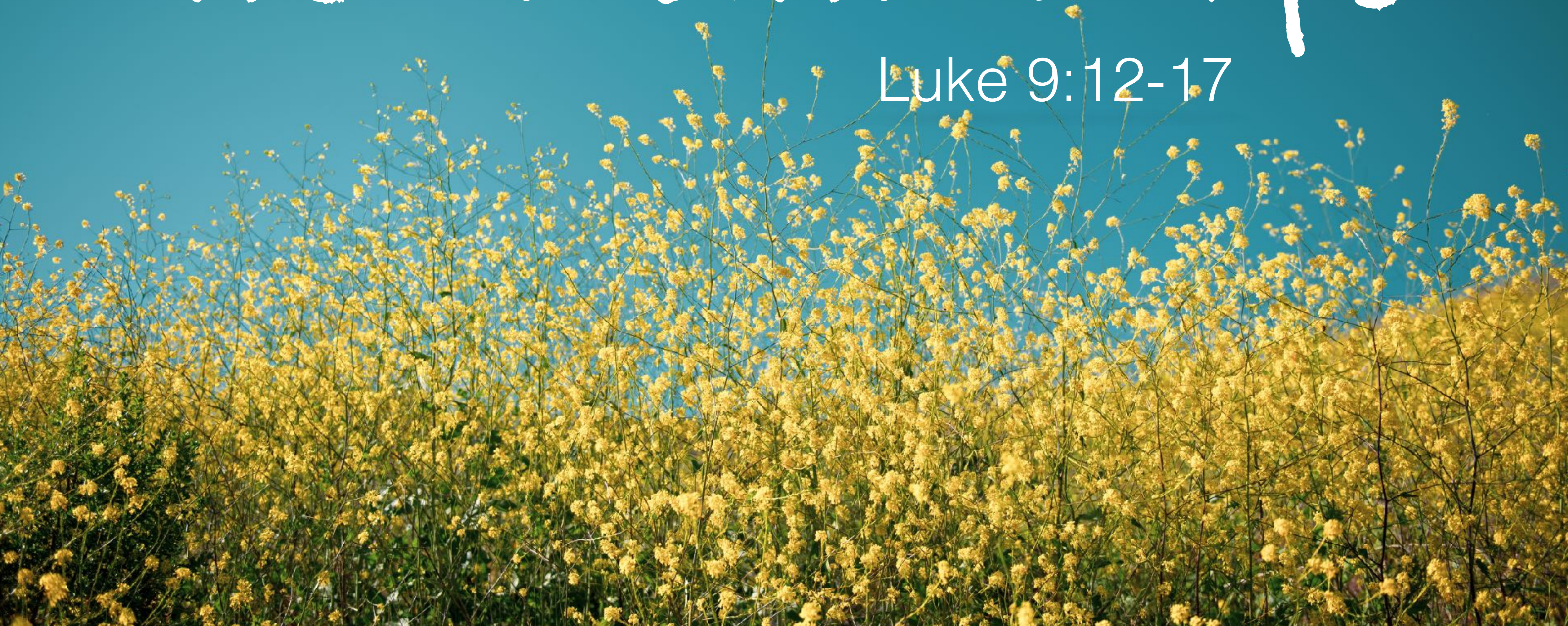


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**The Feeding of the 5,000**





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**The Feeding of the 5,000**  
**Only miracle told in all**  
**four gospels**



A satellite map showing the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. The land is a patchwork of green agricultural fields and brownish-grey areas. A prominent red dot marks the location of Tabgha on the shoreline. The sea is a dark blue-grey color with visible ripples and some whitecaps.

**TABGHA**

**SEA OF GALILEE**









(Giovanni LaFrancia, Miracle of the Bread and Fish)



# CONTEXT OF LUKE 9

The disciples are sent out to proclaim the gospel — with zero resources (Luke 9:2,3).



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When they return, Jesus takes them away for a debrief, but massive crowds follow...







