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HOW GREAT IS YOUR FAITH

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In John 6 we see our Lord and His disciples along with a multitude on the side of Sea of Galilee.

Jesus asked His disciples what the multitude was going to eat knowing full well what He was to do. Philip indicated that even with a little over one-half year's wages it would not be enough to feed the multitude estimated at 15-20 thousand people. Andrew observed a young lad had five loaves of barley and two fish, but that would not feed many.

Our Lord had them sit down and, after blessing the food, distributed this to all. The remnants amount to 12 baskets.

The disciples went to the sea and the entered a boat. Jesus went further in the mountain and prayed alone. One must remember that at *least four of the disciples were accomplished fishermen and had been in rough waters on the sea. Yet, a storm arose and all were fearful. While it is only conjecture, perhaps each apostle had a basket since there were twelve baskets and twelve apostles..*

We tend to rebuke them for their lack of faith, but what about us when we cannot control things. Perhaps we have health issues or do not have work and mounting bills and are now sure how to cope. Do we trust Matthew 6:33 or do we only preach this when times are good?

I Cor. 10:12 tells us that God will not allow us to be tempted beyond our ability to withstand, but we might be tested. The next verse tells us that we can overcome and that we are not unique when it comes to temptation. Each victory of temptation is a gain in our faith in the Lord!

My challenge to you this week is to "go out of your comfort zone" and do something that will require faith and commitment in a way you have never done before. Perhaps asking a friend to have a Bible study with you. Perhaps talking with a erring member and encouraging him or her to come back. Perhaps having a Bible study at home and setting a time to do this regularly while unplugging or turning off the phone, TV and other electronic devices. How great is your faith?

You are loved!