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- The **Sermon** is delivered by the pastor:

P Grace, mercy and peace be with you, dear Christian friends. We give all thanks and praise to God on this Thanksgiving. Our forefathers saw the value of citizens taking a pause in their schedules to simply say thanks to God. But saying thanks is something that is hard for us to do sometimes. Saying thanks indicates that someone else is in charge, and that someone is Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the one who makes it possible for us to eat and sleep, to stay healthy and capable, to do work that is pleasing to him, and to grow in our connections with one another and with him.

Where that divine loving providence is shown is at the feeding of the 5000 in the Bible. Mark 6:34 records that as Jesus looked at the waiting and hungry crowd, “he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd.” His compassion and love is what prompted him to provide food for them. Which he did, in a miraculous way, turning five loaves and two fish into enough food to fill not only the stomachs of the 5000 men (not including women and children), but 12 baskets as well. Jesus’ love for the people overflowed into an overabundance.

The overabundance of love God has for us fills us to overflowing, too. We have more food and drink than we need, as Thanksgiving dinners sometimes reveal. We have more clothing and shoes in our closets than what is absolutely necessary. The overflow of gifts extends to those things we cannot see or put a number on. We possess to the full, forgiveness of sins, new life in Christ in our daily living, and everlasting life awaiting us when we die.

One can only imagine what it must have been like to be among the 5000+ people who received just rich and abundant blessing when we needed it the most. They had no food. They had no