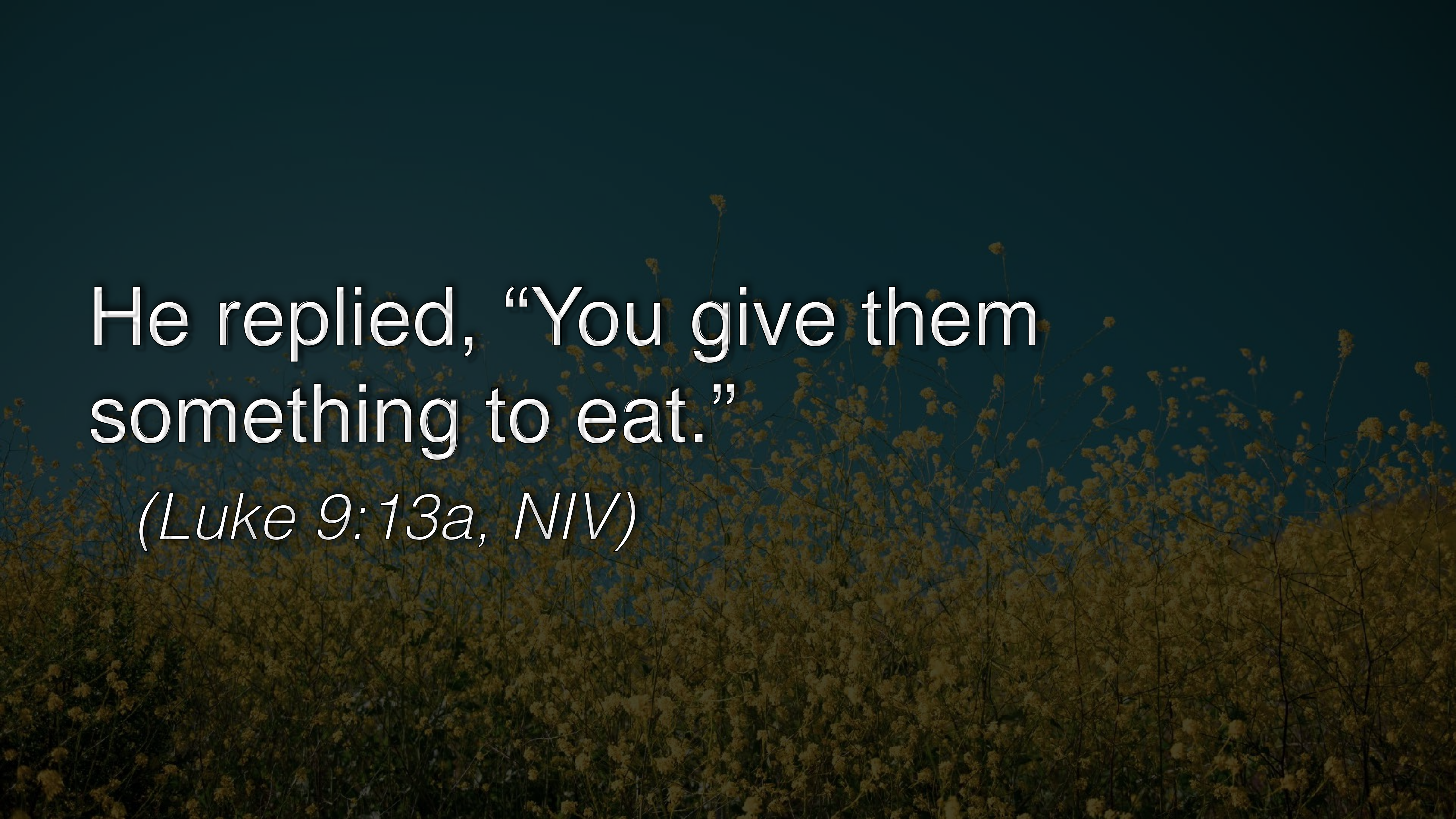




Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here."

