

A Command To Avoid Danger

⁵ And the disciples came to the other side of the sea, but they had forgotten to bring any bread. ⁶ And Jesus said to them, "Watch out and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." ⁷ They began to discuss this among themselves, saying, "He said that because we did not bring any bread."

⁸ But Jesus, aware of this, said, "You men of little faith, why do you discuss among yourselves that you have no bread? ⁹ Do you not yet understand or remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets full you picked up? ¹⁰ Or the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many large baskets full you picked up? ¹¹ How is it that you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

¹² Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Matt 16:5-12

1. Jesus uses a physical need, to express a SPIRITUAL WARNING.
2. Leaven is a metaphor for INFLUENCE. (Mtt. 13:33)
3. The spiritual danger is GREAT ("watch out and beware")
4. A day without food won't HURT you, but this "leaven" WILL.
5. The leaven to avoid is FALSE TEACHING. (vs. 12)
6. The leaven to avoid, includes wrong LIFESTYLES. (Lk. 12:1)
7. WHO do you hang out with, and HOW do they affect you? (I Cor. 15:33)