

Monday Quotes



Grain

“Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble.”

–John Lewis Submitted by Vernita Kennen, Roseville, MN

Field

“19 Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. 20 And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. 21 And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.” Matthew 14:13-21

Thoughts

Jesus performed a miracle, but one that pointed to the concrete reality of abundance. There was often sufficient food in the land to feed everyone. Today, there is enough food to provide for all the people in the world and many of us are indeed well fed, but millions around the globe go hungry. Dr. Walter Brueggemann in his article, *There's No Excuse for Food Insecurity*, offers several examples of how scripture counters royal regimes that settled for scarcity.

Do some settle for scarcity today because it's easy to let people experiencing hunger slip through the cracks when we don't notice or want to recognize them? Do certain leaders strategically maintain a system of scarcity, sometimes pitting one struggling group against another? Whatever your answer, God calls us to counter status quo notions that we should view hunger as an accepted part of life. This leads us to asking questions about food distribution and public policies, as we participate in and/or donate to food and advocacy ministries.

During this time, when unemployment has soared, we also have witnessed many ministries stepping up out of a sense of abundance. Where have you recognized signs of people acting out of abundance and a belief in the dignity that others and we ourselves have regardless of one's need for nutrition?

Jesus blessed and multiplied the bread. This sort of action could get Jesus in trouble, not only because he shared, but he redefined notions about scarcity versus abundance and who was of value. Happy Monday!

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