*(Luke 9:12, NIV)*





He replied, “You give them  
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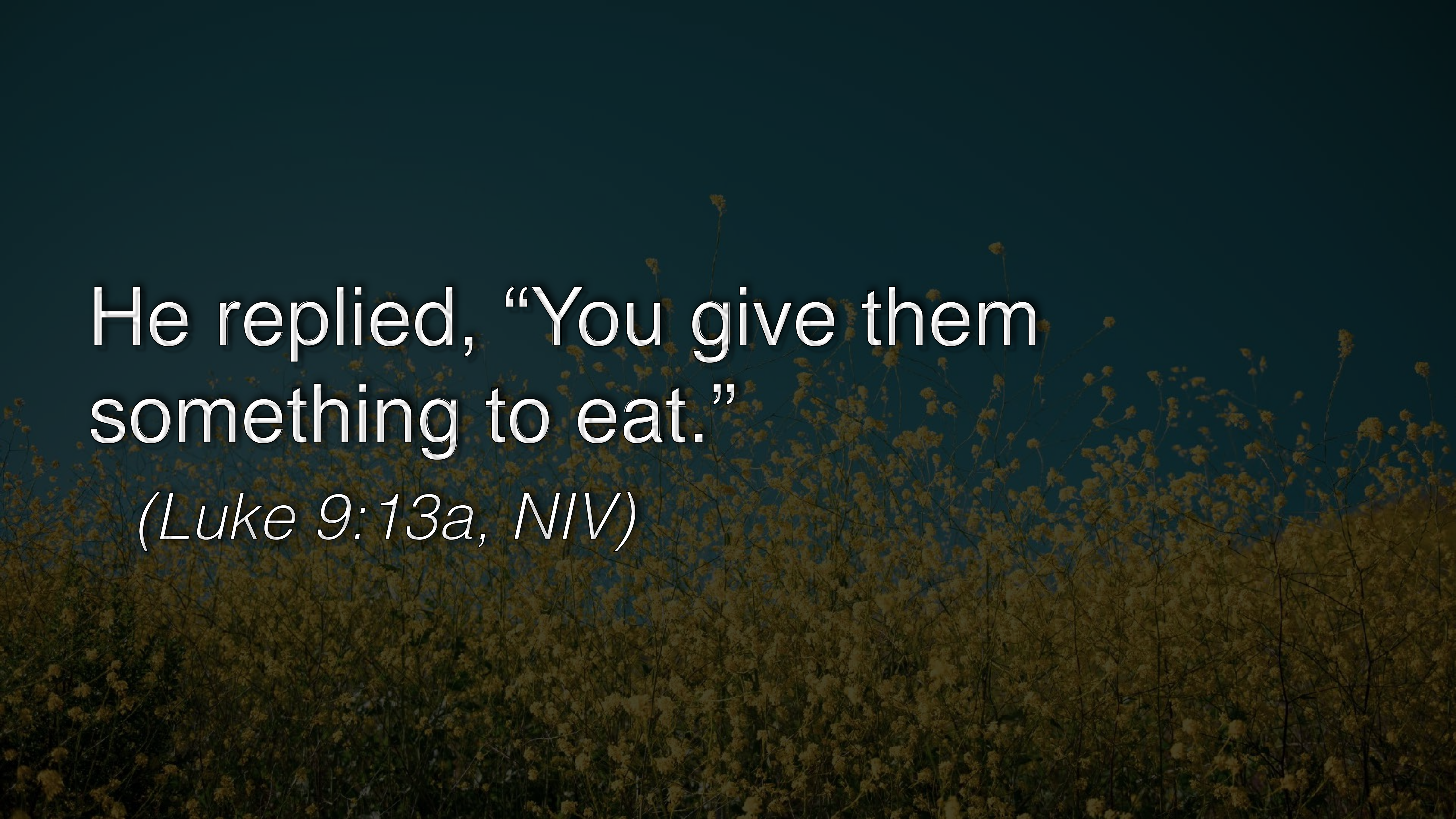
*(Luke 9:13a, NIV)*



“He asked this only to test them, for  
he already had in mind what he was  
going to do.”

*(John 6:9, NIV)*





He replied, “You give them  
something to eat.”

*(Luke 9:13a, NIV)*



They answered, “We have only five loaves of bread and two fish — unless we go and buy food for all this crowd.” (About five thousand men were there.)

*(Luke 9:13b-14, NIV)*



Andrew, Simon Peter's brother,  
spoke up, "Here is a boy with five  
small barley loaves and two small  
fish, but how far will they go among  
so many?"

*(John 6:8b,9, NIV)*



“He said to his disciples, ‘Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each.’ The disciples did so, and everyone sat down.”

*(Luke 9:14b, 15, NIV)*



“Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people.”

*(Luke 9:16, NIV)*



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“They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.”

*(Luke 9:17, NIV)*



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He'll take my **little** and  
make it into **much**.



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So how am I living my life  
in light of Christ's power?



