

# Mark 8:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Now the disciples had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.

## Analysis

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**The disciples had forgotten to take bread**—immediately after two miraculous feedings (5,000 and 4,000), the disciples worry about provisions. The irony is staggering—the Bread of Life sits in their boat, yet they fret about literal bread. This forgetfulness reveals spiritual dullness that Jesus will rebuke (vv. 17-21). **Neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf**—they have Jesus (the one true Bread, John 6:35) but don't recognize His sufficiency.

This verse sets up Jesus' teaching about the Pharisees' leaven (v. 15). The disciples' concern about physical bread blinds them to spiritual danger—they focus on material needs while missing ideological threats. Their forgetfulness demonstrates that witnessing miracles doesn't automatically produce spiritual understanding. Cognitive knowledge of Jesus' power must become heart-deep trust, a transformation only the Spirit accomplishes.

## Historical Context

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Bread was the primary staple in first-century Palestine, comprising 50-70% of daily caloric intake. Travelers carried flatbread, dried fish, and cheese for journeys. The disciples' concern about forgetting bread was reasonable from a practical standpoint—they faced a boat journey and uncertain food sources ahead. However, their anxiety after witnessing two miraculous feedings reveals how quickly human beings default to self-reliance despite experiencing God's supernatural provision.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. How does the disciples' bread-anxiety after two miraculous feedings expose your tendency toward forgetfulness and worry?
2. What does having 'one loaf' (Jesus) while worrying about many loaves reveal about spiritual blindness to Christ's sufficiency?
3. In what areas are you operating from scarcity-thinking despite past evidence of God's faithfulness?

## Interlinear Text

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καὶ	ἐπελάθοντο	λαβεῖν	ἄρτον	καὶ	εἰ	μὴ	ἔνα
<b>Now</b>	<b>the disciples had forgotten</b>	<b>to take</b>	<b>bread</b>	<b>Now</b>	<b>G1487</b>	<b>G3361</b>	<b>one</b>
G2532	G1950	G2983	G740	G2532			G1520

ἄρτον	οὐκ	εἶχον	μεθ'	ἐαυτῶν	ἐν	τῷ	πλοίῳ
<b>bread</b>	<b>G3756</b>	<b>had</b>	<b>with</b>	<b>them</b>	<b>they in</b>	<b>G3588</b>	<b>the ship</b>
G740		G2192	G3326	G1438	G1722		G4143

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