

LOANING TO GOD

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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Everything here on earth belongs to Jesus and everything is temporary. Our lives are borrowed from the Lord. The span of our life is 70 years (Psalm 90:10). For those over 70, let us thank God that we are given bonus years. We need to be careful about our borrowed lives because time flies so fast. We have so many things that we can let God borrow. If He uses us, we will receive the greatest honor (1Cor. 4:7) and God will return more abundantly.

1. The Lord borrowed Six Things to accomplish His work:

- 1.1. The **Manger**. Jesus was born in a manger (Luke 2) to show us that the Lord left His divinity and became man in the simplest possible way, not like a King.
- 1.2. A **house**. The Lord had nothing to lay His head on. He used the house to heal the paralytic (Luke 5:17-20).
- 1.3. **Peter's Fishing Boat**. He used the boat as His pulpit when He taught the community (Lk. 5:1-11). When He returned the boat, He rewarded them with a large quantity of fish. Similarly, the Lord has rewarded us (the LF) with 500 "fish" from Tulay ng Kabataan and 300+ SES attendees. On our end, we have a responsibility to God to help these people become obedient followers of Jesus.
- 1.4 **A lad's loaves and fish** (Jn. 6:1-15, Mt. 14:21). Jesus has compassion for the hungry and the sick. The same love we want is the same love God wants us to give to others. God uses ordinary things to work a miracle.
 - Start with what you have. The lad gave the 2 fish and 5 loaves to Jesus. If we give what we have to Him, He will bless and multiply it.
 - Obey what He commands. Jesus said "Don't send them away." We should disciple all who come, teach them the word of God to discover God's will.

- Jesus taught a lesson in faith and surrender to His disciples. As His servants, we are just administrators not creators.

1.5 **A Colt & Foal**. (Mt. 21:2-5; Zech. 9:9). Jesus borrowed a tethered colt to travel to Jerusalem. We, as sinners, are also tied in bondage. Let us not be like horses/mules – stubborn and without understanding (Ps. 32:8-9).

1.6 **A Donkey**. The Messiah was borne by the most humble beast during the Passover Parade. We can also become valuable vessels when we let Jesus borrow us to accomplish mighty things. We will be raised above all and the Lord will give us victory - in health and other aspects of our life.

2. The Rewards of Loaning to Jesus

2.1 Give and gifts will be given back to us, overflowing into our lap (Lk. 6:38; Eph. 3). All areas of our life will lack for nothing and we will have abundance for every good work (2Cor. 9:8).

2.1. The lad saw a miracle of multiplication. The boy didn't lose his lunch, but gained it back many times, with 12 baskets full of "Klasma" (Jn. 6:13).

2.2. If you are a leader and faithful to God, you will be fulfilled to see others starting to follow Jesus.

Conclusion:

God wants people to be saved; but, how can they when there's no one to preach? Let Jesus borrow our time to shepherd the flock (1 Peter 5). And if we do, we will receive the crown of glory (Prov. 27:23-24).

Reflection:

1. Are you willing to lend Him your time, talent and treasure?
2. Are you excited to be used by the Lord to bring the large number of "fish" to be close to the Lord?

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