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34 When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And he began to teach them many things. 35 And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late. 36 Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

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37 But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?" 38 And he said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." 39 Then he commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.

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From All The Towns

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Sheep Without A Shepherd

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Numbers 27:16-17

15 Moses spoke to the Lord, saying, 16 "Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation 17 who shall go out before them and come in before them, who shall lead them out and bring them in, that the congregation of the Lord may not be as sheep that have no shepherd.

Ezekiel 34:11-12

11 "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

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BLOOM'S TAXONOMY

Create

Use Existing Information to make something new
Invent, Develop, Design, Compose, Generate, Construct

Evaluate

Make judgments based on sound analysis
Assess, Judge, Defend, Prioritize, Critique, Recommend

Analyze

Explore relationships, causes, and connections
Compare, Contrast, Categorize, Organize, Distinguish

Apply

Use existing knowledge in new contexts
Practice, Calculate, Implement, Operate, Use, Illustrate

Understand

Grasp the meaning of something
Explain, Paraphrase, Report, Describe, Summarize

Remember

Retain and recall information
Reiterate, Memorize, Duplicate, Repeat, Identify

5 Loaves, 2 Fish, 1 Dream

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Psalm 23:1-3

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

3 He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.

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“ Mark does not tell us the words that He prayed, but in all probability He prayed the common Jewish prayer for meals at that time: **“Praise be to You, O Lord, our God, King of the world, who makes bread to come forth from the earth and who provides for all that You have created.”** It was a prayer praising the providence of God. Then Jesus blessed and broke the loaves, and gave the pieces to His disciples with the fish. By His supernatural power, the meager bits of food were multiplied. Everyone ate and was satisfied, then twelve baskets of leftovers were gathered.

Isaiah 55:1-3

Come, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and he who has no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.

2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,

Isaiah 55:1-3

and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;

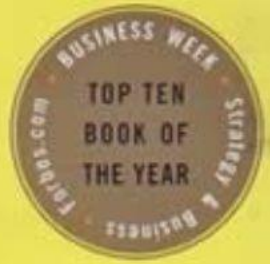
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

The Question for Us

Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?



"Everything was better back when everything was worse."



