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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

HOPE: BELIEVE, LIVE AND GIVE

MONTHLY THEME:

OPEN YOUR MOUTH, DEFEND THE OPPRESSED

GOD CAN DO *the Impossible!*

“The Lord will provide” is the key message that runs across the scripture readings today. The first reading describes the trust that the prophet Elisha has in God as he believes that God will provide enough food for the hundred men gathered at the place. He also knows that not only will there be sufficient food, but the people “will eat and have some left over”.

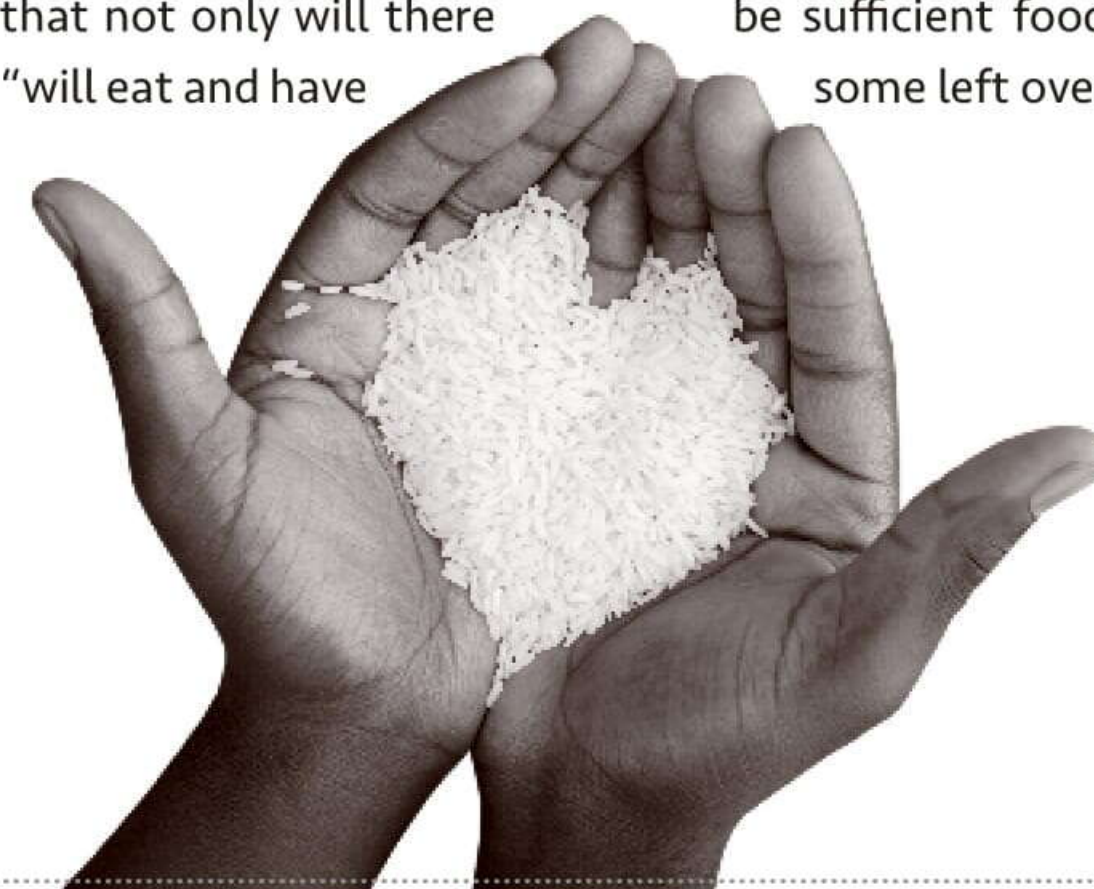


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SCRIPTURE QUOTE
TO MEMORISE:

“The Lord is just in all his ways, and loving in all his deeds.”

(Ps. 145: 17)

In the gospel passage, Jesus feels compassion for the people and wants to feed them. The disciples, however, are not so confident. They point out that they do not have enough money or the food available is not sufficient to feed the more than five thousand people gathered there. Jesus, however, trusts in his Father. He prays and gives thanks to the Father, and miraculously provides food for all the people. And not only was there enough food for everyone, there were leftovers which are collected into twelve baskets.

The followers of Elisha and Jesus did not have the confidence that there will be enough food for those gathered around them. In other words, they lacked trust that God will provide for their needs. This is a natural human response in the face of an “impossible” situation. How do we provide for so many when we do not have enough? But, **with God, there is nothing impossible, if we trust in Him!**

God’s provision for us is not limited only to food or other materials things. It goes beyond these, for God wishes us to have an abundant life (John 10: 10), meaning God wishes to provide for us in all areas of our lives. For those who have experienced loss, or who live through fragments of broken relationships and broken hearts, today Christ says, “you will have enough” and that “nothing will be lost.” He hears the cries of his brothers and sisters. He has borne our suffering and continues to abide with us. He will make all things possible in his time!

Believe that what is impossible for us is indeed possible for God. ✝

SCRIPTURE
of the DAY

2 Kgs. 4: 42-44;

Ps. 144: 10-11.
15-18;

Eph. 4: 1-6;

Jn. 6: 1-15.