



THE LOAVES AND FISHES PRINCIPLE*

Though there is a gap between what children need and parental capacities, there is no excuse for carelessness or indifference.

When Jesus stared at a hungry crowd of five thousand people and asked his disciples to feed them, they brought before him in their perplexity five loaves of barley and two small fish, rightly commenting, “But what are they among so many?” The crowd was vast and it clamored for food. Jesus demanded the need be met. It is the same with your children. Their need is great. Your capacity to meet it inadequate.

You must not lament all you lack but must bring what you have to Jesus. It is his job to multiply the bread and the fish. Yours, while recognizing that your offering falls short of what is needed, is to give it to Him anyway. Bring what you have and give it to your children. You may seem to be getting nowhere, but the responsibility is now Christ’s. You may be surprised how far he will make your little offering go to satisfy your hungry children.

Now the *God of hope*
fill you with all *joy*
and *peace* in believing,
that ye may abound in *hope*,
through the *power of the Holy Ghost*.

Romans 15:13

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peace.

it does not mean to be in a place where there is no noise, trouble or hard work. it means to be in the midst of those things and still be calm in your heart.

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