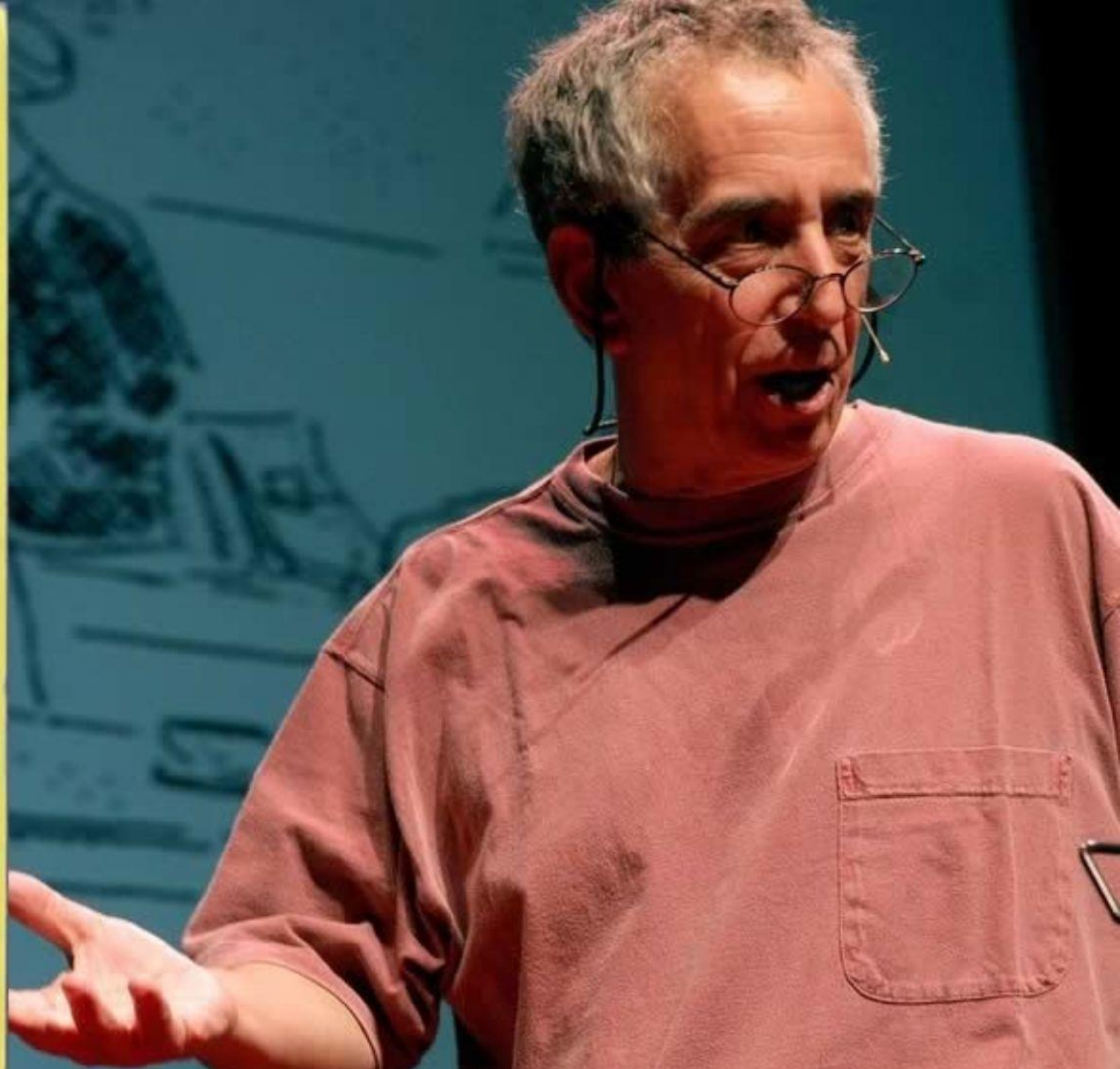
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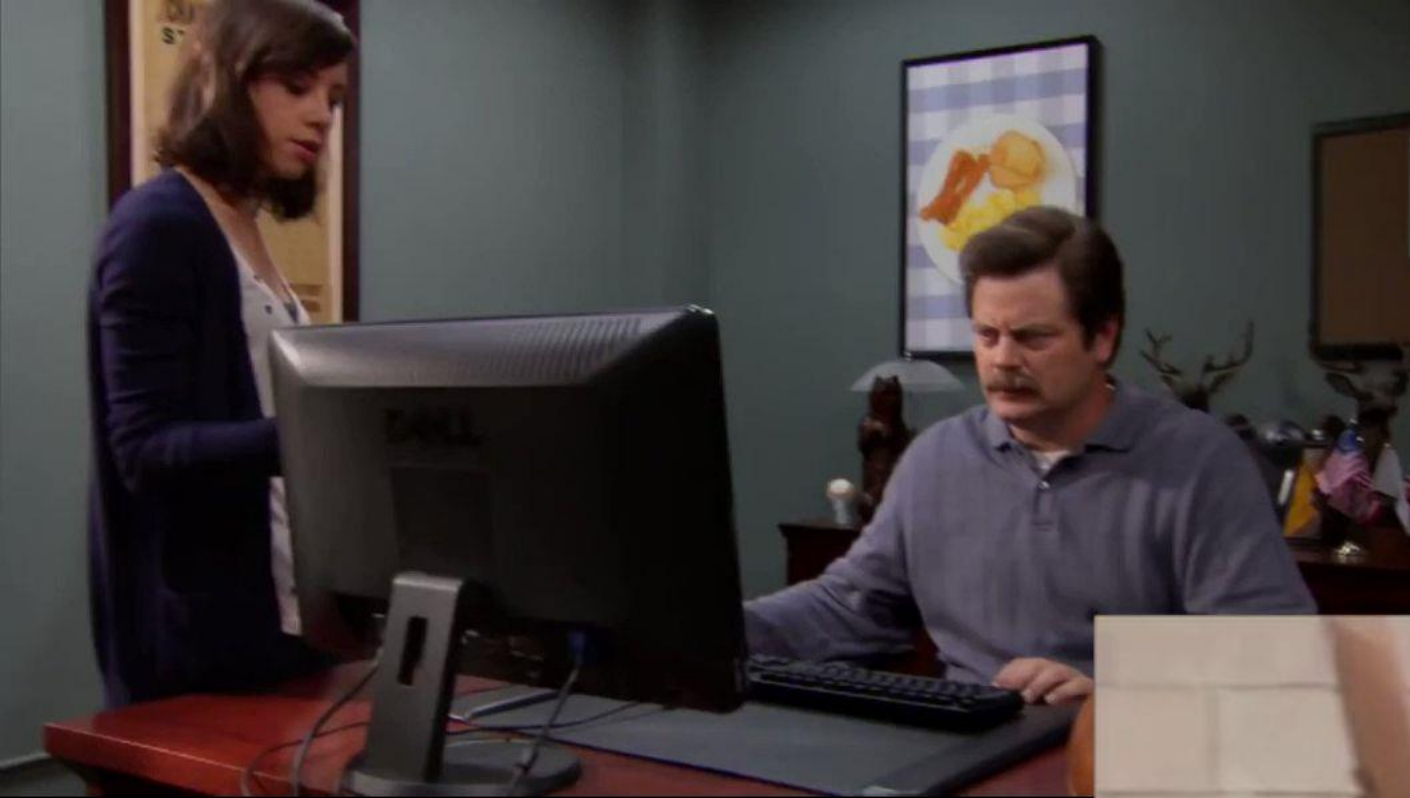
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HEDONIC TREADMILL:

The tendency to return to our baseline level of happiness — regardless of major positive or negative experiences





Hedonic Treadmill for Us

- "I Compare, Therefore I Am"
- "I'll Do Anything For My Kids"
- "Different Will Fix This"

The Bread of Life

32 Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33 For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34 They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

“ Finally, the feeding account is a foretoken of the Last Supper in Mark. The action of taking bread, giving thanks, breaking it, and giving it to the disciples (6:41) matches his action at the Last Supper (14:22). While this gesture is not out of the ordinary, the reader familiar with Jesus’ action on his last night (see 1 Cor. 11:23–24) could not help but make the connection. The abundance of food left over after feeding five thousand means that there is more to go around and much more where it came from. Those who come to hear the teaching of Jesus and to share in the broken bread will receive the same abundant blessing.

The Offer of Grace

Come, everyone who thirsts,

come to the waters;

and he who has no money,

come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk

without money and without price.



HOPE

NORTH LAKES



A photograph of a clear glass filled with water and a loaf of golden-brown bread, sliced in half, resting on a wooden surface. The bread's interior is visible, showing a porous texture. A black banner with white text is overlaid across the center of the image.

“What! All this, and Christ, too?”

Gospel Response

Start:

There is one choice that will provide lasting satisfaction not only in this life, but the one to come.

Strengthen:

Be reminded, there is one choice that will provide lasting satisfaction not only in this life, but the one to come.

Interested in starting?

a conversation
to explore faith
a relationship with Jesus

