



### Intro:

- You will give to what you love
- In the title we Relate in worship, Remember His faithfulness, Release it unto Him
- **Proverbs 11:24-25** “There is one who scatters yet increases more and there is one who withholds more than is right but it leads to poverty. The generous soul will be made rich and he who waters will also be watered himself.”

John 6:1-14 “After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is *the* Sea of Tiberias. **2** Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.[a] **3** And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. **4** Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. **5** Then Jesus lifted up *His* eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” **6** But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do. **7** Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.” **8** One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to Him, **9** “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?” **10** Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. **11** And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed *them* [b]to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. **12** So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.” **13** Therefore they gathered *them* up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. **14** Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

### Vs. 1-7 “Jesus knew what He was going to do.”

- Jesus was opening Philip’s eyes to the fact that money is not the source. Man (a baker of the bread) is not the source.
- Jesus knew HE was the source, The Bread of Life
- **Jesus wasn’t looking for a source. He was looking for a Generous Conduit!**

### Vs.8-9 “There is a lad here...”

- You are never too young to learn generosity and be generous!
- You are never too young to be used by God.

**Vs. 9 “...who has 5 barley loaves and 2 small fish, but what are they among so many?”**

- It's not about the size of your offering
- It's not about the size of the need
- **It's about developing a generous heart and knowing the ONE you're giving to!**

**Vs. 10-11 “He gave thanks and distributed” Notice Jesus' example and follow it.**

- Gratitude: Jesus gave thanks
- Give: Jesus distributed

**\* The loaves and fish were not multiplied until it was given away!**

**What you withhold will never be more than what it currently is...What you give will never be as little as what it currently is!**

- “As much as they wanted!”
- The 5 loaves and 2 fish not only became enough. They became MORE THAN ENOUGH!

**Vs.12-13 “Gather up the fragments.”**

- **There is a feast in the fragments!**
  - 12 baskets FULL of fragments
  - Jesus commanded they be gathered...steward ALL of what God gives
- **You can't out-give God!**
  - The boy gave 5 loaves and 2 fish. He reaped a harvest of 12 baskets full of food!

**Vs. 14 Generosity Reveals God to the Nations**

“This is truly the prophet who is come into eh world.”

- **By being a Generous Conduit we get to partner with God in His revealing work!**

**Conclusion:**