

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 8 11-26



Let them give thanks to the Lord for his goodness
and the wonders he does for his children.
For he satisfies the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with good.
Psalm 107:8-9

Praising:

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
bread of heaven, bread of heaven
feed me now and evermore,
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Reading:

Mark 8:11-26
Signs and yeast

Jesus mourns the Pharisees' demand that he would deliver a sign from heaven 'on demand'. When the disciples realise they have sailed without bread, Jesus warns them against the Pharisees' tendency of asking for a sign. But the disciples can't see beyond the possibility of doing without their next meal. Most of us struggle to see farther than our own next domestic obstacle.

However bountiful God's provision has been in the past, we worry and fret that this time, for some reason, the Lord will come up short. More likely we will come up short – in the trust and faith stakes. The Christian life is not about us always knowing what's round the next corner. It's about us believing that God knows, and that whatever is waiting for us there, God will be with us as we face it.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord, as anxieties and uncertainties gnaw at us, we pray

- that we may leave behind the preoccupations which hold us back from serving you
- that we may see through the comfort and cosiness which block out your call on our lives
- that we may learn to live with less, more simply, freer of all that tries to control us

Father, I want to trust more fully in your plan and purpose for my life. Confirm my nagging doubt that while I may not have all the faith, you have all the grace.
Amen

Doing:

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