

VICTORY HOUR

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Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

John 6:1-15

It Only Takes a Little More than Enough

How do you handle life when you keep coming up short? Perhaps you can testify that you have experienced some shortages in your life. Maybe you know what it means to lack and experience insufficiency. Whether it is your finances, your resources, your health, your relationships, your knowledge or self-esteem, all of us can attest to the fact that there have been times in our lives when we have experienced a shortage. It matters not whether the insufficiency is perceived or a reality, the fact of the matter is, as finite human beings, we will all face times when we find ourselves coming up short in some way or another.

The feeding of the 5,000 teaches us that God can do the miraculous in our lives when we take the little that we have and place it in His hands. You may find yourself coming up short, but know that little truly does become much when we place it in the Master's hands. He can take our little and make it more than enough.

1) Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand (vs. 1-5)

- a. The Place (v. 1)
- b. Christ's Popularity (v. 2-4)
- c. The Problem (v. 5)

2) From Scarcity to Surplus (vs. 5-13)

- a. Jesus saw beyond the crowd (v. 5)
 - i. Jesus' Inquiry (v. 5b)
 - 1. "Where shall we buy bread for the people?"
 - ii. Jesus' Motive (v. 6)
 - 1. It's only a test
- b. Philip's response (v. 7)
 - i. Concerned with shortage of finances
- c. Andrew's response (v. 8-9)
 - i. Concerned with shortage of resources
- d. Making preparation for the blessing (v. 10)
 - i. Jesus instructed them to sit down
 - 1. There was an abundance of grass
 - ii. Jesus gives thanks (v. 11)
 - iii. What they had was given away (v. 11)
- e. The food multiplied and the multitude was fed (v. 12-13)
 - i. There was more than enough
 - ii. None was wasted

3) No Kingdom without a Cross (v. 14-15)

- a. Great visibility = great vulnerability
 - i. The determination of the people
 - ii. The departure of the Savior