

RIDICULOUS IDEAS

⁸ 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?" (John 6:8-9).

Interactive Questions:

- Why did Jesus ask Philip how to feed 5,000 men including their families?
- Are you in a situation where it seems like what you have in your hands is not enough? Have you given it to God?
- Why does God allow us to go through situations that seem impossible to solve? What do you think God has in mind?

Objectives:

- To understand God's purpose behind His ridiculous ideas.
- To learn and apply three steps that will help us elevate our faith in every area of our lives.

Illustration: *There was a young man who would walk the city streets and catch the public bus to get to work every day; while he was on his daily routine, he would always find opportunities to help those who surrounded him. First, he met a lady who was struggling to lift her food cart onto the sidewalk, so he helped her. After, while he was having lunch, a street dog comes up to him hungry for food, so he feeds him his lunch. Finally, he encounters a little girl with her mother begging for some spare change on the streets, so he generously gives them an offering. As he is doing all of these ridiculous acts people around him are criticizing him, because he unconditionally does all these things. Days after, the young man receives a greater reward money cannot buy; and even though he did not have much, still he decided to give the little he had and understand that he was made to be a blessing, to serve and freely give what he has freely received. Watch the following video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zmBTciTT7mc>*

Introduction: *God loves positioning us in ridiculous situations that literally seem impossible for men to solve! Although, He does this to demonstrate He is the God of the impossible, to test us and bring the best out of us; and to teach us that He gave us life not so that we would be lone rangers, but instead to reach the impossible together with Him and His church. Let us view the following points and learn:*

1. REMEMBER THAT GOD KNOWS YOUR SITUATION *John 6:5*

- The Bible tells us that Jesus looked up and saw a great multitude of people who had followed him because of the miracles he had made; so he was concerned about their situation. The Lord will never lose sight of the things we are facing in our lives.
- Sometimes we feel the total opposite, but the reality is that God has allowed us to step into storms in order for us to elevate our faith and witness His glory.
- The Bible says that God's thoughts and ways are higher than ours. There are ridiculous things that we cannot understand with our logic. They can only be understood with faith.
- Maybe you feel like a rookie in the situation you are facing and that is very good, because the Lord wants to stretch your faith so that you learn how to move in the supernatural.

2. REMEMBER THERE ARE NO IMPOSSIBLES FOR GOD *John 6:6-11*

- Why did Jesus ask Philip how to feed 5,000 men with their wives and children? Because, he wanted Philip to start calculating how much pennyworth it would take to feed these people; and in this way prove that only God could make such a miracle.

- b. Jesus uses a young boy with five loaves of bread and two fish to feed and satisfy a multitude. The Word declares that only those who have child-like faith will inherit the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 18:3).
 - c. God uses those who are available, not so much those who are “qualified”. This young boy made himself available and gave the little he had then the Lord miraculously multiplied it. It is not about how much you have, but about how available you are. Do you want to please God? Then believe Him, He will not fail you.
 - d. We need to get use to moving in the supernatural because we are supernatural beings. What seems impossible to us is not impossible to God.
 - e. If the Lord used a Moses who stuttered to deliver a nation and a young shepherd boy named David to reign in Israel for 40 years, then He can use you to change the world (1 Chronicles 17:7).
- 3. REMEMBER TO STEP ASIDE AND LET GOD BE GOD** *John 6:12-14*
- a. There are many people in the multitudes that hide their bread and fish instead of giving them to God, and believing He can multiply them. We need to step aside and obtain a generous mentality just as the young boy in the story.
 - b. When we give our tithing, offering and vow to God, we should not tell God how to bless us. It is true that we reap what we sow, but we need let God do whatever He wants to do with what we have sown.
 - c. We need to stop hiding our talents and bread because we were created to freely give what we have freely received. We do not have to live “bite by bite” meaning in poverty. Jesus fed the multitude until they were satisfied and in the same way He wants to bless us. All we have to do is let go and give Him what we have.
 - d. When was the last time your neck hurt because you were struck in awe as you saw God multiply your bread and fish? It is time to move out of the King’s way and allow Him to be Himself. He has been God for a long time and He knows what He is doing!

Conclusion: *Life with the Lord is an adventure because we have a great purpose and strong mandate from God. The best is on its way! God is doing ridiculous things to catch our attention and quickly restore His relationship with every single human being. If you have not accepted Jesus Christ in your heart, we invite you to pray the following prayer with us:*

SALVATION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I recognize I have sinned and that you died for me. Today I repent and ask for forgiveness. I give you my life and my heart so you can be my Lord and personal savior, amen.