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## From Not Enough to Too Much

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**Text:** John 6:1-14

### Opening Summary

God always provides more than enough when we call on Him. When the problem we face seems too big for our small resources, God always gives us a Word. We must act on that Word. Following Jesus' example, we must constantly give God praise and thanksgiving. As we obey His Word, we are sure to see a miracle, because God loves to take us from not enough to too much.

- I. **John 6:1-3:** Jesus is being followed by 5,000 heads of household.
  - A. Counting their families, that equals as many as 20,000-40,000 people.
  - B. They witnessed a constant manifestation of God's power.
  - C. The Gospels only give us a small glimpse of Jesus' three-year ministry.
  - D. The Scripture is a record of only 20-52 days of Jesus' ministry (John 21:25).
  
- II. Here are some facts about Capernaum.
  - A. Jesus lived in Capernaum (Mat. 4:13-16).
  - B. It was the largest city on the Sea of Galilee.
  - C. It was a very rich city where the '*receipt of customs*' was.
  - D. In it was a large detachment of Roman soldiers.
  - E. It was a central city where the tax money was kept.
  - F. It had an international population, as well as a constant flow of traffic.
  - G. People had to pass through Capernaum to go to Damascus or to Jerusalem.
  - H. This is where Jesus did most of His miracles. People came to Him for help.
  - I. It is where the Centurion asks Jesus to heal his servant (Mat. 8:5-10).
  - J. Jesus met Simon, Andrew, James, John, and Matthew, near there (Mark 1:16-21; Mat. 9:1,9).
  - K. The nobleman's son healed there (John 4:45-54).
  
- III. Jesus made a strong statement to the people in Capernaum (Mat. 11:23-24).
  
- IV. **John 6:5-7:** Jesus is about to do something they've never seen.
  - A. Prove means to expose, examine, to see if defective, to upgrade or to tease.
  - B. Jesus knew this situation would be too big for their minds to handle.
  - C. A pennyworth (Gk. *denarius*) is a day's wage. Two hundred pennyworth is over six months wages.

- V. A handful of meal and a little oil in a cruse was not enough (1 Kings 17:9,12-14).
  - A. She had a choice to obey the man of God or be afraid.
  - B. She obeyed Elijah and God provided plenty of food for a full year.
  - C. This is the woman spoken of in Luke 4:26.
- VI. A pot of oil was not enough (2 Kings 4:1-7).
  - A. She obeyed Elisha and received a miracle.
  - B. Elisha told her to pay her debt and live on the rest.
- VII. A Lad (Gk. *paidarion*) is a little boy, around five years old.
  - A. According to one Greek teacher, the barley loaves were, actually, crackers and the fish were minnows.
  - B. **John 6:10:** There had to be order, before Jesus could do this miracle.

**Testimony:** When God told me and my wife to go to Bible school, we were thousands of dollars in debt. We didn't have enough to pay those debts off, but we chose to follow God. Immediately, affliction arose (Mark 4:17). My wife laid all the bills out on the table. That was the first time God told us to laugh at the problem. Later, we sowed the little seed we had. By the time we graduated from Bible school, we had paid off every bill and we are still debt free today.

- VIII. **John 6:11-12:** Jesus constantly gave God thanks. Then the disciples served the ones that sat down.
- IX. Here's what we've seen so far.
  - A. They all received a Word from God.
  - B. They acted on that Word.
  - C. Constant thanksgiving opens the door to miracles.
  - D. They had to obey God's instructions and do things in proper order.
  - E. Doing all the above caused their miracle.
- X. **John 6:13:** They took up 12 baskets filled with the leftovers. God doesn't waste anything.
- XI. Again, Jesus constantly gives God thanks (Mat. 15:29-38).
- XII. We must always remember what God has done for us in the past, because God requires more from those who have received much (Mat. 16:5-11; Luke 12:48).

### **Closing Summary**

Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever. God helped us in the past; He will do it again. No matter what the media says or what our circumstances say, God will help us when we call on Him. When we trust God and follow the principles we've learned in this study, God will take us from not enough to too much!