

## Mark 8:8

*So they ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets of leftover fragments.*

*Just because you don't see the Lord doing, doesn't mean He's not.*

That may be a no duh statement for some of you, or it may be an eye opening statement for others. In our fast paced world we tend to want things done here and now, where we can order something online and have it delivered the same day, or even within the same hour. We can even order our groceries online and go pick them up the same day at the store or even have them delivered to us.

Think about that for a minute, when you order your groceries online, do you sit and wonder, "Are they pulling my stuff right now, and will they get my order right?" No, you don't worry about it, because you trust the store you are buying from to get you what you ordered, and for it to be available at the time you scheduled to pick it up, because if you had to worry about it, then you wouldn't even order from that store.

Yet how many times have we prayed about something, good things like money to pay rent or to buy groceries or pay bills, etc. But then sit there and wonder if God is doing anything about it? And if you don't think He is, will you go to some other means to get what you want or need?

Think of today's devotional verse. First off, the people did not ask for Jesus to feed them, yet He did anyway, because that is what God does, He provides for us all the time. It's just that we are so used to seeing it, we tend to forget that the Lord is doing it.

But Jesus saw the need without anyone saying anything to Him, including the disciples.

✠ **Mark 8:2-3** *I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And if I send them away hungry to their own houses, they will faint on the way; for some of them have come from afar.*

And if you read on in the story here in Mark, this is where Jesus fed 4,000 with a few loaves of bread (about the size of a biscuit) and a few little fishes. But in today's verse it says that, "**they ate and were filled**" and the people had no idea that the Lord did this. All they knew is that He provided a meal for them. But it doesn't say that the people knew how little there was, and that it took a miracle for them all to eat. But then Jesus was using it as a learning experience for the disciples.

But once again the people didn't know. Sure they may have all walked away and thanked Jesus for the free meal after they were fed. But they had no idea how He provided that meal for them. So many times we thank the Lord, which is a great thing to do, but also so many times we don't realize what the Lord did to get us what we are thankful for.

I am looking for a new job, and I am so thankful that the Lord will provide that new job for me at the right time. But what does He have to do to get me this job? What things have to fall into place so that the position would be available? I really don't know, but what I do know is that it will be from the Lord, and I am thankful for His provision even before He provides it for me.

So, the next time you don't feel that the Lord is doing in your life simply because you can't see Him doing, remember the key to that phrase is that, "**the Lord is doing!!!**"

† **Isaiah 41:20 (NLT2)** *I am doing this so all who see this miracle will understand what it means— that it is the LORD who has done this, the Holy One of Israel who created it.*

† **Psalm 25:14** *The secret of the LORD is with those who fear Him, And He will show them His covenant.*