

FEEDING THE 5000

the story




LOTS OF PEOPLE CAME TO HEAR JESUS SPEAK ABOUT GOD. JESUS FELT LOVE FOR THESE PEOPLE BECAUSE HE KNEW THEY NEEDED A TEACHER AND SOMEONE TO BELIEVE IN. HE KNEW THAT THE DISCIPLES WOULD UNDERSTAND, SO HE BEGAN TEACHING THE LARGE CROWD MANY THINGS. IT WAS STARTING TO GET LATE IN THE DAY AND NONE OF THE PEOPLE HAD ANYTHING TO EAT. THE DISCIPLES CAME TO JESUS AND SAID, "THERE IS NO FOOD AROUND HERE AND IT'S ALREADY GETTING LATE. MAYBE WE SHOULD SEND THE PEOPLE AWAY SO THEY CAN GO AND GET THEMSELVES SOMETHING TO EAT." BUT JESUS REPLIED, "YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT." THE DISCIPLES DIDN'T THINK THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD JESUS RIGHT AND SAID, "WE CAN'T FEED ALL THESE PEOPLE, WE WOULD HAVE TO WORK ALMOST A YEAR TO PAY FOR ALL THE FOOD!" ONE OF THE DISCIPLES SAID "HERE IS A BOY WITH FIVE SMALL LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO SMALL FISH, BUT HOW FAR WILL THEY GO AMONG SO MANY PEOPLE?" JESUS SMILED AND SAID, "ASK EVERYONE TO SIT DOWN." THERE WAS LOTS OF GRASS TO SIT ON SO EVERYONE WAS SEATED - ALL FIVE THOUSAND OF THEM. AFTER EVERYONE WAS SEATED, JESUS TOOK THE LOAVES OF BREAD AND THANKED GOD FOR IT. THEN THE DISCIPLES PASSED AROUND THE BREAD AND EVERYONE COULD TAKE AS MUCH AS THEY WANTED. HE DID THE SAME WITH THE FISH. THESE WERE FIVE SMALL LOAVES OF BREAD AND TWO SMALL FISH, ONLY ENOUGH FOR A BOY TO EAT. THERE WERE MORE THAN FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE ALL EATING FROM THIS BOY'S SMALL LUNCH, AND THEY COULD EAT AS MUCH AS THEY WANTED. AFTER EVERYONE WAS FULL, JESUS ASKED THE DISCIPLES TO GATHER ALL THE FOOD THAT WAS LEFTOVER SO NOTHING WOULD BE WASTED. AFTER THEY GATHERED ALL THE BASKETS OF FOOD, THEY COUNTED THEM UP. THERE WERE TWELVE BASKETS STILL FULL OF SOME BREAD AND FISH FROM THE LITTLE BOY'S SMALL LUNCH. HIS SMALL LUNCH PROBABLY BARELY FILLED ONE OF THE BASKETS BEFORE JESUS TOUCHED IT, AND THAT IS A MIRACLE! AFTER THE PEOPLE REALIZED WHAT HAD HAPPENED, THEY SAID TO EACH OTHER, "THIS MUST BE AN IMPORTANT PERSON SENT FROM GOD." HE WAS MUCH MORE THAN THAT!

INTERESTING FACT - THE MIRACLE DIDN'T HAPPEN IN THE HANDS OF JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES AS THEY WOULD HAVE DISAPPEARED UNDERNEATH A MOUNTAIN OF BREAD AND FISH. IT HAPPENED AS PEOPLE GAVE THANKS AND SHARED.



Recipe



IN THE TIME OF THIS STORY, THE BREAD WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE LIKE A FLATBREAD. WHY NOT TRY MAKING SOME FLATBREADS AT HOME? HERE IS A REALLY SIMPLE RECIPE YOU CAN USE. IT ONLY HAS THREE INGREDIENTS...

START BY MIXING 300G OF SELF RAISING FLOUR WITH 300G OF NATURAL GREEK YOGHURT (MAKE SURE IT'S NOT FLAVOURED, YOU DON'T WANT STRAWBERRY FLATBREADS!)

ADD A TEASPOON OF BAKING POWDER AND MIX TOGETHER TILL THE MIXTURE FORMS A STICKY DOUGH.

NOW GET A FRYING PAN ON THE HOB AND ADD OLIVE OIL. YOU NEED THE PAN QUITE HOT SO BE VERY CAREFUL

MAKE SMALL PATTIES WITH THE DOUGH AND POP THEM IN THE PAN UNTIL GOLDEN BROWN ON EACH SIDE.

THAT'S IT.



WHY NOT TAKE YOUR HOMEMADE FLATBREADS AND HAVE A PICNIC SOMEWHERE NEAR? GRAB A PICNIC BLANKET AND A BASKET AND FILL IT WITH YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINKS. YOU COULD TAKE YOUR PICNIC TO THE GARDEN OR ON A WALK IN THE COUNTRY.

let's pray

DEAR GOD - WE THANK YOU THAT YOU ARE A GOD THAT CAN DO IMPOSSIBLE THINGS. HELP US TO SEE YOUR MIRACLES IN OUR LIVES EVERY DAY.

AMEN

