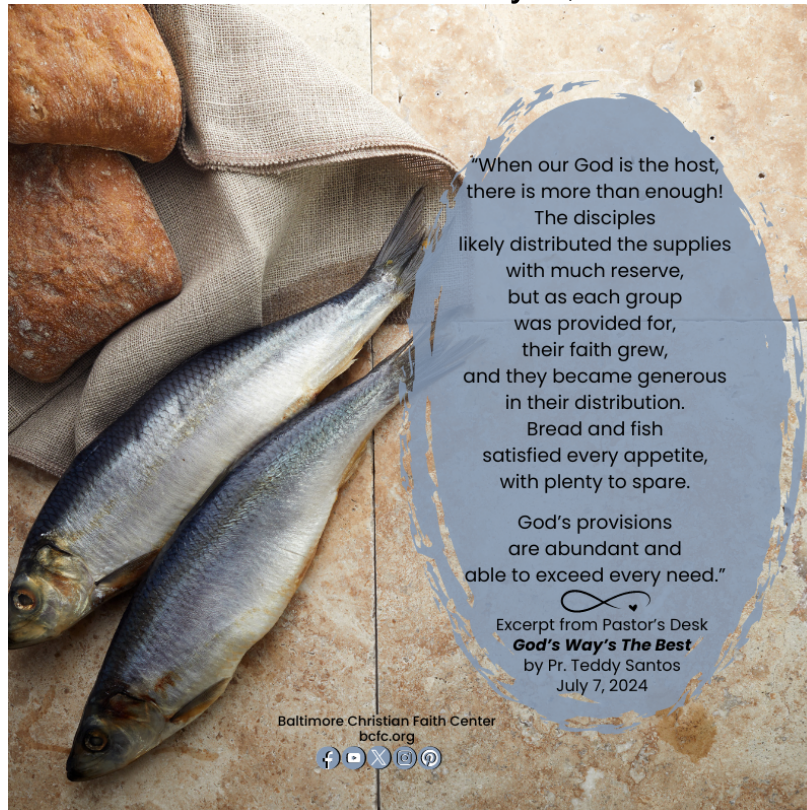


God's Way's The Best

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Matthew 14:20 “So they all ate and were filled, and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained.”

When our God is the host, there is more than enough! The disciples likely distributed the supplies with much reserve, but as each group was provided for, their faith grew, and they became generous in their distribution. Bread and fish satisfied every appetite, with plenty to spare. God's provisions are abundant and able to exceed every need.

This remarkable story offers valuable lessons. All things are to be done decently and orderly. The crowd was made to sit in groups of fifty, with no pushing or crowding allowed. This emphasis on orderliness and respect for each other, even in a large crowd, is a significant lesson from this story.

Every meal should start with expressing gratitude. **Matthew 14:19**: “...and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitudes.” The holy custom of giving thanks for our meals should never fade away from our Christian homes.

We may expect more than the bare necessities of life from our gracious God, “**who gives us richly all things to enjoy.**” **1 Timothy 6:17**. He provides not only bread but also fish, luxuries, and necessities. We enjoy many things in life that are not essential - like music and art, flowers and fruit, sunrise and sunset. Remember **Matthew 7:11**: “If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!”

At His service,
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