

DISCOVERING THE
SERVANTHOOD
OF JESUS

DILEMMA AND DELIVERANCE

Introduction:

The world is in a terrible mess. Could it be that God's answer lies dormant in our own hands?

Text: John 6:1-13

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick.

Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples.

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The Jewish Passover Feast was near.

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When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"

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He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

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Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

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OF LIFE

**Another of his disciples, Andrew,
Simon Peter's brother, spoke up,
"Here is a boy with five small barley
loaves and two small fish, but how far
will they go among so many?"**

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Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them.

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

**When they had all had enough to eat,
he said to his disciples, “Gather the
pieces that are left over. Let nothing
be wasted.”**

**So they gathered them and filled
twelve baskets with the pieces of the
five barley loaves left over by those
who had eaten.**

John 6:1-13

Jesus intentionally allowed a
dilemma to develop. God
never delivers except from a
dilemma. Do we see the
dilemma or the Deliverer?

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The multitude couldn't be fed until they had RESOLVED the issue of:

RESOURCE. Only GOD had the resources to meet the overwhelming need of the **MULTITUDE**.

The multitude couldn't be fed until they had RESOLVED the issue of:

OWNERSHIP. R E S O L V I N G T H E

The True **OWNER** of the loaves

and fish was **GOD.** E. S U S

The multitude couldn't be fed until they had RESOLVED the issue of:

TRUST. The boy needed to

TRUST Jesus enough to give up

CONTROL of his lunch.

The multitude couldn't be fed until they had RESOLVED the issue of:

OBEDIENCE. The miracle couldn't take place while the lunch was still in the boy's **HANDS**.

We are all in the position of the boy
with the lunch, who had **LITTLE**,
when the multitude needed **MUCH**,
but while the multitude needed
MUCH, God needed **LITTLE**!

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When the boy handed over his lunch,

Jesus:

TOOK it—we don't have to worry

about whether God will accept the

gifts that come out of our

SACRIFICE.

When the boy handed over his lunch,

Jesus:

BLESSED C O V E R I N G T H E it—we **SANCTIFY**

whatever is put into the hands of

God.

S E R V A N T H O O D
O F J E S U S

When the boy handed over his lunch,

Jesus:

BROKE it—God prefers the

BROKEN to the **WHOLE**.

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When the boy handed over his lunch,

Jesus:

MULTIPLIED it—we worry

about how to **DIVIDE** what is put

into our hands, while God

MULTIPLIES what is put in His!

When the boy handed over his lunch,

Jesus:

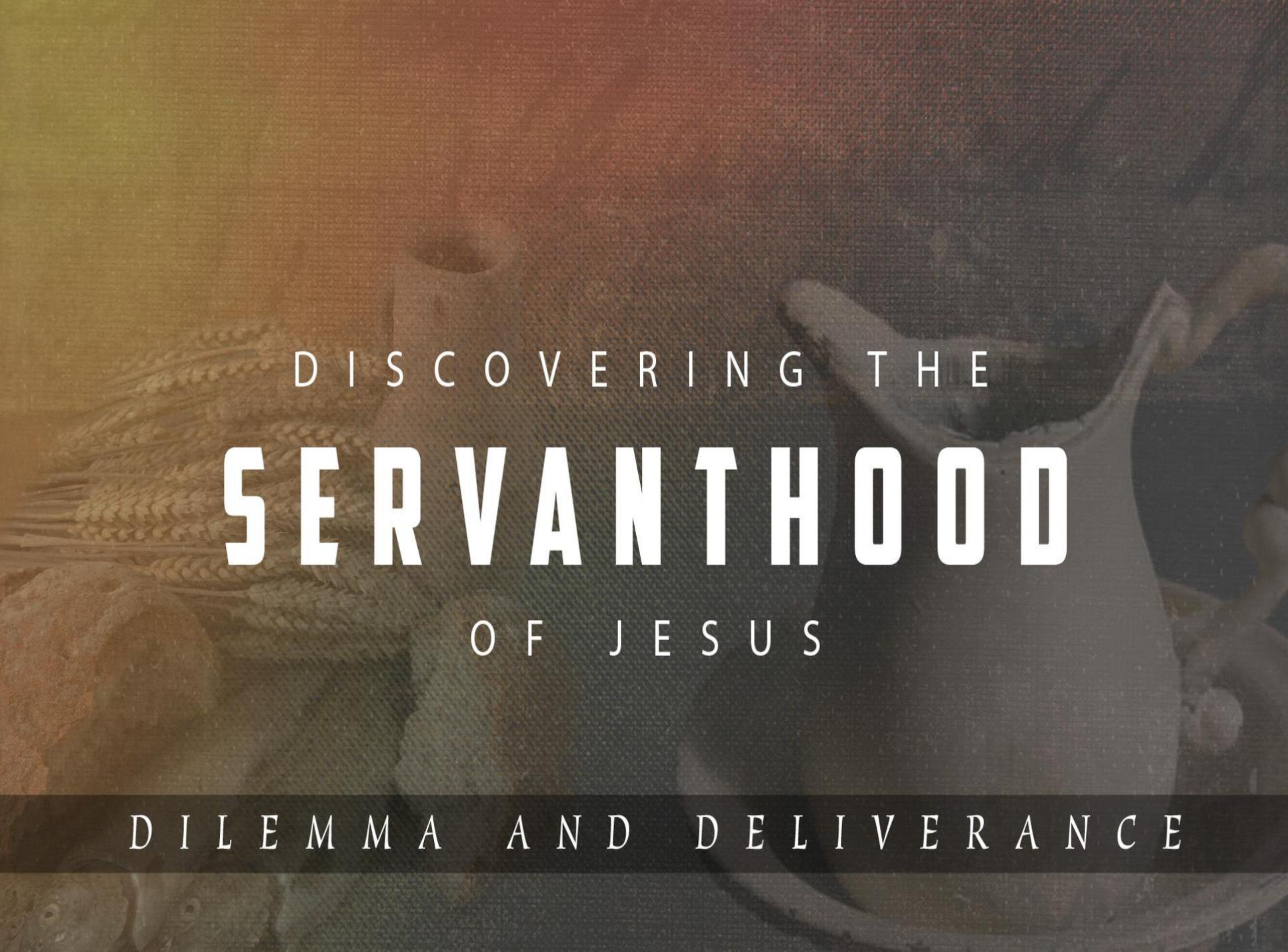
GAVE back more than He

RECEIVED —God doesn't

CONSUME, He **PROVIDES**.

Conclusion:

**Are you willing to
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put yourself and all
SERVANTHOOD
you have into Jesus'
OF JESUS
hands?**



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