

Provider Talk - Into The Wild Weekend The Kings Men

- **Following the Bread Crumbs**
 - I was Reflecting on Matthew 6:
 - Have Faith... trusting in God!
 - Don't be anxious... God will provide
 - Be a Generous giver... in secret
 - Your Father who sees in Secret will reward you!
 - You can not serve 2 Masters....
 - For where you treasure is... there will your heart be also!
 - But... what caught my attention most....
 - Vs. 11... Give us this day our daily bread
 - **CCC 2837 (# 1)**
 - Thinking of Dr. Brant Pitre's work..
 - Supersubstantial... Eucharistic Bread!
 - to understand how Christ modeled the role of "Provider", I felt I needed to follow the bread!
- **The Bread/Provider in Salvation History**
 - God makes Man & Woman - **Genesis 1:27 - 29 (# 2)**
 - Blesses them
 - Provides for their nourishment
 - Adam is commanded to Work the Garden - **Genesis 2:15**
 - His Priestly sacrifice in the Garden Sanctuary produces the fruit that is offered back to God and nourishes his family.
 - This is a work of LOVE
 - Living in a state of Grace
 - Culminating in the Wedding Feast on a Sabbath rest
 - Quote Dr. Hahn FWKHP
 - Adam commits personal sin
 - falls from grace
 - is stripped naked from the purple robe in which he is created
 - Cast OUT.... to the THORNS & THISTLES
 - NOW he labours, toils in the sweat of his brow falling upon the earth to work the land and bring forth the BREAD to sustain his family.
 - **Genesis 3:17 - 19 (# 3)**
 - Melchizedek, King of Salem, offers a sacrifice of Todah (Thanksgiving/Eucharist) **Genesis 14:18 - 20 (# 4)**
 - Abram, with his men, comes to pay homage to the King
 - Rabinic tradition tells us this is Shem Bar Noah
 - Melchizedek brings out the sacrifice
 - BLESSES them
 - provides for their nourishment through the sacrifice of BREAD & WINE
 - Abram gives him a 10th of everything as a tithe
 - David, the NEW King of Jeru-Salem, offers a sacrifice of Todah (Thanksgiving/Eucharist) - **Genesis 1:27 - 29 (# 5)**
 - David is declared King

- Bone of My Bone
- He brings up the Ark & offers sacrifices as a Priest!
 - David Blesses the people
 - David offers to each
 - a cake of BREAD
 - a portion of wine (meat - Hebrew word uncertain)
- Solomon, the son of David
 - Institutes 12 Princes to rule over Israel and provide FOOD for his house.
 - **1 Kings 4:7**
- Jesus, the NEW King of the NEW Jerusalem, offers the ultimate Sacrifice of Todah (Thanksgiving/Eucharist) **Luke 22:14 - 22**
 - Jesus Blesses His disciples
 - Jesus offers the sacrifice
 - the BREAD, His body
 - the wine, His blood
 - Jesus provides the food that His 12 will distribute to His house, the Church!
 - Interrupts the Passover
 - crosses the Kidron valley and becomes sorrowful, even unto death
 - Cries out to God, 3 times, to let THIS cup pass but not His will rather the Father's will be done.
 - In a Garden
 - Crying out
 - An Angel pays Him a visit
 - He begins to SWEAT drops of blood falling down upon the GROUND! **Luke 22:41 - 44 (# 6)**
 - This the NEW Adam
 - Stripped naked
 - Wrapped in a purple robe
 - crowned with THORNS
 - He is labouring/toiling to bring forth the nourishment for his House.
 - The Greeks pay a visit **John 12:20 - 24 (# 7)**
 - My HOUR has come!
 - Unless a grain of wheat fall to the earth & die it can not bear much fruit....
 - What is the fruit of a grain of wheat?
 - Bread!
 - What is His HOUR?
 - His passion... death... and Resurrection!
 - What is He labouring to provide?
 - The Eucharist? the TRUE Bread come down from Heaven
 - The Fruit of the Womb, hung on the Tree of Life
 - When Peter draws his sword to fend off the Mob come to arrest Him... what does He say? **John 18:11**
 - Shall I NOT drink from the Cup my Father has given me to drink?

