out, he immediately became sick.

It was discovered later that his father had poisoned his food, trying to poison his own son. There were some Christians that took him in and nursed him and he lived through that. At 16 years old, he got baptized and surrendered all to follow Christ and preach the gospel.

He preached the gospel all over that part of India. When he became a young man, he would walk over the Himalayan mountains and go up into villages on the other side and preach the gospel to Buddhists. One day he was on his journey to go over these mountains and these mountains, the Himalayans, you could not cross them by foot at night after the sun went down.

It got so cold that if you tried to cross them at night, you would die, you would freeze to death. So they would leave out early in the morning and they would journey during the daytime. By the time the sun went down, they were at the nearest village.

One day he was headed over those mountains to preach the gospel and a Tibetan monk came alongside and they were journeying together. On their way, they noticed somebody was laying face down up there in the snow. They thought he was dead, they walked up there and rolled the man over and the man was still breathing.

And the Tibetan monk said, what to do if we try to pick him up and carry him with us? It'll slow us down, we won't get to the village by dark and we'll all freeze to death and die. Sundar Singh said, will you go on? I can't leave him. I'm a Christian.

I'm not leaving this man to die. The Tibetan monk took off all by himself. He said, I'm I'm going.

Sundar Singh picked up this poor man and put him over his shoulders. And he began to pack him, it slowed him way down, but he was determined not to leave this man to die. He carried him up the mountains and after journeying for a long time, he noticed someone laying up there in the snow.

It was the Tibetan monk. He had frozen to death. Sundar Singh made it all the way to the village and this man made it with him alive.

And he said, Lord, how is it? That that man died and froze to death and we were so slow getting here, we didn't die. And the Lord has showed him because of all that physical exertion of carrying that man on his back, there was body heat that was produced in between the two of them, they were kept warm enough to survive. And Sundar Singh said, the words of Jesus are true, Matthew 16, 25, for whosoever will save his life shall lose it and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

I leave you leave you with this, brothers and sisters. Who will feed the multitudes, those who are willing to no longer live for themselves, but for the glory of God for which you were created and the souls of men. Someone inevitably says, but Brian, you got to understand, I do have a job, I do have to make a living.

I understand that and God knows that. But you know what he's saying to you, everything you do, you do with Jesus and for the glory of God, if it's working on the farm, it's for the glory of God. And even there, you're going to meet people.

If it's teaching in a classroom, if it's homeschooling your own wherever you are, you do that for the glory of God. You're not living for yourself, but for him and his glory. And you're ready always to reach out.

If you're a Christian, God will see to it that some lost person is placed in your life. If you're seeking to be used of him and you're willing to go, he will show you where to go. He will tell you what to say.

He will lead you. The issue is, are you willing? Are you willing to surrender all and no longer live for yourselves, but Jesus who died for you? One final verse. Listen to this.

Second Corinthians five fifteen. And that he died for all, Jesus died for all that they which live should no longer live for themselves. But unto him which died for them and rose again.

Who will feed the multitudes, you will church if you're willing. Let's pray. Heavenly Father, I thank you so much for this precious time together.

Lord, once again, you've reminded us that this life is not about us, it's all about you, Jesus. And once again, I ask you, Lord. Even to give us the willingness to be willing.

To carry your compassion to others, to be taken out of our comfort zones, even if it's an even if it's not a convenient time, God, make us willing to go. I pray, Father, that you would bless us with your Holy Spirit and that you would break us. That we would die to sell and no longer live for ourselves, but for you who died for us because you loved us.

We praise you, Jesus, and I pray that these words would sink deep into our hearts this morning in Jesus name. Amen.

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