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## Introduction

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Title: Impossible Problems

Text: Mark 6:30-44

Theme: There are situations that seem so complex and unbelievable that you feel change is impossible. What if you had to feed over 5000 people but only had a couple of fish and loaves? Just as Jesus stepped into these moments, He wants you to step into your impossible moments. Right now there is a situation you may presume is unchangeable but God wants you to trust Him for a miracle.

## Discussion

Read Mark 6:30-44.

There is no indication that the crowd understood that a miracle had occurred. Rather, the text makes it clear that this was done for the disciples' sake. They are charged with finding food for the crowd, inventorying the food, serving the food, and collecting the leftovers. Just as the disciples had just been sent to spiritually feed the people, now they are sent to physically feed the people. Both are instigated by Jesus' compassion for the people.

1. What are ways that you can show compassion and meet the needs of your community in a spiritual way? In a physical way?

God will extend your everything. Look at what has happened with only five loaves and two fish.

2. Do you have an expectation for God to use you to do great things? Do you doubt that God can use you to do the "impossible"?

God will shatter the pint-sized expectations of what His followers can do if they would learn to bring Him what they have already been given. "Little is much when God is in it." When Christians are willing to offer their lives sacrificially, relinquishing their hold on whatever God has given them in terms of time, money, talents, etc., God will use these ordinary things to create extraordinary things. Christians must never believe their resources are too little to serve God.

3. What resources has God already given you that can be used for the kingdom?

Christians must bring their lives to God in a spirit of obedience and sacrifice, no matter how insignificant they may think their gifts or talents are (Romans 12:1). When doing so, expect God to do far beyond what can be imagined (Ephesians 3:20). Also, Christians should trust that God not only wants to meet the needs of His children, but He wants to lavish His children with spiritual blessings, even to overflowing (Psalm 23:5).

4. Do you see God as the God of survival/just enough or the God of overflowing spiritual blessing? How has this idea been perverted in the culture (Prosperity gospel)?
5. Re-read Mark 6:41. Jesus broke the loaves before they were multiplied. God will not bless what he will not first break. How is God trying to break you in this time?

## **Additional Reading**

Additional Scriptures on God doing the miraculous.

John 21:1-12

Mark 4:35-41

John 6:1-14 (Another telling of the feeding of the 5000)