

John 21:13 (NLT2)

Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish.

The Gospel of John is my favorite gospel, and as I was finishing up reading through it from the NLT version. I read today's verse which says, "*Then Jesus served them the bread and the fish.*" And when I did, it spoke volumes to me, because when you read it from the NKJV it says.

† **John 21:13** *Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.*

And when you read both versions, they both say the same thing, just a little different. But reading it from the NLT, four words jumped out to me, which are,

† "*Then Jesus served them.*"

Which when you stop and think about it, going back just a few chapters earlier, we read of all that Jesus went through, with the beatings and scourging and the mocking and being nailed to the cross. Then being separated from God for the first time in all eternity. Then He (Jesus) breathed His last and died for all of our sins. But three days later JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD. So, what is one of the first things we read about Jesus doing after all He went through on the cross for us?

† "*Then Jesus served them.*"

WOW!!!

Stop and think about that for a moment. Our Savior, our King, our God went through all of that and still He served others. He could have said, "Okay guys, I went through all those things for you while I was on the cross, now make Me breakfast and serve Me." But He didn't rather He lived what He taught the disciples during the Passover meal (The Last Supper).

† **John 13:12-15** *So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you."*

Jesus is once again showing them, and us too, that we should always have a servant's heart, regardless of how many things the Lord has used us to do in our ministry. I serve on the worship team, and I teach these devotionals every day, but just because I do does not mean that I shouldn't help out and serve others as well. Just because Jesus has given you great things to do

also, doesn't mean you no longer have to serve others or help others out. Because if our Lord and Savior has done it, then we should do it even more.

But how many times have we felt the Lord calling us to serve, and what do we do? We whine complain and even ignore His calling. We think or say things like, "*It's the weekend and I just want to sleep in*", or "*I don't feel like doing that*", or even to the point of, "*they have plenty of help, they don't need me to help too*" (Which is a real lame excuse).

No, we say we want to be like our Savior Jesus, then let's start out doing what He did, and that was serving others just as He served us. Jesus died serving others and rose from the dead serving others.

- † **John 13:15** *For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.*
- † **Galatians 5:13 (NLT2)** *For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love.*
- † **1 Peter 4:10 (NLT2)** *God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.*