

More than Enough

Text: Mark 6:32-44

So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

³³ *But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him.*

³⁴ *And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things.*

³⁵ *When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late.*

³⁶ *Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat."*

³⁷ *But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"*

³⁸ *But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see." And when they found out they said, "Five, and two fish."*

³⁹ *Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass.*

⁴⁰ *So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties.*

⁴¹ *And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all.*

⁴² *So they all ate and were filled.*

⁴³ *And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish.*

⁴⁴ *Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.*

Introduction:

1. God has raised us up as place where hurting needy people can come and find hope and purpose!
2. We must receive them with compassion and love!
3. But too often we are overwhelmed by the degree of need and energy needed to help and minister to the hurting and hungry!
4. What do we do? When the need overtakes the supply?

I. DON'T GIVE UP AND RELEASE THEM INTO THE HANDS OF THE WORLD! (V.36)

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II. WE CANNOT RELY UPON EARTHLY RESOURCES TO PERFORM SPIRITUAL SERVICE! (V.37)

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III. DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE WHAT HAS BEEN PLACED IN YOUR HANDS! (V.38)

But He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they found out they said, “Five, and two fish.”

IV. LEARN TO LISTEN AS GOD WORKS TO OFFER US DIRECTION AND A STRATEGY! (V.39 & 40)

Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass.

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V. GIVE WHAT YOU HAVE TO GOD AND ALLOW HIM TO DO THE SUPERNATURAL! (V.41 & 42)

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CONCLUSION:

(V.43 & 44)

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