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Giving Thanks!

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Matthew 14:18-21 ¹⁸“Bring them here to Me,” Jesus said. ¹⁹And He directed the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, **He spoke a blessing**. Then He broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹About five thousand men were fed, in addition to women and children. (BSB)

- This blessing is at the feeding of the **five thousand**.
- It was **before** they ate.
- **God** blessed it!

Matthew 15:33-38 ³³The disciples replied, “Where in this desolate place could we find enough bread to feed such a large crowd?” ³⁴“How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.” ³⁵And He instructed the crowd to sit down on the ground. ³⁶Taking the seven loaves and the fish, **He gave thanks** and broke them. Then He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ³⁷They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ³⁸A total of four thousand men were fed, in addition to women and children. (BSB)

- This blessing was at the feeding of the **four thousand**.
- This was also **before** they ate.
- **God** blessed it!

Matthew 26:26-29 ²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, **spoke a blessing** and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is My body.” ²⁷Then He took the cup, **gave thanks**, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in My Father’s kingdom.” (BSB)

- This was a part of the **Last Supper**.
- It was in the **middle** of the meal.
- **God** blessed it!

I Corinthians 11:23-25 ²³For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread, ²⁴and when He

had ***given thanks***, He broke it and said, “This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.” ²⁵***In the same way***, after supper He took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” (BSB)

- This was how the early church celebrated the **Last Supper**.
- We are to do this in **remembrance** of Him.
- **God** blessed it!

How can we apply these truths to our life.

- We should practice making blessing and thanksgiving a part of our **daily** life.
- Praying before we eat is a **witness** as to who we are.
- There is **power** in blessing and thanksgiving.
- **God** will bless us!