



Matthew 14: 1-21...Jesus Feeds The 5000!

More Than Enough!

What can we learn from this miracle of Jesus feeding the 5000?

We can learn some very valuable **Faith Lessons**. This week I challenge you to read this scripture and see if you can identify verse by verse the **six lessons** that almost jump off the pages of your Bible.

These lessons are:

1. **There will always be a need.** What was their need? What is your need?
2. **We must respond as Jesus did.** How did Jesus respond to the crowd? How does He respond to you today?
3. **We cannot measure our effectiveness by the size of our resources.** How did this crowd get fed with such limited resources? How are you being fed today?
4. **Acknowledge that God is the source of our blessings.** Have you? Did you? Can you?
5. **Our Faith is to believe that God understands the size of the need and responds through our faith and obedience.** Is your thinking limited? Are you trusting and obeying?
6. **There will always be more than enough.** How were the disciples blessed this day? How have you been blessed? Can you witness to others how God has given you more than enough?

You see, it is abundantly clear in Scripture that God wants us to live responsibly and to be good stewards of His resources and blessings. But we can't measure all of our effectiveness in doing His work by the size of our resources and blessings.

The lesson for every Christian is that, no matter how impossible His assignments (feeding 5000) may seem, with divine help it can be done. For as it says in **Luke 1:37 *Nothing is impossible with God.***

But the story doesn't end there. There was more than enough. (Matthew 14:20) *And they picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets.* It had been an occasion in which the disciples overemphasized the problem and underemphasized the resources, for **they underestimated the Master.**

Take this home with you tonight: that as we give to God our resources, God blesses them, and always provides more than enough.

For over 200 years the faithful at New Hope United Methodist Church have done just that. We have been blessed by God in so many ways. So, we invite you this June 7th at 11 am to worship with us and our Bishop (Alfred Gwinn) from the North Carolina Conference as we give God the Glory for the many things He has done for our community over all these years. Please join us on June 7th. The Lord be with you!