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New Testament:

³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, *Matthew 25:35*

⁴¹Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" *Mark 1:41*

¹¹John answered, "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." *Luke 3:11*

¹⁹It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches." *Luke 13:19*

¹⁷If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? *1 John 3:17*

JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

¹Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ²and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. ³Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴The Jewish Passover Feast was near.

⁵When 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?" ⁶He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages[a] would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

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⁸Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. ¹¹Jesus 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.

¹²When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."

¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." ¹⁵Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

John 6: 1-15

¹³Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.
Romans 12: 13

²⁵Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints there. ²⁶For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.
Romans 15: 25-26

FAVORITISM FORBIDDEN

¹My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. ²Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. ³If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," ⁴have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

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⁵Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? ⁶But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? ⁷Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong? *James 2:1-7*

Old Testament Scriptures:

¹⁹Then the land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and live there in safety. *Leviticus 25:19*

⁷If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. ⁸Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. ⁹Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: "The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near," so that you do not show ill will toward your needy brother and give him nothing. He may then appeal to the LORD against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. ¹⁰Give generously to him and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. ¹¹There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your brothers and toward the poor and needy in your land. *Deuteronomy 15:7-11*

⁹You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it. *Psalms 65:9*

¹⁰Some sat in darkness and the deepest gloom,
prisoners suffering in iron chains,
¹¹for they had rebelled against the words of God
and despised the counsel of the Most High.
¹²So he subjected them to bitter labor;
they stumbled, and there was no one to help.

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¹³Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.

¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom
and broke away their chains.

¹⁵Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for men,

¹⁶for he breaks down gates of bronze
and cuts through bars of iron.

¹⁷Some became fools through their rebellious ways
and suffered affliction because of their iniquities.

¹⁸They loathed all food
and drew near the gates of death.

¹⁹Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he saved them from their distress.

²⁰He sent forth his word and healed them;
he rescued them from the grave. *Psalm 107:10-20*

³¹He who oppresses the poor shows contempt for their Maker,
but whoever is kind to the needy honors God. *Proverbs 14:31*

¹⁷Learn to do right!
Seek justice,
encourage the oppressed.
Defend the cause of the fatherless,
plead the case of the widow.

For the breath of the ruthless
is like a storm driving against a wall *Isaiah 1:17*

⁴You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in his distress,
a shelter from the storm
and a shade from the heat. *Isaiah 25:4*

⁶"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen:
to loose the chains of injustice
and untie the cords of the yoke,
to set the oppressed free
and break every yoke?

⁷Is it not to share your food with the hungry

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and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—
when you see the naked, to clothe him,
and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? *Isaiah*
58:6-7

⁸He has showed you, O man, what is good.
And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6:8*