# **3 KEY QUESTIONS:**

In light of Christ's power....





1. How do I perceive  
my **needs**?



Jesus said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

*(John 6:5,7, NIV)*



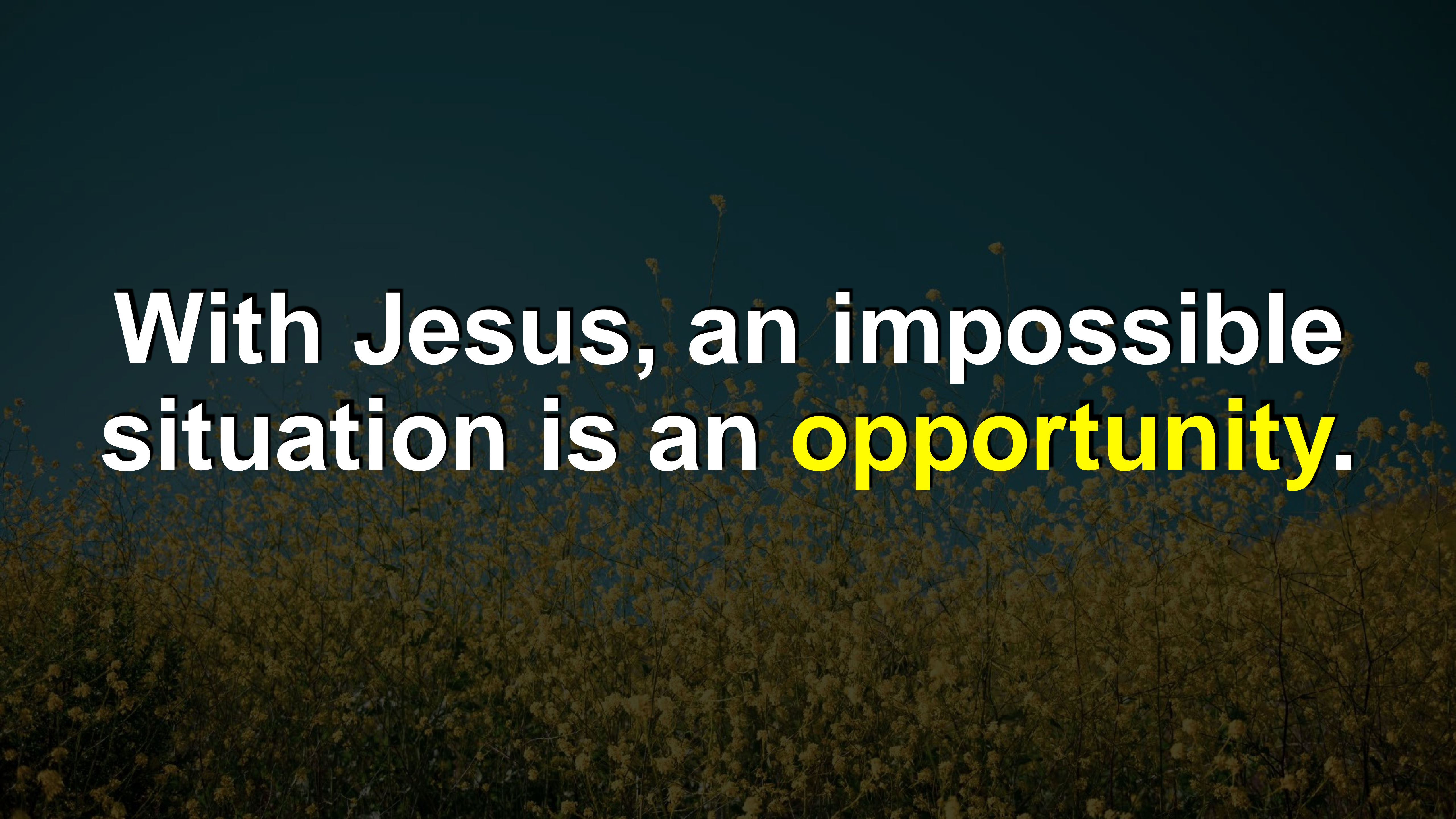
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**Many Christians live as  
practical atheists.**





**With Jesus, an impossible  
situation is an opportunity.**



Question: What have I  
decided is **too big** for God  
to handle?

