

## Now What?

### *Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes*

*(John 6:2–13, New Living Translation)*

*A huge crowd kept following [Jesus] wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. (v. 2)*

*Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. (v. 3)*

*Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. (v. 5)*

*Turning to Philip, he asked, 'Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?' (v. 5)*

*[Jesus] was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. Philip replied, 'Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!'*

*Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. (v. 8)*

*'There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?' (v. 9)*

**"I'm facing an impossible situation, now what?"**

**1. Take stock of what you have.**

**2. Give what you have to Jesus.**

*Jesus: 'You should tithe!'*

*(Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42, NLT)*

*Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.*

*(Luke 12:34, NLT)*

*Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. 'If you do,' says the Lord of Heaven's Armies, 'I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!'*

*(Malachi 3:10, NLT)*

*'Tell everyone to sit down,' Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) (v. 10)*

*Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. (v. 11)*

*After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, 'Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted.' (v. 13)*

*So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves. (v. 13)*

*(John 6:1–13, NLT)*

**3. Watch Jesus multiply your gift.**

*Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.*

*(Luke 6:38, NLT)*