

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 8 1-10



Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord
Who gives justice to those who suffer wrong, and bread to those who hunger.
Psalm 146:4, 6

Praising:

Break thou the bread of life,
dear Lord to me,
as thou didst break the loaves
beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page
I seek thee, Lord,
my spirit longs for thee,
O living Word.

Reading:

Mark 8:1-10
The crowd are hungry

There seems to be a spontaneity about the crowds' pursuing of Jesus, such that large numbers of people are left periodically without food and exposed to the elements. Some see this as a re-telling of the feeding of the 5000 rather than a separate but similar miracle. What it underlines, either way, is Christ's concern for the hungry. Every time we hear of

famine or crop failures in the developing world, or of people begging for food or relying on handouts closer to home, the ears of Christ's followers should prick up. Jesus did what it was within his power to do. It's why Churches and Christian charities are often the first to respond when food shortages present themselves. If someone else doesn't have enough, our feeling will always be that the rest of us have simply got too much.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord hear our prayer for the hungry

- those on the breadline, unsure every day where the next meal is coming from
- those lands where infrastructure and corruption leave some bellies full and others empty
- those in our own community who depend on food-banks and handouts even for basics

Father, as I eat my daily bread, remind me of the ones with whom I would be glad to share it. And then show me ways of doing just that. Amen

Doing:

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