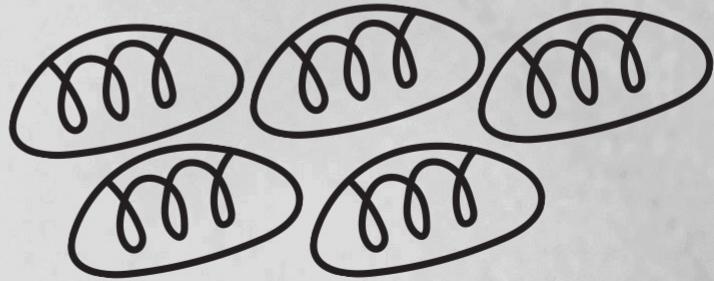




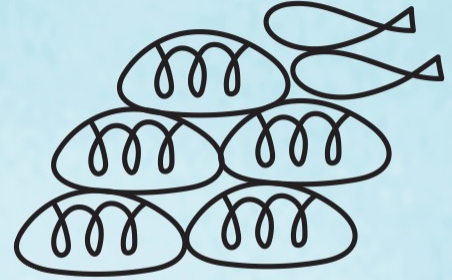
1 LAD, 2 SMALL FISH & 5 LOAVES

John 6:1-14 & Matthew 25:31-40

Senior Pastor Lawrence Chua
11 August 2024

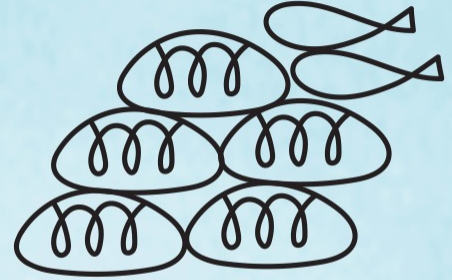


Matthew 25:31-40 (NKJV)



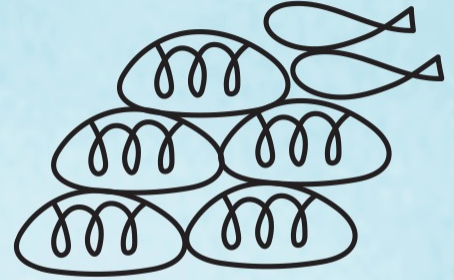
31 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats.

Matthew 25:31-40 (NKJV)



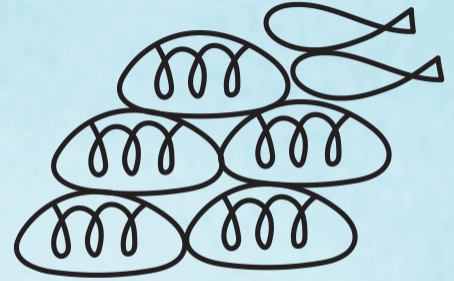
33 And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. **34** Then the **King** will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Matthew 25:31-40 (NKJV)



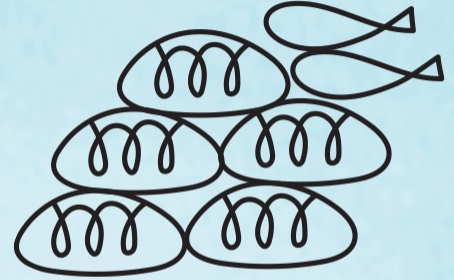
³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; ³⁶ I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.'

Matthew 25:31-40 (NKJV)



**37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying,
‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed
You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When
did we see You a stranger and take You in, or
naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see
You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’**

Matthew 25:31-40 (NKJV)



**40 And the King will answer and say to them,
‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you
did it to one of the least of these
My brethren, you did it to Me.’**

