

Five Loaves, Two Fish – *You Take Action*

Mark 6: 30-44

The disciples told Jesus it is late, and he should send the people to the surrounding villages to get them something to eat. The disciples told *Jesus* what to do! We so often want to tell God what he needs to do.

Jesus responded telling them “You give them something to eat.” We must take action, while allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us. – **You Take Action**

They said it will cost eight months of a man’s wages (on a \$50,000 income that would be \$33,300). They then complained about how much it would cost. In our lives, how often do we get concerned about the cost of doing what we need to do, whether it be time, money or other resources. – **Don’t obsess over the cost if God is leading you.**

Jesus asked, “How many loaves do you have?” “Go and See.” - **Assess the Situation**

Jesus told them to assess the situation to see what they have to work with. When trying to make financial decisions, we must first assess the current situation and resources with which we have to work.

In verse 39 Jesus directed them to group the people into groups of hundreds and fifties. We should structure our finances so that we can manage them better. Debts should be organized and prioritized in order to pay off. – **Organize to make Manageable**

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand. – **Jesus can work miracles through our actions.**

Summary:

1. **Assess the situation.** What do you have? What are the current surrounding resources available and what is the environment like? What are the details of your debts? What are your funds available? What resources or tools are available to help?
2. **Take Action** – We are called to take action, while depending on God to lead us.
3. **Don’t look too far into the future!**
4. **Do not over analyze** the time or money it may cost you to get out of the current situation or addressing current issues.
5. **Don’t complain about your current circumstances?** It may appear overwhelming but it’s not overwhelming to our God.
6. **Categorize and group your resources** so that it is manageable.