

# Overwhelmed: by Hunger

Matthew 14:13-21

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We don't always feel like we have what it takes in life - often we're trying to make the little we have go a long way. We work within the limitations of our resources and do our best. But when Jesus was forced to "work within the limitations of our resources," we get one of the greatest miracles in Jesus ministry. Have you seen Jesus work within the limitations of your resources before?

Why do you think that the disciple wanted Jesus to send the people away? Do you think that says anything about the disciples? Their faith? Their understanding of who Jesus was?

Jesus challenges his disciples to feed the massive crowd that has come to hear him. That's like asking us, on the spur of the moment, to show up at the high school stadium and feed everyone there - somehow. The disciples are confused and anxious but they bring what they have. What do you think that shows about their faith...their trust in Jesus...their understanding of what's possible?

Jesus takes the two fish and five loaves and multiplies them into a feast - the scriptures make the point that "everyone ate until they were full"...AND that there was plenty of "leftovers". What do you think that reveals about the nature of Jesus?

If you're honest with yourself, and this group...we all face challenges that expose our limitations, but Jesus wants us to remember that he is more than enough. What area of your life do you need to be reminded of this in?

What does this story have to do with you and your faith journey?