Introduction

a) Meeting people in heaven

a) Meeting people in heaven

- by Steve Green:
“Thank you for giving to the Lord”

a) Meeting people in heaven

- by Steve Green:
“Thank you for giving to the Lord”
- Matthew 17:3

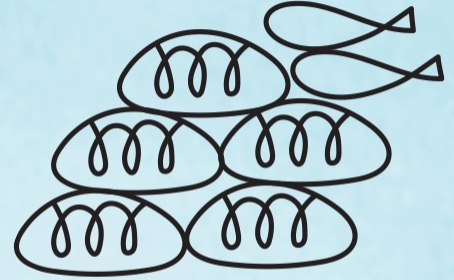
a) Meeting people in heaven

- by Steve Green:
“Thank you for giving to the Lord”
- Matthew 17:3
- John 14:2-3

Introduction

b) Meeting Jesus in heaven

Matthew 25:37-39 (NIV)



**37 “Then the righteous will answer Him, saying,
‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed
You, or thirsty and give You drink? 38 When did
we see You a stranger and take You in, or
naked and clothe You? 39 Or when did we see
You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’**

Introduction

b) Meeting Jesus in heaven

- Are you a high-profile person of influence, and have you accomplished any great or substantive things for God?

c) What have we done in Hougang?

c) What have we done in Hougang?

- does not matter that you give and serve in huge capacity or in meagre measure

c) What have we done in Hougang?

- does not matter that you give and serve in huge capacity or in meagre measure
- important thing is you have impacted lives in Hougang

c) What have we done in Hougang?

- things you do for Jesus, however small they may be, matter to God

d) What are we celebrating?

d) What are we celebrating?

- celebrating God's grace upon our church and His faithfulness to our church

d) What are we celebrating?

- celebrating God's grace upon our church and His faithfulness to our church
- intertwining elements of a gospel narrative with stories of our own

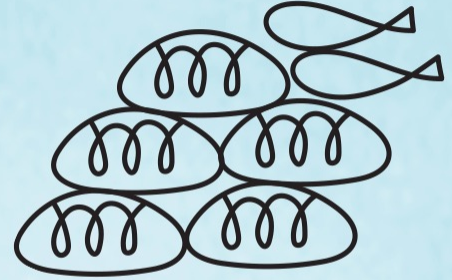
Introduction

d) What are we celebrating?

- incidents that God amazingly brought to my knowledge and attention in recent months

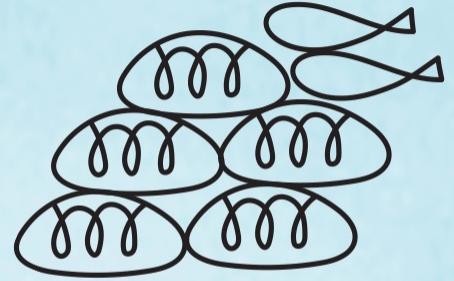
e) One lad, two fish and five loaves

John 6:1-14 (NKJV)



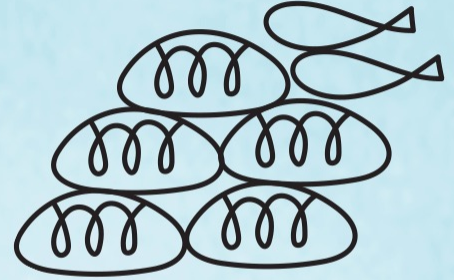
After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. ³ And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

John 6:1-14 (NKJV)



⁴ Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵ Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” ⁶ But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

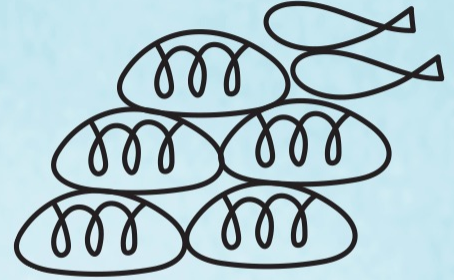
John 6:1-14 (NKJV)



⁷ Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.”

