

SERVANT KING | A LEADER WORTH FOLLOWING
THE BLESSING OF BEING IN NEED: GOD'S SERVANT FEEDS FAITH
Mark 6:30-56
5.4.25

More often than not with God, less truly is more

Three lessons Jesus' followers can learn from being in need:

#1 NEEDING REST: BUSYNESS TEACHES US TO RELY ON GOD'S INTENTIONAL INTERMISSIONS (6:30-33)

Scene I: The Rest Jesus Commands — *Three refreshments of God's intentional intermissions to welcome when busy:*

#1 **Joy over work done well** – *It's good to get tired for God and then use rest as an occasion to take our eyes off the ever-undone work ahead to look back and celebrate how far he's brought us. Our need for rest doesn't necessarily mean something is wrong; it's a sign of health especially as work & ministry thrive (30)*

#2 **Peace from work's demands** – *Abandon your attempts to 'conquer' work. Our need for rest in this life will never be eliminated entirely; if you delay rest until every box is checked, it will never come (31-32)*

#3 **Strength for the work ahead** – *Rest for a reason. Our need for rest shouldn't drive us to a final retirement from work, but a fresh rejuvenation for it. Rest readies us for what's to come (33)*

#2 NEEDING REPLENISHMENT: EMPTINESS TEACHES US TO RELY ON HIS AMPLE PROVISIONS (6:34-44)

Scene II: The Replenishment Jesus Provides — *Five resources God so amply provides; we never leave him empty:*

#1 **Actual compassion** – *Don't be afraid to go to God in your emptiness; because he actually cares. Our need for replenishment arouses His compassion. God fills the empty hands & hearts opened to him (34a)*

#2 **Spiritual instruction** – *Refuse to settle. Our need for replenishment is both physical & spiritual (34b)*

#3 **Physical care** – *Don't lose sight of what's beyond the immediate need. Our need for replenishment provides opportunities for engagement & development we may otherwise miss (35-37)*

#4 **Simple commands** – *Start with what you can do and watch God work. Our need for replenishment moves real faith to take simple actions and leave the rest up to God (38-41)*

#5 **Remarkable confirmations** – *Expect big things & pay attention. Our need for replenishment is well within God's power. He loves to provide more than enough to make a point. (42-44)*

#3 NEEDING RESCUE: WEARINESS TEACHES US TO RELY ON HIS POWERFUL INTERVENTIONS (6:45-56)

Scenes III & IV: The Rescue Jesus Offers — *Two lifelines for the weary in need of God's powerful intervention:*

#1 **His purpose for us in our striving while we await intervention** – *Be a good student. Physical striving can teach spiritual lessons. Our need for rescue can be instantly solved, but that's not often best for us (45-52)*

#2 **His power to deliver us from what our striving never could** – *Don't solve your problems to get to Jesus, go to Jesus to solve your problems. Hanging on by a thread is actually the most secure place to be when that fringe is connected to the robe of Christ. Our need for rescue shows we're weak, not him. (53-56)*