

# SERMON NOTES:

Formed By... | *What is forming you - and who are you becoming?*

Part 6: When What You Have Isn't Enough

**BIG Idea:** The pressure in front of you is not necessarily evidence that God failed to equip you. It may be the very place where he reveals what he has already entrusted to you and demonstrates what his power can do through surrendered insufficiency.

**Application:** Surrender what Christ has already placed in your hands and trust his power to accomplish what your ability alone never could.

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## 1. Jesus calls us.

**Luke 9:1-2 (NLT)**

<sup>1</sup> One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. <sup>2</sup> Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.

**2 Corinthians 4:7 (NLT)**

<sup>7</sup> We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves.

**1 Peter 4:10 (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup> God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

**Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup> For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

## 2. The need exposes our limits.

**Luke 9:10-11 (NLT)**

<sup>10</sup> When the apostles returned, they told Jesus everything they had done. Then he slipped quietly away with them toward the town of Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup> But the crowds found out where he was going, and they followed him. He welcomed them and taught them about the Kingdom of God, and he healed those who were sick.

### **Mark 6:30-32 (NLT)**

<sup>30</sup> The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said, "Let's go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile." He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn't even have time to eat.

<sup>32</sup> So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone.

### **Luke 9:12-13 (NLT)**

<sup>12</sup> Late in the afternoon the twelve disciples came to him and said, "Send the crowds away to the nearby villages and farms, so they can find food and lodging for the night. There is nothing to eat here in this remote place."

<sup>13</sup> But Jesus said, "You feed them."

"But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Or are you expecting us to go and buy enough food for this whole crowd?"

### **John 6:6 (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup> He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.

### **John 15:5 (NLT)**

<sup>5</sup> "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

## **3. Bring Jesus what you actually have.**

### **Luke 9:13b-17 (NLT)**

<sup>13</sup> ... "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Or are you expecting us to go and buy enough food for this whole crowd?" <sup>14</sup> For there were about 5,000 men there.

Jesus replied, "Tell them to sit down in groups of about fifty each." <sup>15</sup> So the people all sat down. <sup>16</sup> Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. <sup>17</sup> They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers!