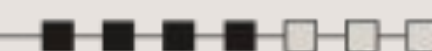


WEEK FOUR

FEEDING THE 5,000

JOHN SERIES

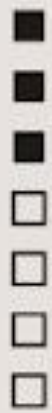


MIRACLES



JOHN 6:5-14





Humanity

We have nothing to offer

God

He has everything to give



John 6:1 NIV

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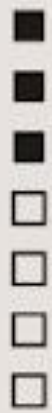


“Some time after this...”

John 6:1a



- Sermon on the Mount
- Debates with religious leaders
- Miracles and teaching with crowds
- Disciples sent on first ministry trip
- Cousin John executed
- More conflict with religious leaders



John 6:1-4 NIV

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.



Impossible Assignment

John 6:5-6 NIV

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶He asked this **only to test him**, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.



Impossible Assignment



John 6:7 NIV
Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”



Impossible Assignment



Luke 9:13a NIV

He replied, "**You give them something** to eat."



Impossible Assignment

John 6:8-9 NIV

Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, ⁹ “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”



Disciples' Solutions

Elexis Foster Insights



Get rid of the problem. *(Matthew, Mark, Luke)*

Get enough money. *(John 6:7)*

Go to others. *(John 6:8-9)*



“Faith does not operate in the realm of the possible.
There is no glory for God in that which is humanly
possible. Faith begins where man’s power ends.”

- **George Mueller**

19th century orphanage founder and evangelist



Impossible Provision



John 6:10-11 NIV

Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹**Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed** to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.



Impossible Provision



Luke 9:16 NIV

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then **he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people.**



Not enough becomes
more than enough



John 6:12-14 NIV

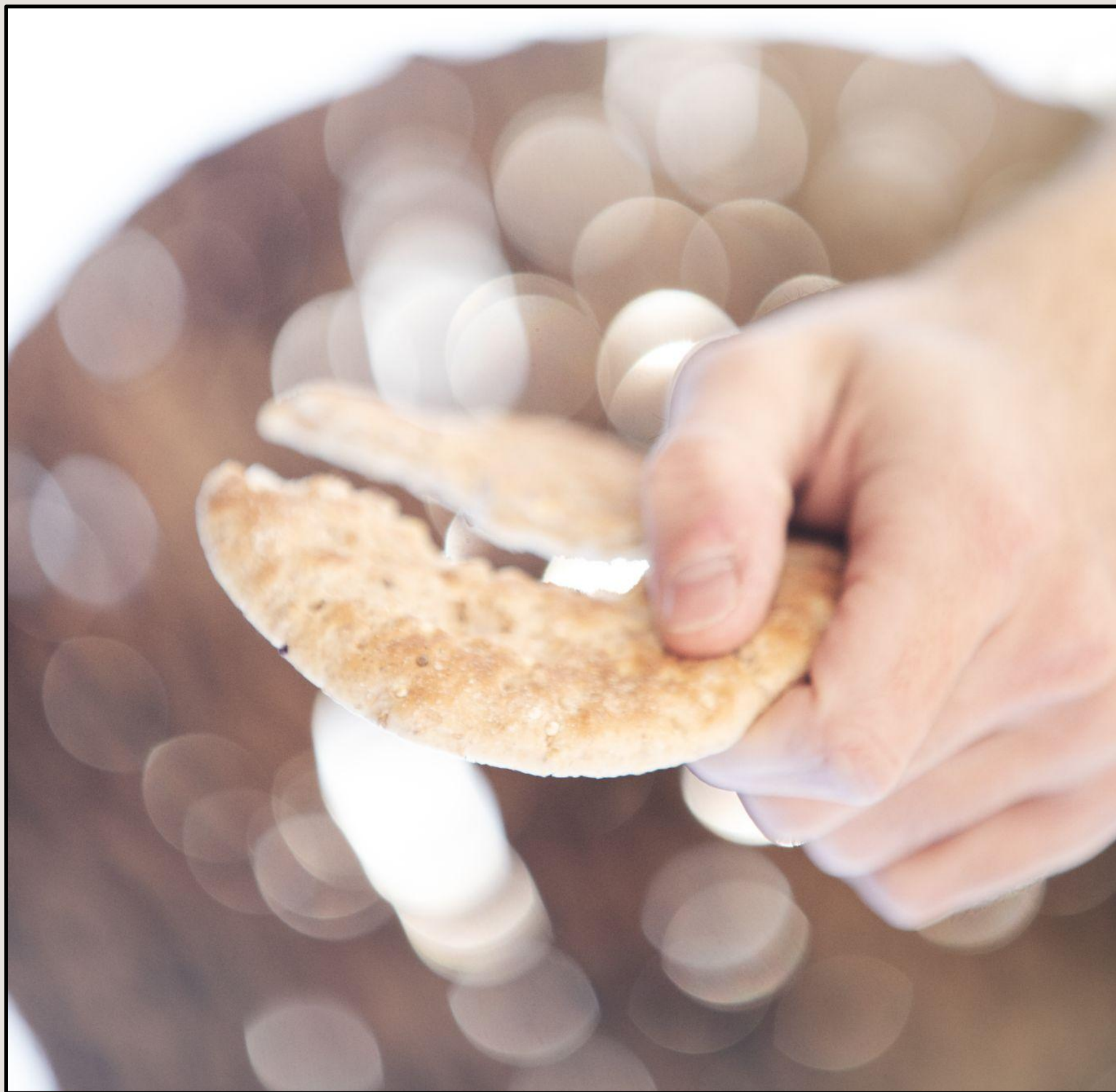
When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.”



A humble & bold faith believes...

- We are not enough.
- Jesus is more than enough.
- Where Jesus guides, He will provide.



John 6:4, 11a NIV

⁴ The Jewish **Passover** Festival was near.

¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, **gave thanks** [eucharisteo]...