

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Break Thou the bread of life, Dear Lord to me, As Thou didst break the loaves besides the sea; Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee Lord; My spirit pants for Thee O living Word! Bless Thou the truth , dear Lord, to me, to me, As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee; Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall; And I shall find my peace, my all-in-all.

Mary Artemisia Lathbury (1841-1913)

But when Jesus heard this (the death of John the Baptist), he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, *because they were like sheep without a shepherd. **And he welcomed them and spoke to them of the kingdom of God and cured those who had needed healing. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him said,"This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the village and buy food for themselves." (***Jesus said to Philip, "where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.) But Jesus said , " They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish."And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Matthew 14 : 13 – 21 and *Mark 6 : 34b; **Luke 9 : 11; ***John 6 : 5b – 6

The Bread of Life: The Source

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:4

The Bread of Life: Believers'Bulwark

"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

2 Timothy 3 : 16,17

Every Word Comes from the Mouth of God Is Perfect

"Every word of God proves true (flawless); He is a shield to those who take refuge in him. Do not add to his words lest he rebuke you and you be found a liar."

Proverbs 30 : 5, 6

Point-of-View, Movement, and Mission

"We hope to be a voice of a movement of people who have considered his (Jesus's) story and found it deeply and personally transformational. For some, it has been a religious experience, and for others, it's simply a call to love others better. No matter what your response is to his story, we encourage you to explore from a new perspective." *He Gets Us, 2023*

"I am an Episcopalian who was raised and educated in the faith, and I would be disheartened if my own children-were to turn away from the church in which they have grown up. I am, however, in no sense an evangelical, for I do not share the view that faith in Jesus is the only route to salvation, nor am I determined to convert others to my point of view."

From The Hope of Glory by Jon Meacham, Historian.

Jesus said to him (Thomas), "I am the way, and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." *John 14: 6*

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes --. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as a written, 'The righteous shall live by faith'." Romans 1; 16, 17

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Matthew 28: 19, 20