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DO YOU STILL NOT UNDERSTAND?

“Do you not yet understand or comprehend? Are your hearts hardened? Do you have eyes and not see, ears and not hear? And do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many wicker baskets full of fragments you picked up?” They answered him, “Twelve”. “When I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many full baskets of fragments did you pick up?” They answered him, “Seven”. He said to them, “Do you still not understand?” (Mark 8:17-21)

We hear the Lord ask a series of questions, and they’re for all of us. In times of trouble, instead of answering these questions we question Him. We tend to believe only what we can see with our eyes, therefore we tend to have doubts and we start to ask our own series of questions, “God, where are You? Why me? What did I do to deserve this? How can You allow this to happen? Have I not been obedient to You?” We then forget about His love and mercy. Our hearts harden because He allows these misfortunes.

We all have crosses to carry and God challenges us every day. Maybe things go wrong because God wants us to remember Him. He wants to remind us that He is with us and that we must believe in Him even when things are not going our way. We’ve heard about His countless miracles but we still doubt Him. We put our trust and rely on people rather than on Him. We need more convincing rather than believing His word alone. God will protect us and show us the way. Knowing that He will heal and forgive us with His undying love and mercy, we have to learn to surrender everything to Him.

Through these verses we are reminded that God will be there for us in times of need. He will not only satisfy our desires but will give us much more from His overflowing and immeasurable love and mercy for us. Let us find the joy to answer His questions. **Yes, Lord, we understand that You will not fail us. Yes, Lord, we understand that You are our Redeemer. Yes, Lord, we understand that You are our Savior. Yes, Lord, we can see and hear You because You have softened our hearts.**

God’s love and presence dwells within our hearts. We just have to remember that God is loving, generous and forgiving. Have faith, believe and trust that He is always with us. Let us open our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to Him. Then and only then will we understand and comprehend.