



THE LORD'S FLOCK GROWTH DIGEST

PASTORAL GROWTH SERIES

“JESUS BORROWED AND RETURNED”

Borrowing Series, Part 1

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Let us check the contents of our house to find out if there are things that have not been returned to their owner. We wonder if the owner forgot about it or is just waiting for us to return it voluntarily. The Bible clearly states that when something is borrowed, it should be returned or paid back (Prov. 22:7; Ps. 37:21). Jesus Himself borrowed things but returned them in a better condition. Hence, we should have a generous and giving heart when He needs something from us (Deut. 28:12-13).

1. What are the things that Jesus borrowed?

1.1 Loaves and Two Fish

The apostles looked at the time and the place and concluded that Jesus should send the people away (Matthew 14:14-21). But a miracle happened when Jesus borrowed two fish and five loaves from the apostles as recorded in all four Gospels, “Feeding of the 5,000” (Mt. 14:13-21; Mk. 6:31-44; Lk. 9:12-17; Jn. 6:1-14). Jesus taught them a lesson in faith and surrender. When we look at our situation, when we look at the time, at our own needs and prefer to prioritize our own then we will never be able to share something for Jesus. We must not be reluctant to give to Jesus whatever He asks of us temporarily - our time, talents, and treasures. We should honor Him and be thankful that He is using us. If we give what we have to the Lord, He will bless it and give it back so that others will benefit from it (Luke 6:34-35).

1.2 Colt

This was the week when Jesus was going to be crucified and the great Passover Festival was about to begin. The crowd have heard and seen Jesus and was hoping that He would enter the temple as a king on a horse or a chariot. However, He came as a gentle and peaceful king on a colt (Zech. 9:9). Jesus sent the disciples into the unusual to increase their faith (Mk.11:2-10). God wants us to let go of the colt – ourselves, new ideas, untapped resources, and untie our potential for His kingdom. We need to bear the Lord to carry Him and His messages in all corners of the world. God used uncommon things to build our faith in the Lord’s Flock Community. As a result of our obedience to Him, God provided for the construction of the Heritage, the SYFOF, missions, and many more that we declared: “It had to be God.”

Conclusion:

When Jesus borrowed the colt, the colt won. We too will be winners when we allow ourselves to be used by God. We should be obedient to His voice even if it does not make sense (1 Cor.4:10). Indeed, obedience to God brings Him glory; for Him to be glorified in us, our church, and our Lord’s Flock Community.

Reflection:

1. Do you have anything that belongs to another?
2. What is Jesus trying to borrow from you, your time, your talent, your treasure?
3. Do you want to be the colt?

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