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 TWELVE BASKETS
 TWO FISH



(Not just another fish story!)

JESUS FEEDS 5000 PART THREE

By Paul Dallgas-Frey

You won't believe it!"

"It was AMAZING!" Peter said to Jesus.

Peter was one of the twelve followers Jesus had chosen to help him tell the world about God's incredible love. Jesus called them his disciples.

There was nothing special about these guys. They weren't the smartest in their class - they probably didn't even GO to class. Ever. They weren't the biggest or the strongest.

They weren't star athletes, or ruggedly handsome, or movie stars (of course, they didn't HAVE movie stars back then. That was mostly because they didn't have movies!)

No, these guys were just ordinary, most likely smelly most of the time, fishermen.

What made them special was being with Jesus. It's always that way. God takes the ordinary, and makes it extraordinary!

Anyway, a few days before, Jesus had sent the twelve of them out into the nearby villages to heal the sick and to tell the good news that the kingdom of God was near.

"We could hardly believe our eyes!" Peter said. "People came to us who were sick - and we made them well!"

I think sometimes the disciples forgot just who Jesus was.

Of course they could do what Jesus sent them to do!

Jesus had filled them with his power. He wouldn't send them out to do something without giving them the power to do it, would he?

But you can't go around healing the sick without people starting to follow you - especially the ones who all of a sudden can see and walk!

So now a huge crowd was following Jesus and his disciples. They were all hoping to see more miracles.

But Jesus and his disciples were tired. They really needed to get away and get some rest.

They tried to get away in a boat. But it was no good. The crowd of people just ran along the shore after them.

Finally, Jesus got out of the boat and climbed to the top of a hill. He turned around, opened his arms, and welcomed everyone. He knew they were like sheep without a shepherd. And so he began to tell them some more about how much God loved them. And he healed many who were sick.

The crowd around him grew and grew.

Meanwhile, the disciples were getting nervous.

The crowd was very large now, and it was getting past dinner time. And, just like it was for the Israelites in the desert, there wasn't a McDonald's in sight. Well, there wouldn't be for another couple of thousand years. It would be a little too late by then!

"What are we going to do?" the disciples started asking each other.

"Tell these people to go back to their homes," James finally said to Jesus. "They are getting hungry, and there is nothing to eat here."

Well, there WAS one little boy who had five loaves of bread and two fish.

"Oh, oh," the little boy thought. All of a sudden everyone seemed to be looking at him.)

Jesus said to Phillip, "You can feed this great crowd of people!"

"ME?!!!" Phillip said.

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