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Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Little is Much When God's In It

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor July 25, 2021



Have you ever been in a situation where you didn't have what you needed to accomplish an important task?

Matthew 14:13-14 (NLT) As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns. ¹⁴ Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

Matthew 14:15-16 (NLT) That evening the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves."

Matthew 14:16 (NLT) But Jesus said, "That isn't necessary—you feed them."

Kingdom Assignments always stretch us beyond our $\underline{\text{capability}}$ and $\underline{\text{self-sufficiency}}$.

What is the Kingdom Assignment that God is using to stretch you today?

Matthew 14:17 (NLT) "But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!" they answered.

2 Corinthians 3:5 (NIV) "Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God."

Philippians 4:13 (NIV) "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength."

Matthew 14:18 (NLT) "Bring them here," he said.

What do you need to put in the loving hands of Jesus today?

Matthew 14:19-20 (NLT) Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. ²⁰ They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers.

Jesus was Blessed, Broken, and Given for us and to us. This is all grace!

1 Corinthians 11:23-25 (AMP) "The Lord Jesus on the night in which He was betrayed took bread; ²⁴ and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, 'This is (represents) My body, which is [offered as a sacrifice] for you. Do this in [affectionate] remembrance of Me.' ²⁵ In the same way, after supper He took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant [ratified and established] in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in[affectionate] remembrance of Me.'"

Multiplication through our life and church requires moving from $\underline{\text{self-sufficiency}}$ to $\underline{\text{Christ-sufficiency}}$.

Big Idea: Give what you <u>have</u> to Jesus and watch Him <u>multiply</u> it. Because Little is <u>Much</u> When God's In it!



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