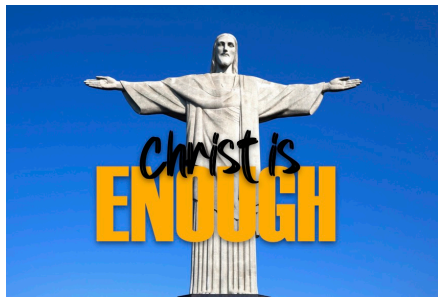


SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia Message...

Christ is Enough

With Ryan Dawson - Lead Pastor
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Have you ever felt like you weren't enough?

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 (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."

1) We naturally focus on what we Lack.

- Kingdom Assignments always stretch us beyond our Capacity & 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!"

2) Jesus asks us for what we Have.

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

- The greatest Obstacle to God's work isn't our lack—it's our Self-sufficiency.

3) Jesus multiples Surrendered lives.

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.

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.

- Christ's sufficiency transforms our insufficiency into Kingdom Abundance.

Big Idea: Bring your Insufficiency to Jesus & trust in His Sufficiency.

Because Jesus is Enough when you are Not.



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Context

1. Read Matthew 14:13–21. Before Jesus fed the five thousand, He had just received the news of John the Baptist's death. How does understanding Jesus' grief and the circumstances surrounding this miracle deepen your appreciation for His compassion? What does this reveal about the heart of Jesus?
2. The disciples were given a Kingdom assignment that seemed impossible. Why do you think Jesus told the disciples, "You give them something to eat," instead of immediately performing the miracle Himself? What was He teaching them

Observation

3. As you read the passage again, notice the different perspectives of Jesus and the disciples. What do the disciples focus on? What does Jesus focus on? What contrasts stand out to you?
4. Jesus takes the five loaves and two fish, blesses them, breaks them, and gives them to the disciples. Why do you think Matthew intentionally records these specific actions? What connections do you see to the Last Supper and ultimately to the Gospel?

Meaning

5. The message emphasized this truth: "Jesus doesn't ask us to be enough—He asks us to trust that He is enough." Why is it so easy to measure our usefulness by our own abilities instead of Christ's sufficiency? How does the Gospel free us from that way of thinking?
6. The miracle didn't happen before the disciples obeyed—it happened as they distributed the bread. What does this teach us about faith, obedience, and how God often works?

Application

7. Everyone has an area where they feel "not enough." Where are you currently most aware of your own insufficiency (family, work, ministry, finances, relationships, health, etc.)? What would it look like this week to "bring it to Jesus" rather than trying to carry it alone?.
8. What is one specific "five loaves and two fish" that God is asking you to surrender to Him this week so you can "Bring your insufficiency to Jesus and trust in His sufficiency."



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