









Now, The Rest of the Story of The Feeding of the 5,000

First, this amazing miracle tells me that my God can do anything!

Ephesians 3:20 "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us," Second, this amazing miracle shows us that God cares about the physical needs of people The two-tiered approach: Preach the gospel, but also meet the needs of people.

- Disciples sent out two by two
- •They were to love people, miraculously meet their needs, tell them the good news of Jesus.
- •They were to go without money, without any prearranged place to sleep or stay, no extra set of clothes

- •They were to simply trust God to meet their needs.
- God did provide! They had many phenomenal days of ministry.
- •People were healed. Demons were cast out and many heard the good news of what Jesus Christ could do in their life.

Mark 6:30-37 The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. [31] Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." 32] So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

[33] But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. [34] When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him.

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This "rest of the story" is the striking contrast between the way the disciples <u>saw people</u> and <u>felt about people</u> and <u>responded to</u> <u>people</u> and the way that Jesus did. It is knowing, believing, and then living the amazing truth that Jesus is in you, and wants to live all that He is through you!

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The contrast between Jesus and the Disciples is in three areas:

- 1. What Jesus saw and then what the disciples saw
- 2. What Jesus felt and what the disciples felt
- 3. What Jesus did and what the disciples wanted to do.





Without the Shepherd, sheep:
are defenseless against predators
are constantly in danger
can't find food themselves
will soon perish if left alone

1. Jesus saw a large crowd



2. He felt compassion

GET OVER YOURSELF

Never get over Jesus!

3. He taught them

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.