Matthew 15:32-16:12

"From surface level faith to radical trust"



Feeding of the 4,000 on the Eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee

Responses to Jesus in Matthew 14-15

- Herod-disbelief that Jesus is the Messiah
- The Disciples- At times afraid, yet beginning to realize Jesus is the Son of God.
- Canaanite Woman- trusts Jesus for mercy and healing.
- Crowds- following Jesus for healing, teaching
- Pharisees and Sadducees- hostile to Jesus' claims and out to test him.

How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? <u>Beware</u> of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

Matthew 16:11–12 ESV

1. Radical Trust latches on to God's compassion for the world. [32-39]

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

Matthew 15:32 ESV

Compassion-

--Used in both feedings of the multitudes --Used in Luke 10- parable of the Good Samaritan

--Used in Luke 15- of the Father's compassion for his prodigal son

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread <u>that I</u> <u>will give</u> for the life of the world is my flesh."

John 6:51 ESV

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And he laid his hands on them and went away.

Matthew 19:13-15 ESV

Radical Trust latches on to God;s compassion for the world. [15:32-39]

2. Radical Trust personally recognizes Jesus' authority. [16:1-4]

But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 12:39–40 ESV

3. Radical Trust learns that Jesus' presence is enough- and even more more valuable than temporal concerns [16:5-12] Your boasting is not good. <u>Do you not know</u> that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:6-8 ESV

Jesus is essentially saying:

"Beware of the inner attitudes which prevent you from trusting me." "Look beyond your problem/obstacle; I will bring you through it." "Don't be preoccupied with ; you have me with you." "Don't be worried about you have my unfailing love."