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## Little Is Much with God

*By Shannon Ford on December 13, 2021*

**READING:** Matthew 14

In verses 13-21, Matthew records the feeding of the 5,000. This is the only miracle Jesus performed, besides the resurrection, that is recorded in all four gospels. It is interesting to note the difference between Jesus and the disciples in this passage. Jesus says feed the hungry crowd and the disciples say send the crowd home because the need is too great. Our human nature is to always think we need more to do more, but the story of Jesus feeding the 5,000 shows us that God can do so much with so little! With only five loaves of bread and two fish, He fed 5,000 men. Adding women and children, perhaps 20,000! His power is unmeasurable if you will just have faith and trust Him!

Christ can take our little and make it much. Christ can also overcome every difficulty and feed the multitudes. The disciples had many excuses – not enough money, the wrong place, the wrong time – but Christ took what they had and met the need. Even though a poor, small lunch was all the disciples could find in the large crowd, it was enough in the Master's hand.

In this passage, we are reminded that God uses the ordinary, a lunch and disciples, to bless many. When God asks us to be a blessing to others, then we must have faith and do it. Even just a simple amount or act can have a huge impact on so many lives. If we have the concern and the willingness to offer what we do have to others, then Jesus can miraculously multiply our little to meet the needs of many. We must trust that God will provide for our needs and use our offerings to bless others. We know God is larger than we can imagine, and He delights in providing for and blessing His children.

**PRAYER:** Lord, forgive us for the times when we do not give to help others. Help us realize what we have is more than enough for You. Lord, help us be obedient and bring what we do have and present it to You. Our limited resources in Your hands can meet the needs of many.

**TOMORROW'S READING:** Matthew 15

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