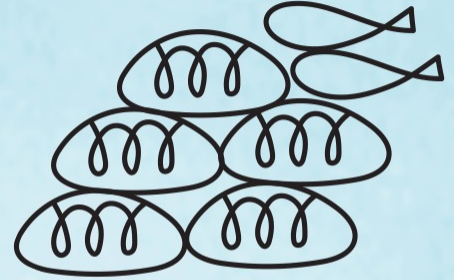
⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, **said to Him,**

John 6:1-14 (NKJV)



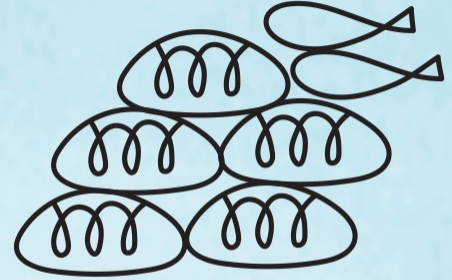
⁹ “There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?” ¹⁰ Then Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

John 6:1-14 (NKJV)



¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.”

John 6:1-14 (NKJV)



13 Therefore they gathered them up, **and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves** which were left over by those who had eaten. **14** Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, “This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world.”

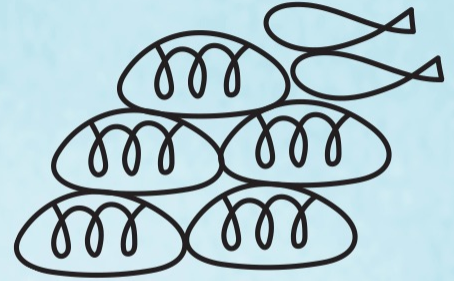
Key Points

- 1. Impossible for the disciples to meet the need**
- 2. Insignificant person with little resources**
- 3. Intervening to meet a need and teach a lesson**

1. Impossible for the disciples to meet the need

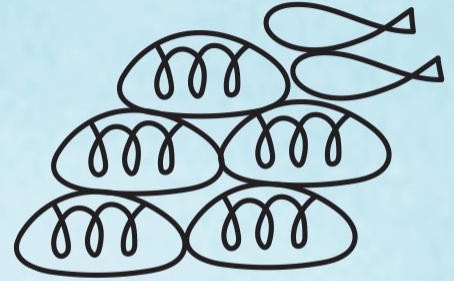
A decorative line consisting of a horizontal segment on the left, a vertical segment extending downwards, and a horizontal segment extending to the right, ending in a small red arrowhead.

John 6:1-7 (NKJV)



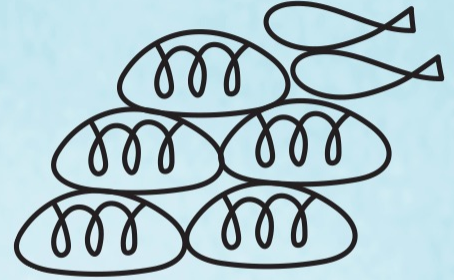
After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. ² Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased. ³ And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

John 6:1-7 (NKJV)



⁴ Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. ⁵ Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?” ⁶ But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

John 6:1-7 (NKJV)



⁷ Philip answered Him, “Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little.”

1. Impossible for the disciples to meet the need

- Doing door knocking itself is not impossible.

1. Impossible for the disciples to meet the need

- Doing door knocking itself is not impossible.
- It is the apparent lack of response over the many years that make the task impossible.

1. Impossible for the disciples to meet the need

- **Dinner with Tiak Cher and Yew Kong at Aroozoo**
 - Tiak Kweng, SP of Brighton Community Church told his church that he was converted by some teenagers that included Lawrence Chua, who visited his home in Bukit Ho Swee.



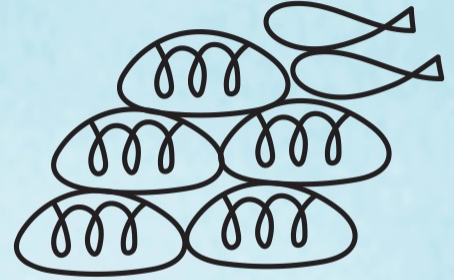
SP Tiak Kweng
Brighton Community
Church

Screen Video of Tiak Cher's testimony

2. Insignificant person with little resources

A decorative line consisting of a horizontal segment followed by a right-pointing arrow, positioned below the section header.

