



**MARCH 31, 2025**

***The Lesson:*** Luke 9:10-17

***Key Verse:*** 9:14-17

For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each”. They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to his disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

***The Devotion:***

During Lent, we are invited to reflect on God’s provision and our trust in Him. In Luke 9:14-17, Jesus takes a small offering—five loaves and two fish—and multiplies it to feed over five thousand people. This miracle speaks to the abundance of God’s grace and challenges us to trust that He can take what little we have and use it in ways beyond our imagination. In our daily lives, we often feel overwhelmed by scarcity—whether it be time, energy, or resources. Yet, this passage reminds us that when we yield what we have to God, He provides in ways we never expected.

The young boy who shared his food teaches us an important lesson about generosity. He had every reason to hold onto his meal, fearing that he would be left with nothing. But he gave freely, and in doing so, he became part of a miracle. In the same way, Lent is a time for us to let go of our fears, to give generously, and to trust that God will meet our needs. We may not always see immediate results, but faith calls us to believe that God is working even in the unseen.

As we journey through this season of sacrifice and renewal, let us remember that God is not asking for what we don’t have—He asks us to bring what we do have and trust Him with it. Whether it’s our time, our talents, or our struggles, He can transform them into something greater than we could imagine. This Lent, may we yield to His will, share what we have, and trust in His divine sufficiency.

***The Prayer:***

Heavenly Father, help us to trust in Your provision and surrender what little we have into Your hands. Teach us to be generous, knowing that You are the source of all abundance. May this Lenten season deepen our faith and open our hearts to Your miraculous work in our lives. Amen.

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