

Food for Thought

John 6:1-14





OUR FAMILY FARM:

FERTILIZER PRICES

2021 - \$300,000

2022 - \$800,000

GAS PRICES IN THE FALL OF 2022 - \$21,000 PER MONTH

START PREPARING NOW

God Provides

- **Psalm 145:14-15** - ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
¹⁶ You open your hand;
you satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- **Job 38:41** - Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God for help, and wander about for lack of food?
- **Luke 12:24** - ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

Food for Thought

1. Trust
2. Thankful/Grateful – Give Thanks
3. Generosity

Difficult Times = Opportunity to Serve

- **John 6:1-2** - After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick.

Height Brings Perspective

- **John 6:3** - ³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples.

Follow the Example of Jesus

- **Luke 6:12** - In these days he went out to the mountain to pray, and all night he continued in prayer to God.
- **Matthew 14:23** - And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

The Passover

- **John 6:4** - ⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

Trust

- **John 6:5-7** - ⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little.”

Act on Your Faith

- **Philippians 2:3-4** - ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.
- **Galatians 6:10** - ¹⁰ So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

A Child Leads the Way

- **John 6:8-9** - ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?”

Faith Like a Child

- **Luke 18:17** - Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.”

God Provides for His People

- **Exodus 16:4-8** - ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸ And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.”

Give Thanks

- **John 6:10-11** - ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. ¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.

I Will Give Thanks

- **Psalm 57:9** - I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

Generosity

- **John 6:12-13** - ¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

Where is Your Treasure?

- **Proverbs 11:4** - Riches do not profit in the day of wrath, but righteousness delivers from death.
- **Matthew 6:19-21** - ¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.