John 6:8-9 (NKJV)



⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, ⁹ "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

2. Insignificant person with little resources

- divine timing for the boy to meet the need

2. Insignificant person with little resources

- divine timing for the boy to meet the need
- lad was still dependent on parents for everything; housing food and clothing, including the little he was about to give away

2. Insignificant person with little resources

- Multiplication of resources can only happen when someone is prepared to give away the little that he has, so that the little that was given can be multiplied.

2. Insignificant person with little resources

- **After CP Seminar at Hope Church**
 - Saturday, 2nd March 2024

2. Insignificant person with little resources

- **After CP Seminar at Hope Church**
 - (around 1989), a lady came knocking at her door, stood at the gate and shared the story of Jesus using a gospel tract



Sheree Chung

2. Insignificant person with little resources

- **After CP Seminar at Hope Church**
 - In 1989, she did not really understand much about Jesus.

2. Insignificant person with little resources

- **After CP Seminar at Hope Church**
 - In 1989, she did not really understand much about Jesus.
 - She subsequently received Christ into her life when she was much older.

2. Insignificant person with little resources

- **After CP Seminar at Hope Church**
 - affirm me for the CP work that I did as a youth in Bukit Ho Swee because it resonated with her

2. Insignificant person with little resources

- **At Church Family Camp, at K.L. in June 2024**
 - Saturday, 15th June 2024

2. Insignificant person with little resources

- **At Church Family Camp, at K.L. in June 2024**
- amazing how God used a group of teenagers back in 1960s to reach out to a bunch of students staying around Bukit Merah



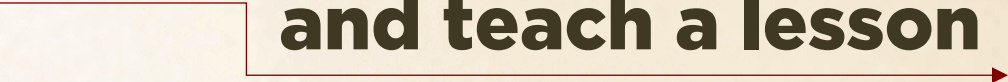
**Foong Ling &
Peter Fok**

2. Insignificant person with little resources

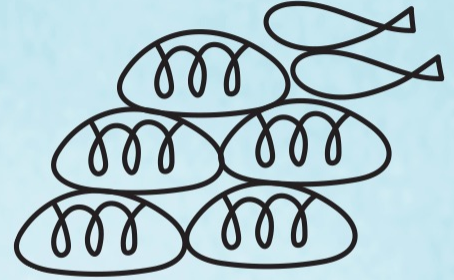
- 'My classmate exclaimed:

“This year is your church 50th Jubilee. Your SP Lawrence Chua together with Peter Tan and Joyce and a few others worked very hard to build this church. You are the fruit of their hard work.”

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

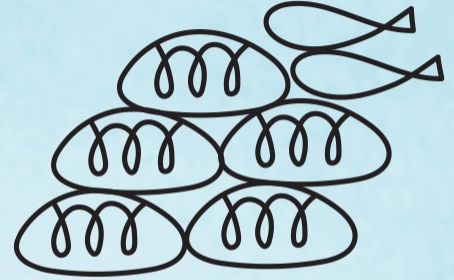


John 6:6 (NKJV)



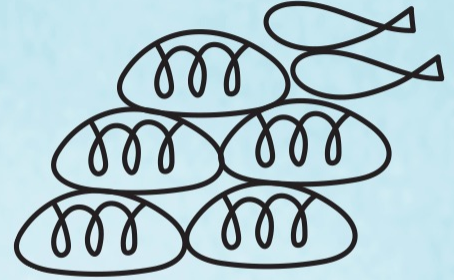
**But this He said to test him,
for He Himself knew what He would do.**

John 6:5 (NKJV)



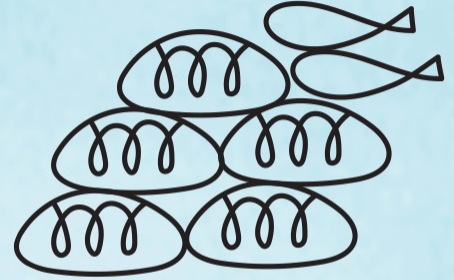
**Then Jesus lifted up His eyes,
and seeing a **great multitude coming**
toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall
we buy bread, that these may eat?”**

John 6:10-12 (NKJV)



¹⁰ Then Jesus said, “**Make the people sit down.**” Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, **in number about five thousand.**

John 6:10-12 (NKJV)



¹¹ And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks, He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, “Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost.”

