

# Feeding 5,000 Begins With Feeding One

## John 6:1-14 Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

*After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews was at hand. Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother said to him. “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many” Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples. “Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, “This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!”*

We are called to be the Hands and Feet of Christ. Today, I would like to suggest three practical ways for us to T.R.Y. and do just that.

**T – Take the Time. R – Release your gifts. Y – You go!**

James 4:8 states, “*Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners and purify your hearts, you double-minded.*”

Intimacy with the Lord requires action on our part, it requires intentionality.

**How are you intentionally drawing near to God? (TIME)**

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Ephesians 4:11-13 states, “*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.*”

Feeding 5,000 requires knowing our gifts and activating them with boldness. Remember the 5,000 all ate until they were filled. They gathered up the fragments, so that nothing was lost. Our God is a God of abundance, not of scarcity.

**What is your five loaves/two fish gift that you can share? (RELEASE)**

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Romans 10:14-15 states, “*How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, how beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!*”

**What is holding YOU back from taking your next step of faith? (YOU)**

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