

## I. The Reality of Our Limited Resources (34-37)

A. A draw on our love (34) - “When He went ashore He saw a great crowd, and He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. And He began to teach them many things.”

B. A draw on our time (35) - “And when it grew late, His disciples came to Him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the hour is now late.”

C. A draw on our servanthood (36) - “Send them away to go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” **The disciples had been working hard and wanted the people to be sent away**

D. A draw on our money (37) - “But He answered them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to Him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?”

## II. The Process of Releasing into the Kingdom (38-41)

A. Know clearly what you have available (38) - “And He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.”

B. Listen for what Jesus requires of you (39-40) - “Then He commanded them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties.”

**Obeying basic commands places us in the proper position to receive Kingdom supply**

C. Release in confidence all that He requires (41) - “And taking the five loaves and the two fish He looked up to heaven and said a blessing and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples to set before the people. And He divided the two fish among them all.”

## III. The Results of Kingdom Supply (42-45)

A. Sufficiency and contentment (42) - “And they all ate and were satisfied.”

B. Overflow of abundance for others (43) - “And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish.”

**They went from anxious lack to overflowing abundance in a single day. Jesus still does this today.**

C. Divine purposes fully accomplished (44-45) - “And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men. Immediately He made his disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.”