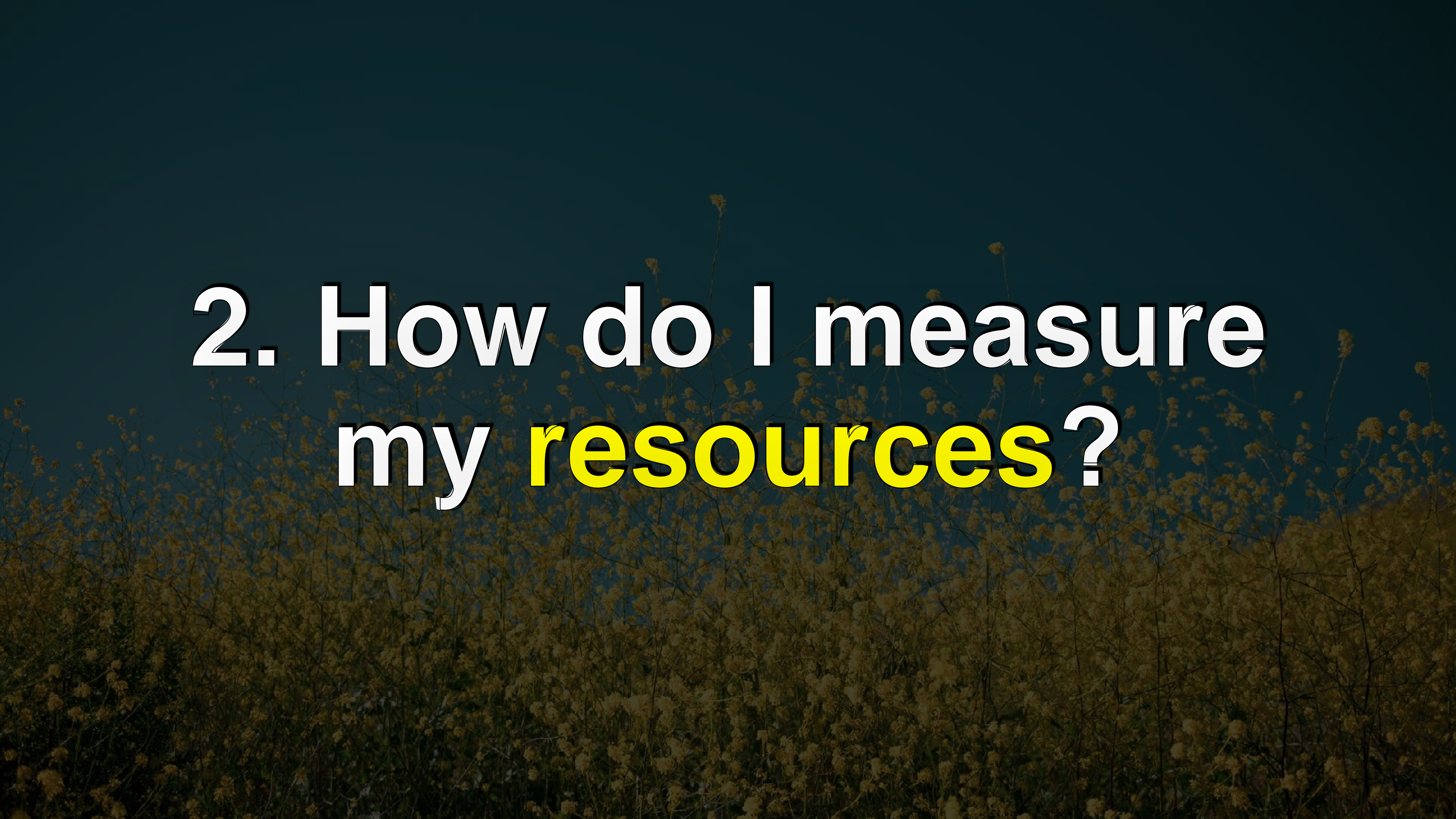


“When I worry, I go to the mirror and say to myself, ‘This tremendous thing which is worrying me is beyond a solution. It is especially too hard for Jesus Christ to handle.’ After I have said that, I smile...”