- **Whats the point?**
 - In following the bread crumbs....
 - it became obvious to me that Christ sacrificed ALL to **PROVIDE** what His House needed most!
 - **A Family**
 - Sharing in the **NAME** of God
 - **Eating** from the Same Loaf, at the same table -
 - the Body of Christ
 - Providing them **Shepherds** to **guide, INSTRUCT** & give the **FOOD** to His **House**
 - **Celebrating** holidays & feast-days **TOGETHER**
 - Belonging to the same **FATHER**
 - etc. etc
 - The question dawned on me... **What am I willing to die to provide?**
 - To my wife?
 - To my kids?
 - To my neighbors?
 - To all those whom God has placed in my care and custody?
 - **Ephesians 5:25 -27 (# 8)**

The sacrifice for my wife

- I remember when we met
 - Radio job
 - live remote at pizza joint
 - She showed up
 - Love at first sight
 - I thank God that night
 - asked if I could Marry her
- We courted for a long time
 - Had to go through RCIA to become Catholic
- I have a saying...
 - Shoot for the stars.... maybe you only hit the street lamp
 - Shoot for the street lamp... maybe you don't hit anything!
 - Go big or go home!
- I wanted to pop the question...
 - visited a local jeweler
 - Princess cut diamond mounted like a diamond flanked by 2 brilliant sapphires and smaller diamonds
 - \$3000 price tag
 - I worked a side job for months to pay for it

- blood
 - literally
- sweat
- Tears
- I paid in full... paid in Cash....
 - earned exactly \$3000 extra!

- The big day arrived...
 - Rock Rimmon
 - popular hang out
 - Rock cliff overlooking Manchester NH
 - Partnered with her brother
 - Carried up there
 - Wooden dinning room table & chairs
 - Firery red table cloth
 - Silver candelabra with Red candles
 - A red lobster meal for 2
 - I blind folded her
 - Drove her around town so she didn't know where we were going
 - Brought her up the Hill
 - Just as the sun was setting
 - the purples & reds danced in the sky
 - I got on my knee & opened up the rink box
 - white leather
 - Light on inside cover to shine right on the diamond
 - Had her blind fold removed and asked her to marry me!
- The hard work paid off
 - All the toil & labouring ... sweating & bleeding
 - We were married on September 30th of 2000
 - The joy of that day was only surpassed by the arrival of our children

Sacrificing for my Family

- We've been married for just over 11 years
- We are raising 5 children and have entrusted 3 to the mercy of God
- When we adopted our oldest son
 - My wife & decided she should quit her job & come come
 - I committed myself to providing for all of our needs
 - As the family grew, so did our needs....
 - I worked 2 jobs
 - I was constantly praying and asking God for the opportunity to work full time for the Church.
 - We prayed a Novena to the Infant of Prague
 - Offered a job in Houston
 - We moved....
 - 1 great job... all the income, Praise God!
 - After 1 year...
 - I had rallied up some men to help me put on a Men's conference...
 - I was offered an opportunity to work full time in Catholic ministry
 - FOT
 - We prayed a Novena to the Infant of Prauge
 - We stepped out in faith

- left behind the excellent salary
 - left behind the excellent benefits package
 - God has answered my prayers....
 - I've traveled the country speaking
 - I've produced radio, video and podcasts
 - I've written and shared the beautiful faith with countless
 - I'm still providing for the needs of this family.
 - Not without sacrifice
 - No insurance
 - No retirement
 - No college for my kids
 - Now.... no vehicles
 - Lost both our vans in just the last 3 months
 - **WE** Prayed a Novena to St. Therese
 - on day 9,,, drove home a 4 Runner donated to the ministry
 - Just last week....
 - a mysterious rose was left on our doorstep with a tag from St. Therese!
 - **What am I sacrificing for?**
 - I maybe in ministry.... but are my kids?
 - Yes & no
 - I have an obligation to provide for their material needs... **CCC 2228 (# 2)**
 - I have a greater obligation to provide for their spiritual needs through education & evangelization! **CCC 2223 (# 3)** & **CCC 2225 (# 4)**
 - Am I like Christ?
 - Am I willing to die to present my bride, my kids as an unblemished offering to God?
 - Well... I needed to step up... So...
 - I'm providing for them by leading them in prayer every night
 - I'm providing for them by teaching them the faith
 - I'm providing for them by taking them to the Sacraments weekly
 - Also... my provision for my family MUST extend beyond my domestic Church...
 - Im I providing for the Body of Christ?
 - **CCC 2043 (# 5)**
 - Giving to the Church is a PRECEPT... are we **PROVIDING** for the spouse of our Lord? The Body?
 - What message is it sending to my children

when I don't?

- I'm providing for them by getting involved in my community, my society
 - to build for them an environment which they could thrive in.
- To **PROVIDE**...
 - is to lead by example
 - is to die to self
 - is to educate, catechize and equip those whom God has placed into your care and custody...
- **WHY?** So they become the kind of men and women that will build a chapel from scratch, hunt and fish to bring in the harvest, leading & blazing a trail for others to follow, through the wilderness to the PROMISED land.
- May God give me the grace to be willing to die... just to provide for my family what they need most... Christ Jesus!

1 Cor. 10: [31] So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, **do all to the glory of God.**