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(Lec. 112)

- 1) Isaiah 55:1-3
- 2) Romans 8:35, 37-39
- 3) Matthew 14:13-21

Gospel related: CCC 1329, 1335

**18TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME A****Do worldly Goods ever really satisfy us?**

Today's readings remind me of a story I read recently of an guy who goes to a local diner every day for lunch and always orders the soup of the day.

One day the gentleman asks for a little more bread. So the next day the manager tells the waitress to give him four slices of bread instead of just two. But once again the gentleman man asks for more bread.

This goes on day after day with the gentleman asking for more and more bread until the manager, determined to satisfy this man, goes to the bakery and orders a six foot long loaf of bread

When the man comes in as usual the next day the waitress and the manager cut the loaf in half and buttered the entire length of each half and lay it along the counter, right next to his bowl of soup.

The old man sits down and devours both the soup and the bread.

The manager now thinks he will get the answer he is looking for, so when the man comes up to pay for his meal the manager asks, "**How was your meal today sir?**"

The fellow replies, without hesitation:

"OH, IT WAS GOOD AS USUAL, BUT I SEE YOU ARE BACK TO GIVING ONLY 2 SLICES OF BREAD."

Funny though this sounds isn't this a lot like what we all experience with worldly goods?

Many of us struggle to balance the demands in our life. How often have each of us obtained the new car, the new house sparkling and clean and new only to find that within a relatively short time that new item begins to age, deteriorate and no longer satisfies us.

What are we hungry for?

What do we thirst for?

What are our deepest needs?

The Lord tells us, come to the water! Drink and eat without cost. Receive Christ, whose love for you is stronger than death – stronger than present or future things, stronger than powers or any other creature.

If God is truly calling us to be his disciples and to care for others, to participate in the work God is doing in the world, then

He also desires to give us everything we need to do so.

This means we must try to reject the urge to be constantly striving for more of what the world has to offer and instead root all our efforts in the truth that we are, first and foremost, infinitely loved. Loved by our God! What more do we need.

We do not have to earn this love by doing more or better. Jesus tells us we do not have to spend *money for what is not bread; wages for what fails to satisfy.*

We need only to rely on the Lord; listen to him; heed his voice that we *may have life* and be renewed with the *everlasting covenant.*

This heavenly gift doesn't deteriorate, this doesn't get old, this is why we are here and what we are called to strive for.

As we approach the Eucharist today, the fulfillment of the covenant, let us bring our needs and our hunger to Christ. Asking not so much for the physical things that are finite; but seeking the renewal Christ offers us in the bread of life.

As Disciples of Christ we must open our hearts to be nourished by his love so that we can feed those he calls us to serve.