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- manage the crowd
- made the miracle
- made to do the planning
- multiplied the provisions

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- overwhelming number of closed doors and unsaved people

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- overwhelming number of closed doors and unsaved people
- underwhelming response in terms of conversion

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- in the crisis of doubt

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- in the crisis of doubt
- God would step in to remind me that He is central to the CP work

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- in the crisis of doubt
- God would step in to remind me that He is central to the CP work
- causing the miracle of conversions

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **Resurgence of CP fervour in Singapore Churches**

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **After worship service at The Bible Church**
 - Saturday, 13th and Sunday, 14th July 2024

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **After worship service at The Bible Church**
 - Saturday, 13th and Sunday, 14th July 2024
 - Asked whether I could recognize her. I answered “No”.



**Emmalynn &
mum Yingli**

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **After worship service at The Bible Church**
 - Thank me and Cindy for reaching out to her mum in the early days of our CP work.

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **After worship service at The Bible Church**

- Came forward to say to me that because of our CP work they can get to heaven.

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **Buffet Lunch at St Giles Hotel, Southkey**
 - 19th to 21st July 2024

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **Buffet Lunch at St Giles Hotel, Southkey**

- 19th to 21st July 2024
- City Harvest Church and she wanted to thank LSBC for reaching out in our CP work to her late father



**Tan Chuan Fang,
resided at
606 Hougang
He has since gone
home to be with
the Lord in 2019.**

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- We needed the reminder from God that insignificant people like us doing insignificant door to door CP work can bring about miraculous conversion, if God is kept in the centre of it all.

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **Block Party at Block 292
Compassvale Crescent**
 - Saturday, 27th July 2024



Tay Hui Yuan

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **Block Party at Block 292 Compassvale Crescent**
 - hardly recognize her because when Cindy and I were reaching out to her family at Block 243 Hougang Ave 3, she was just a little girl

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- In heaven we shall meet many people coming up to tell us:

“Are you from LSBC? You may not know me. But I want you to know that I am here in heaven today because of your CP work.”

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

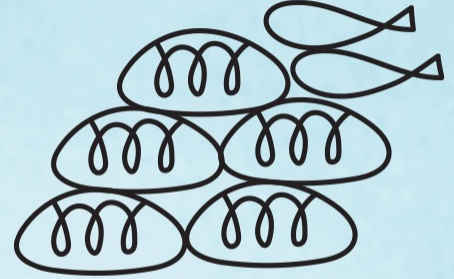
- **The lessons on faith**

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **The lessons on faith**

- experiencing a miracle
- allowing it to build faith

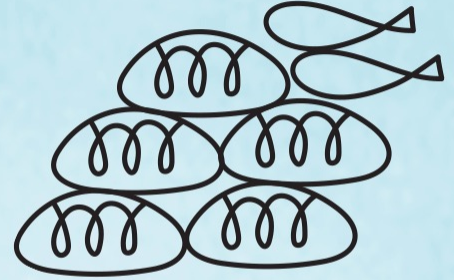
Matthew 16:5-11 (NKJV)



Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

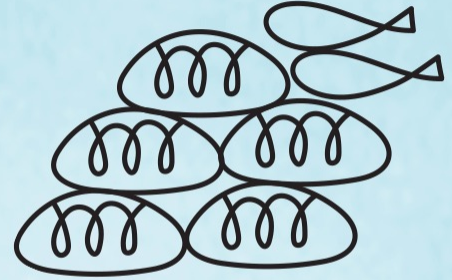
⁶ Then Jesus said to them, “Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.” ⁷ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “It is because we have taken no bread.”