**CORRIE TEN BOOM**

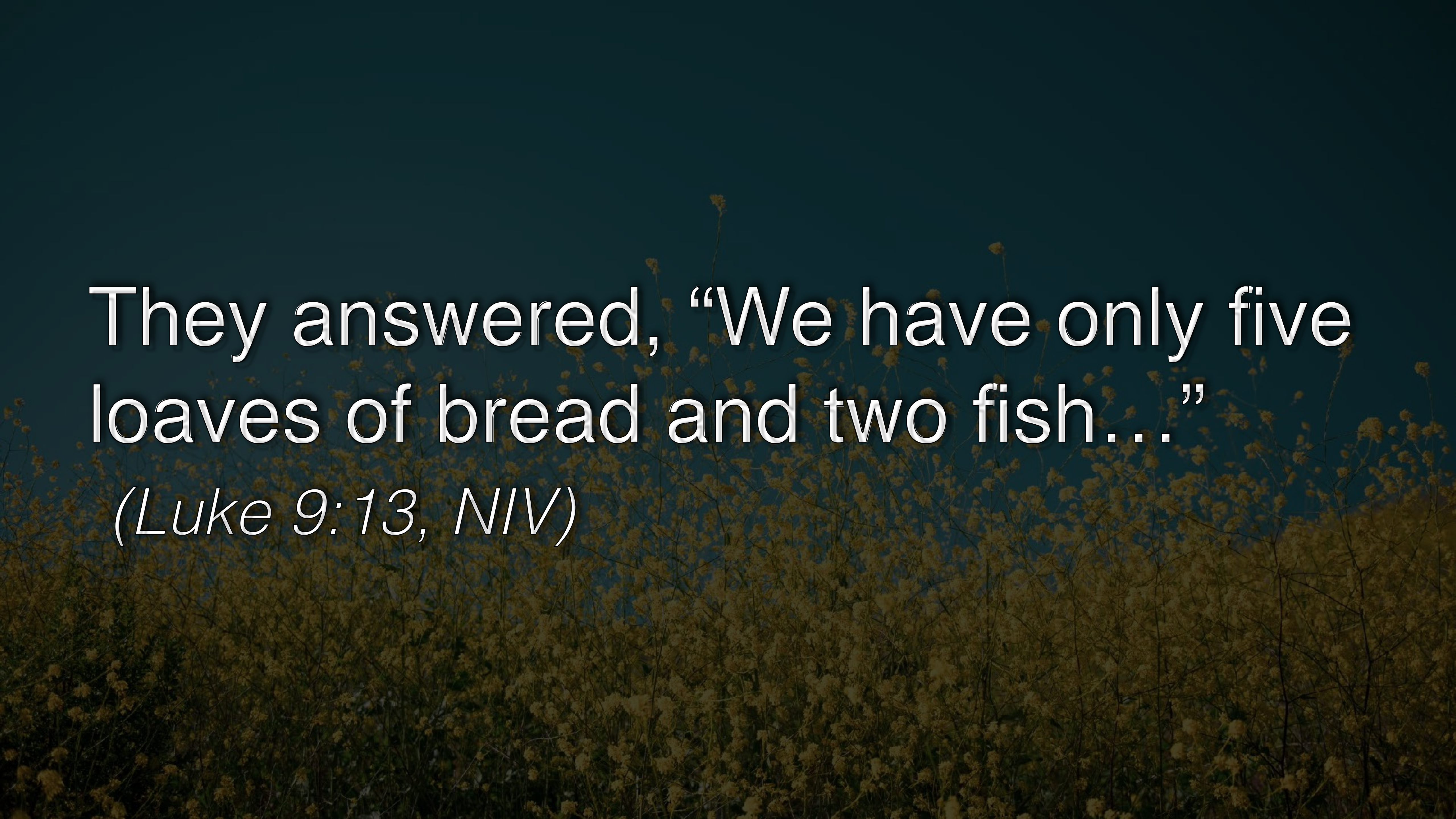






2. How do I measure  
my **resources**?

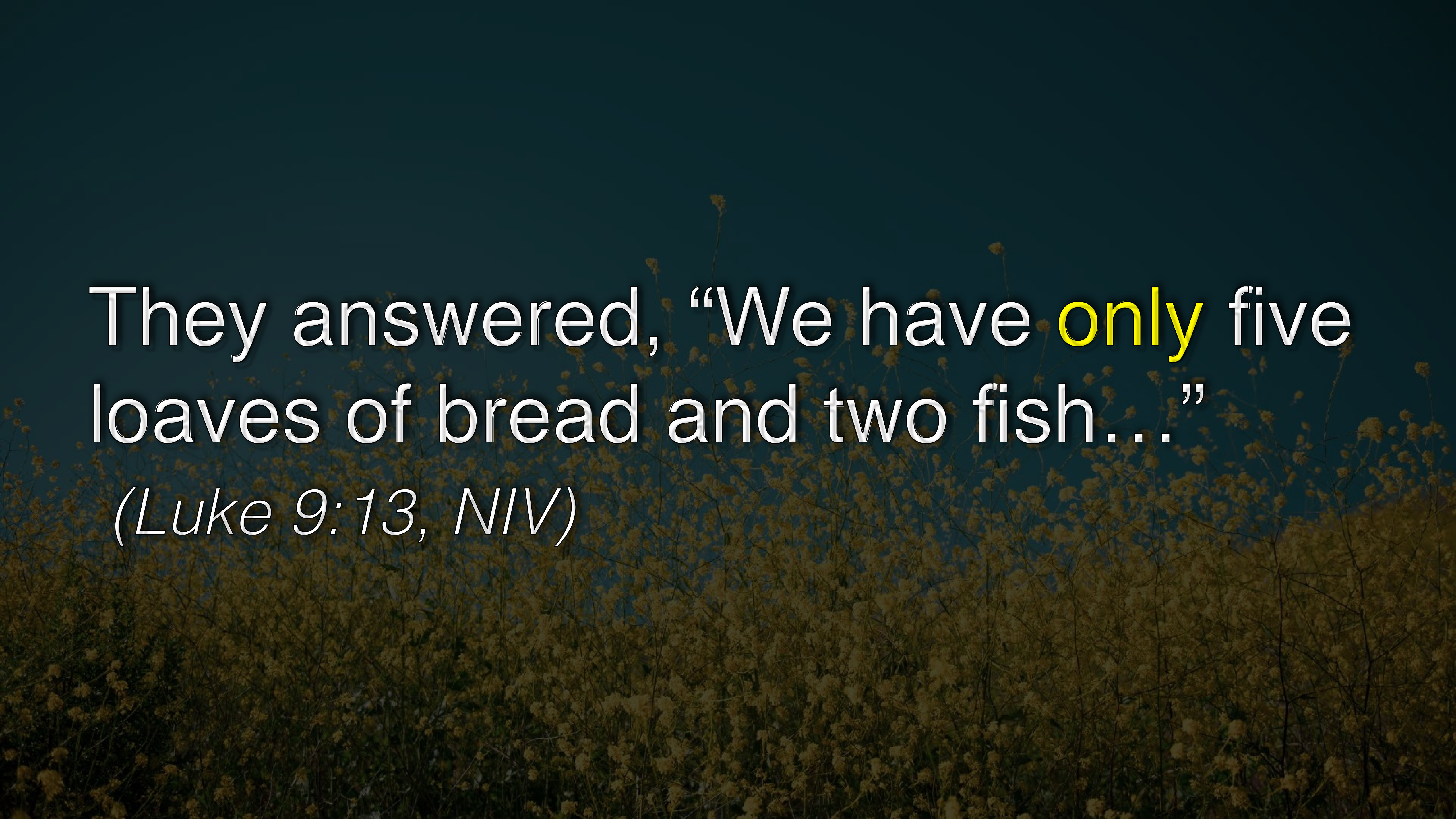




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*(Luke 9:13, NIV)*





They answered, “We have **only** five loaves of bread and two fish...”

*(Luke 9:13, NIV)*











Question: What have I  
decided is **too little** for God  
to work with?





Start with what **you have**  
and watch what **God does**





3. How will I respond  
to my **opportunities**?





“Bring them here to me,” He said.

*(Matthew 14:18, NIV)*







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**Question: What will I do  
because I believe God will  
provide?**



“After this the Lord appointed  
seventy-two others and sent them  
two by two ahead of him to every  
town and place where he was  
about to go.” *(Luke 10:1, NIV)*







# BIG IDEA:

When my imagination is  
captured by God's **grace**,  
I will be **generous** with my  
little lunch.



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