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I Wonder:
About the Hungry Crowd
John 6:1-13

Make it Personal

*“After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. A huge crowd kept following Him wherever He went, **because they saw** His miraculous signs as He healed the sick. Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with His disciples around Him.” John 6:1-3 (NLT)*

*“Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for Him. Turning to Philip, He asked, ‘Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?’ He was **testing Philip**, for He already knew what He was going to do. Philip replied, ‘Even if we worked for months, we wouldn’t have enough money to feed them!’” John 6:5-7 (NLT)*

**I WONDER:
ARE WE EVEN ANSWERING
THE RIGHT QUESTION?**

*“Then Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up. ‘There’s a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But **what good is that** with this huge crowd?’” John 6:8-9 (NLT)*

**I WONDER:
ARE WE TOO FOCUSED ON
OUR OWN LIMITATIONS?**

**I WONDER:
DO WE UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPACT
OF OUR OFFERINGS
(WHEN PUT IN JESUS'S HANDS)?**

OTHER EXAMPLES:

1. The Widow of Zarephath - 1 Kings 17:7-16
2. The Philippian Jailer - Acts 16:25-40

*“‘Tell everyone to sit down,’ Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward He did the same with the fish. And they **all ate as much as they wanted**. After everyone was full, Jesus told His disciples, ‘Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.’ So they picked up the pieces and filled **twelve baskets with scraps left** by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves.” John 6:10-13 (NLT)*

**I WONDER:
WHY DOES JESUS EMBRACE THE IMPOSSIBLE**

1. To **STRETCH** our faith
2. To **STRENGTHEN** our hope
3. To **SHOW** us His love

“Three things will last forever—faith, hope, and love—and the greatest of these is love.” 1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT)

**WHEN FACING THE IMPOSSIBLE
ASK YOURSELF THESE THREE QUESTIONS:**

1. Is there something in my life that I have deemed too big for God?
2. What is it that I feel is too small or insignificant for God to use?
3. What small step forward can I take, today, in faith?

Keep the Conversation Going...

1. Describe a time in your life when you focused on the “impossibility” of a situation instead of trusting God? What was the outcome?
2. How often do you find yourself thinking that what you have to offer isn't enough? How can we shift our perspective to trust God with our “small” offerings?
3. Think about a time when you offered something small and saw it have a larger impact. How did that experience affect your faith?
4. How can we apply the lesson of the feeding of the 5,000+ in our daily lives, especially when we feel our resources are limited?