



COMMUNITY OF FAITH

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"Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias) Herod Antipas built Tiberias in 22 AD, to the west of the Sea of Galilee and made it his capital. He named it in honor of Tiberias Caesar, and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near." John 6:1-4

"When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, Matthew records it this way, "And Jesus came forth and saw the multitude and He had compassion on them because they were as sheep not having a shepherd." John 6:5

Whenever Plans take precedence over people something is wrong.

"He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do." John 6:5-6

"Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages^[a] to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" John 6:7

"Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" John 6:8-9

"I remind you that every miracle began on a platform of a problem. I dare you to find a miracle that did not begin in a problem. If we could ever see that, we would have an entirely different attitude toward our problems. Problems are those situations engineered of God to bring us face to face with our deficiencies so we might view His sufficiency as our only alternative...We should learn to love our problems. Every problem is an opportunity to trust the lord and watch him step into circumstances to his glory... You have a problem. Good!" – Jack Taylor

"Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." John 6:10

Faith grows through obedience.

"There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish." John 6:10-11

In order for the need to be met they had to keep coming back and taking from the hand of Jesus

"When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten." John 6:12-13

"After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world." Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. John 6:14-15

Start with what you have, give it to Jesus, and see what he will do with it.