

Lent devotions

READ:

Mark 6:30-44 ([click to open link](#))

REFLECT:

Sometimes, the task ahead of us seems impossible. There are too many barriers keeping us from being successful – cost, time, energy, abilities, lack of compromise. Maybe it's a relationship that is struggling. Maybe it's a situation at work. There just seems no way to change anything, so why bother.

The disciples were up against something that seemed impossible, too. There were 5,000+ hungry people surrounding them. The easy thing, the logical thing to do would be to send them home to eat. But, Jesus wasn't thinking about what was logical. Jesus wasn't thinking about what was easy.

"You give them something to eat."

Jesus' answer to the disciples was clear. He wasn't going to let them pass this task off onto someone else. He wasn't going to let them make excuses. It didn't matter how many people were there. It didn't matter how late it was. Jesus was clear, "You give them something to eat." He wanted them what they had. He wanted them to give Him their full faith and obedience.

When we are facing tough times, God still doesn't ask much more than that. He simply asks that we give Him what we have. When we don't have a ready solution, when we are stuck asking, "How could God possibly do anything with this," he wants us to have faith. To give what we have with open hands. And, once we do, we can see Him do what only he can - move, multiply, and satisfy.

RESPOND:

Think about a problem or problems you have in your life that seems to be without a solution.

What have you been doing to remedy the problem? How have you relied on God to help you with these problems or situations? In what ways can you better express faith and obedience when it comes to allowing God into your life during times of trouble?