

OUTLINE
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FEEDING MORE THAN 5000

(John 6:1-14)

INTRODUCTION: (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17)
Have you ever had to change your plans?

1. **BE FLEXIBLE BECAUSE SITUATIONS DO CHANGE:** (John 6:5) "Then Jesus ^{lifted} up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him ... "

(Mark 6:31-33) "... rest awhile ... but the multitude saw them ... " Also (John 6:2-3)
With the corona-virus, we have experienced a change in our situation and changed plans.

2. **HAVE COMPASSION:** (Mark 6:34) "And Jesus ... was moved with compassion for them"

We serve a God of compassion: (Psalm 88:15)

We are called upon to do the same: (Matthew 18:32-33; Luke 10:33, v36-37)

3. **DON'T "PASS THE BUCK":** (Luke 9:12) "the twelve ... Send the multitude away"

(Matthew 14:14) the disciples just witnessed Jesus "healed their sick." Also (John 6:5-7)
We have an obligation to help others: (Galatians 6:2, v9-10; 2 Corinthians 8:12)

4. **LOOK BEYOND YOUR OWN RESOURCES:** (John 6:9) "There is a lad here ... "

The size of the person, and the offering, was not impressive by itself; however, it was needed, helpful, and was used for relief in the miracle.

5. **LITTLE IS MUCH IN GOD'S HAND:** (John 6:9) "a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

The lad's lunch was enough for him, but 5000+ needed to be fed.

We are able to do much by doing the ordinary, by doing what we can (2 Cor. 8:12).

6. **DON'T FORGET TO GIVE THANKS FOR PROVISIONS:** (v11) "had given thanks"

7. **MAINTAIN ORDER:** (Luke 9:14) "Make them sit down in groups of fifty"

8. **THE LORD ALWAYS GIVES MORE THAN ENOUGH:** (John 6:11) "distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down ... as much as they wanted."

(v12) "So when they were filled" - God gives what we need and all we need.

(Ephesians 1:3) "Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing"

9. **SAVE THE "FRAGMENTS":** (John 6:12-14) "Gather up the fragments that remain ... when had seen the sign ... said, This is truly the Prophet who is come into the world"

Main lesson for us: (John 20:30-31) "... these are written that you ... "