Matthew 16:5-11 (NKJV)



**⁸ But Jesus, being aware of it, said to them,
“O you of little faith, why do you reason among
yourselves because you have brought no
bread? ⁹ Do you not yet understand, or
remember the five loaves of the five thousand
and how many baskets you took up?**

Matthew 16:5-11 (NKJV)



- 10 Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up?**
- 11 How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? — but to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”**

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **The lessons on faith**

- concern for the material resources caused them to forget to discern things in spiritual perspective

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **The lessons on faith**

- 2 key features of the miracle namely:
 - The meagre resources
 - The “more than enough” provision

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **The lessons on faith**

- expected the disciples to remember who gave the fish and bread

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **The lessons on faith**

- God will use insignificant people and deploy insufficient resources to meet the impossible needs.

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **The lessons on faith**

- Willing to surrender to Jesus the little we have.

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **The lessons on faith**

- Willing to surrender to Jesus the little we have.
- Look to Him to meet the need.

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **The lessons on faith**

- Willing to surrender to Jesus the little we have.
- Look to Him to meet the need.
- Keep Jesus in the centre of the situation.

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **The lessons on faith**

- Another lesson on faith is to believe in a God that satisfies and a God of more than enough.

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **The lessons on faith**

- 5,000 were fully fed and satisfied.

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

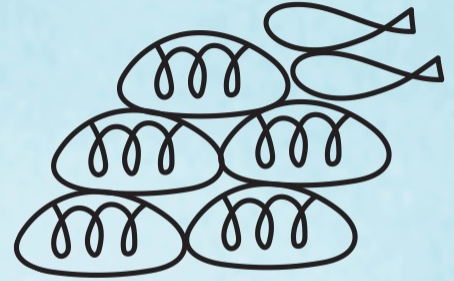
- **The lessons on faith**

- 5,000 were fully fed and satisfied.
- God's supply was more than enough.

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

- **God satisfies**

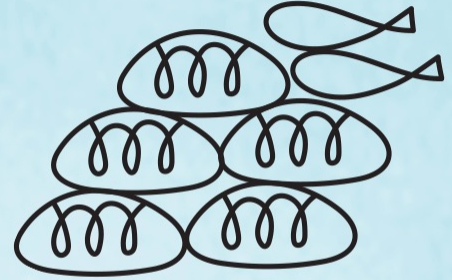
Psalms 103:1-5 (NKJV)



**Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is
within me, bless His holy name!**

**² Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not
all His benefits: ³ Who forgives all your
iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,**

Psalms 103:1-5 (NKJV)

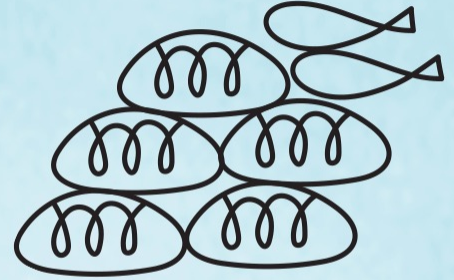


**4 Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and
tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth
with good things, So that your youth
is renewed like the eagle's.**

3. Intention to meet a need and teach a lesson

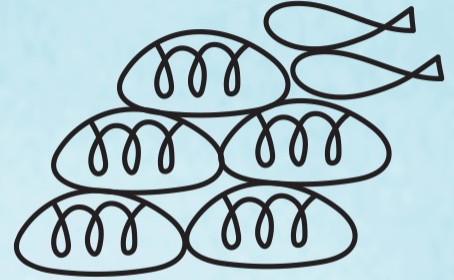
- **God supplies**

Luke 6:38 (NKJV)



**Give, and *it will be given to you:*
good measure, pressed down, shaken together,
and *running over* will be put into your bosom.
For with the same measure that you use,
it will be measured back to you.”**

2 Corinthians 9:8 (NKJV)



And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, **always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an **abundance** for every good work.**

CONCLUSION