

Esther and Emmett – Sept 19, 2021

Emmett: Hi Esther.

Esther: Hi Emmett.

Emmett: Say Esther, can I show you something neat?

Esther: Sure Emmett. What is it?

Emmett: First, watch what I do. (Emmett picks up a cracker). Do you see what I just did?

Esther: Yes, you picked up a cracker.

Emmett: Right. I took the cracker from the plate it was on. Now, listen to what I say.

Esther: I'm listening.

Emmett: Bless you cracker!

Esther: Uh...Emmett...

Emmett: Wait, I'm not done yet. Now watch me... (breaks cracker).

Esther: Okay...I see you have broken the cracker.

Emmett: Okay, and now this is the part when I really need you Esther...because now...I am giving you this broken cracker.

Esther: Well...thank you.

Emmett: Now, this is the exciting part...we look up...we look around (they look up, they look around)...and now...we look at the cracker...and...how many crackers do we see?

Esther: (both stare at the broken cracker). I see one broken cracker.

Emmett: Hmmm! That's what I see too. I thought that might happen.

Esther: You thought that what might happen?

Emmett: I thought that might still be only one broken cracker.

Esther: Were you hoping that something else might happen?

Emmett: Yep!...(silence)...

Esther: Could you tell me what you hoped might happen?

Emmett: I hoped that instead of seeing one broken cracker, there might be two broken crackers, or three broken crackers, or 4,000 broken crackers!

Esther: What is this all about, Emmett?

Emmett: I'm just doing what Jesus did, only Jesus used bread and some fish.

Esther: Oh, I know that story. One time Jesus used some bread to feed 5,000 people, and then another time Jesus wanted to feed a crowd of 4,000 hungry people, so he asked his disciples how many loaves of bread they had...

Emmett: They said they had seven loaves! Maybe that's the problem. Maybe I need seven crackers rather than one cracker.

Esther: Actually Emmett, I don't think the most important thing is how many crackers you use....but I think you do know the most important thing.

Emmett: Of course I do...the most important thing is...is something...that I know...what do I know?

Esther: The important thing is this: that you when you wanted to show me something neat, what you actually wanted me to see what Jesus did.

Emmett: I did!? Right, I did...I wanted you to see what Jesus did...what did Jesus do?

Esther: Both Jesus and yourself did four things. First, Jesus took seven loaves of bread.

Emmett: And I took a cracker.

Esther: Then, Jesus blessed the loaves.

Emmett: Then I blessed the cracker.

Esther: Then Jesus broke the loaves.

Emmett: Then I broke the cracker.

Esther: Then Jesus gave the pieces of broken loaves to his disciples to give to the people who were hungry.

Emmett: Then I gave you the pieces of broken cracker.

Esther: Took-blessed-broke-gave...those are also the four actions that occur whenever the church gathers to share communion.

Emmett: Yeah, that is what happens when we have communion...and then we all eat a piece of bread and drink a cup of grape juice.

Esther: So, maybe the important thing is that Jesus shows us what God wants us to do with the food of this world. We take food that is a gift from God, we bless the food praying that it be used as God would want, we break it so that it can be shared, and then we share it.

Emmett: So, God wants us to share what God has given us, and then the people we share with can also share...

Esther: And then everyone who is hungry can eat.

Emmett: Hmm...you know...all that blessing and breaking has made me a little hungry...

Esther: Would you like to share some of this cracker?

Emmett: I sure would! Thank you, Esther.

Esther: And thank God. AMEN!

Emmett: Amen!