

“LIVING FULFILLED”

Pay It Forward ... Share Your Blessing

John 6:8-14

John 6:11; *Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.*

Introduction: *John records a crowd following Jesus because of the miracles they had witnessed. Jesus placed the blessing in the hands of His disciples before it reached the people. God uses ordinary people to share His blessings and meet the needs of others.*

Central Focus: *God blesses believers to be a blessing to others. Fulfilled living recognizes Christ has already provided more than we need.*

(1). Supplied By Christ: *Jesus is the source of every blessing and provider of every need. What Jesus supplies is sufficient to accomplish His purpose and bless His people. **But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19***

(2). Served By Disciples: *God uses believers as vessels to serve others and distribute the blessings He provides. Learn to serve without fear of lack because God's provisions never run out. **Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. Luke 6:38***

(3). Shared With Others: *Paying it forward begins with a willingness to serve others and share God's blessings. When we share what Christ has provided, others experience His love and provisions. **Do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16***

Conclusion: *Jesus supplied the miracle, the disciples served the blessing, and the people received the blessing. Fulfilled living means recognizing what Christ has provided and being willing to share it with others.*

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What does it mean to pay it forward? How and why do we share blessings with others? Paying it forward means sharing with others what God has first shared with us. Every blessing we receive is an opportunity to be a blessing to someone else. Jesus did not keep the miracle in His hands; He placed it in the hands of His disciples so it could reach the people. In the same way, God often works through believers to meet the needs of others. Paying it forward requires a willing heart, a servant's spirit, and trusting in God's provisions. When we freely share our time, gifts, resources, and encouragement, we become vessels of God's love. The blessings God provides were never meant to stop with us.

Sharing your blessings begin with recognizing that what God has placed in your hands has value. Some blessings are visible, while others come through wisdom, kindness, encouragement and faith. God often uses ordinary acts of generosity to make an extraordinary difference in the lives of others. Sharing your blessing is not about the size of the gift but the willingness of the heart. Our blessing strengthen families, encourage friends, or inspire others to trust God. Today, let us be encouraged to pay it forward by serving others with the generosity Christ has shown us. We will all make a difference when we Share Your Blessing. Yes and Amen!

.... Share Your Blessing

- *Paying it forward is allowing God's blessings to flow through us so others can experience His goodness. God opens doors for believers to make a positive impact on others.*
- *Some of the greatest blessings are not material but spiritual. A word of encouragement, a prayer, or a faithful example can influence someone long after the moment has passed.*

Enhance Your Faith, Set Boundaries

SNAPSHOT
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Who: *Jesus, His disciples, a young boy with a small lunch, and a large crowd.*

What: *Jesus multiplied a small lunch, fed thousands, and used His disciples to distribute the blessing.*

When: *During Jesus' public ministry as large crowds followed Him because of His miracles.*

Where: *On a mountainside near the Sea of Galilee.*

Why: *To meet the needs of the people and reveal that God can do much with what is placed in His hands.*

How: *Jesus gave thanks to His Father, blessed the food, gave it to His disciples, and the disciples shared it with the people.*

THE STORY

A large crowd followed Jesus because of the miracles they had witnessed. As the day progressed, Jesus chose to provide for the people in a miraculous way. What appeared to be a small lunch was more than enough once it was placed in the hands of Christ. After giving thanks, Jesus distributed the blessing to His disciples, and the disciples shared it with the crowd.

The miracle reminds us that God often chooses to work through ordinary people to accomplish extraordinary things. As believers faithfully serve and share what Christ provides, the needs of others are met and God receives the glory.

REFLECTION / APPLICATION

God has placed something valuable in the hands of every believer. Like the disciples, we are called to be faithful stewards of what Christ has provided rather than keeping it to ourselves. This week, consider how God may be calling you to serve, encourage, support, or help someone else. Look for opportunities to be a blessing and trust God to supply what is needed. When believers willingly share what Christ has provided, lives are impacted and God is glorified. Pay it forward and share your blessing.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for every blessing You have provided through Jesus Christ. Help us to recognize that all we have comes from You and is given according to Your purpose. Give us grateful hearts that trust Your provisions and remain faithful to Your will.

Lord, teach us to pay it forward by serving others with love, kindness, and generosity. Help us to share your blessing with a willing spirit, knowing that Your provision never runs out. Use our lives to encourage others, meet needs, and bring glory to Your name. In Jesus' Name, Yes and AMEN.

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