

“Encounters With Jesus”

“Week 5: When Resources Are Inadequate”

Faith Bible Church

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John 6:1-14 (*New American Standard*)

1 After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). **2** And a great multitude was following Him, because they were seeing the signs which He was performing on those who were sick. **3** And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. **4** Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. **5** Jesus therefore lifting up His eyes, and seeing that a great multitude was coming to Him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, that these may eat?" **6** And this He was saying to test him; for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. **7** Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little." **8** One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, **9** "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?" **10** Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. **11** Jesus therefore took the loaves; and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted. **12** And when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments that nothing may be lost." **13** And so they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, which were left over by those who had eaten. **14** When therefore the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is of a truth the Prophet who is to come into the world."

LIFE TRUTHS FROM TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

- I.** Consider the possibility that the _____ God allows in your life could prove to be _____ of your faith in His ability to _____. (*vv. 1-6*)

- II.** Fight the tendency to _____ your possibilities to what you can do on _____ _____. (*vv. 7-9*)

- III.** Accept the fact that eventually you may need to _____ and get _____ of the _____ for God to work. (*v. 10*)

- IV.** Remember that _____ is _____ to do "exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think." (*vv. 11-13*)

*And they began to discuss with one another the fact that they had no bread. And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you discuss the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet see or understand? Do you have a hardened heart? Having eyes, do you not see? And having ears, do you not hear? And do you not remember, when I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces you picked up?" They said to Him, "Twelve." "And when I broke the seven for the four thousand, how many large baskets full of broken pieces did you pick up?" And they said to Him, "Seven." And He was saying to them, "Do you not yet understand?" -**Mark 8:16-21***