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do what you can*

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# The New Testament

Matthew

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Luke

John

Acts

Romans

I & II Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians

Colossians

I & II Thessalonians

I & II Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

I & II Peter

I, II, & III John

Jude

Revelation

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Mark 6:30-44 - Remember the context:

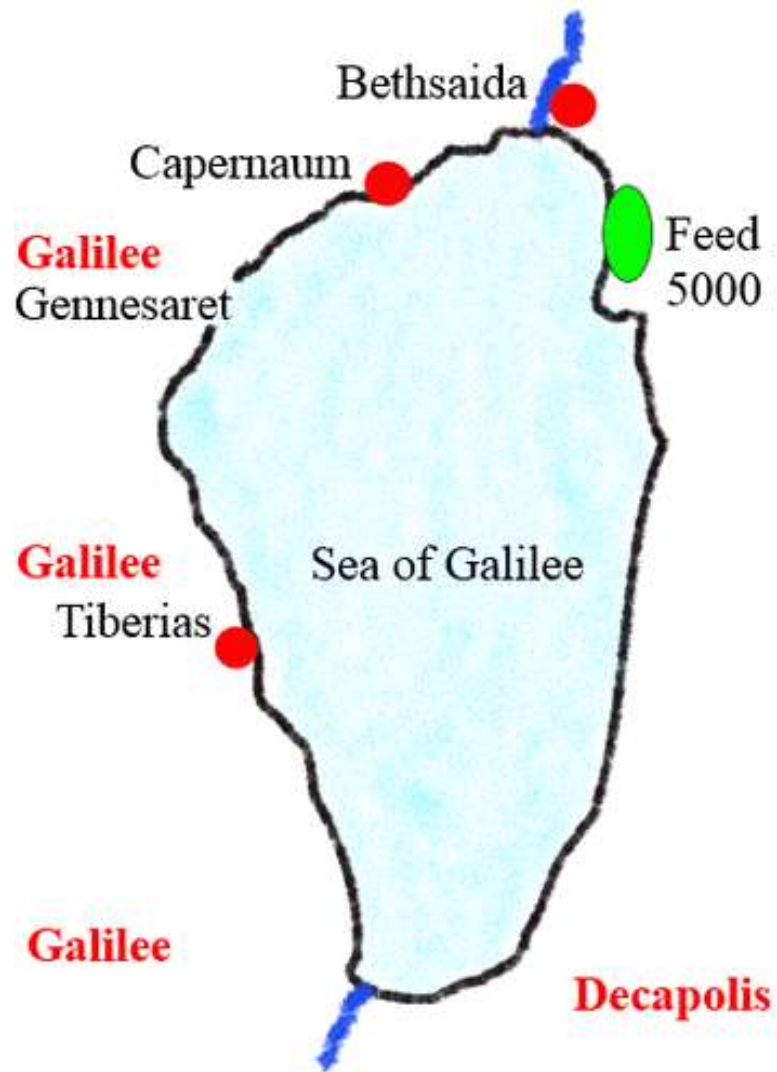
- Approximately 2 years into Jesus's earthly ministry
- All four gospels record this same story (It's the only miracle recorded by all four gospel authors!)
- Jesus sends the 12 out on ministry assignments



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- John the Baptist is murdered
- Herod (government) is on high alert
- Religious leaders (church) are on high alert





Start where you are...

You are always  
in the presence of Jesus.



Take what you have...

“What do you have?”

Exodus 4:2-4 The LORD said to him, “What is that in your hand?” He said, “A staff.” And he said, “Throw it on the ground.” So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent, and Moses ran from it. But the LORD said to Moses, “Put out your hand and catch it by the tail” — so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand.





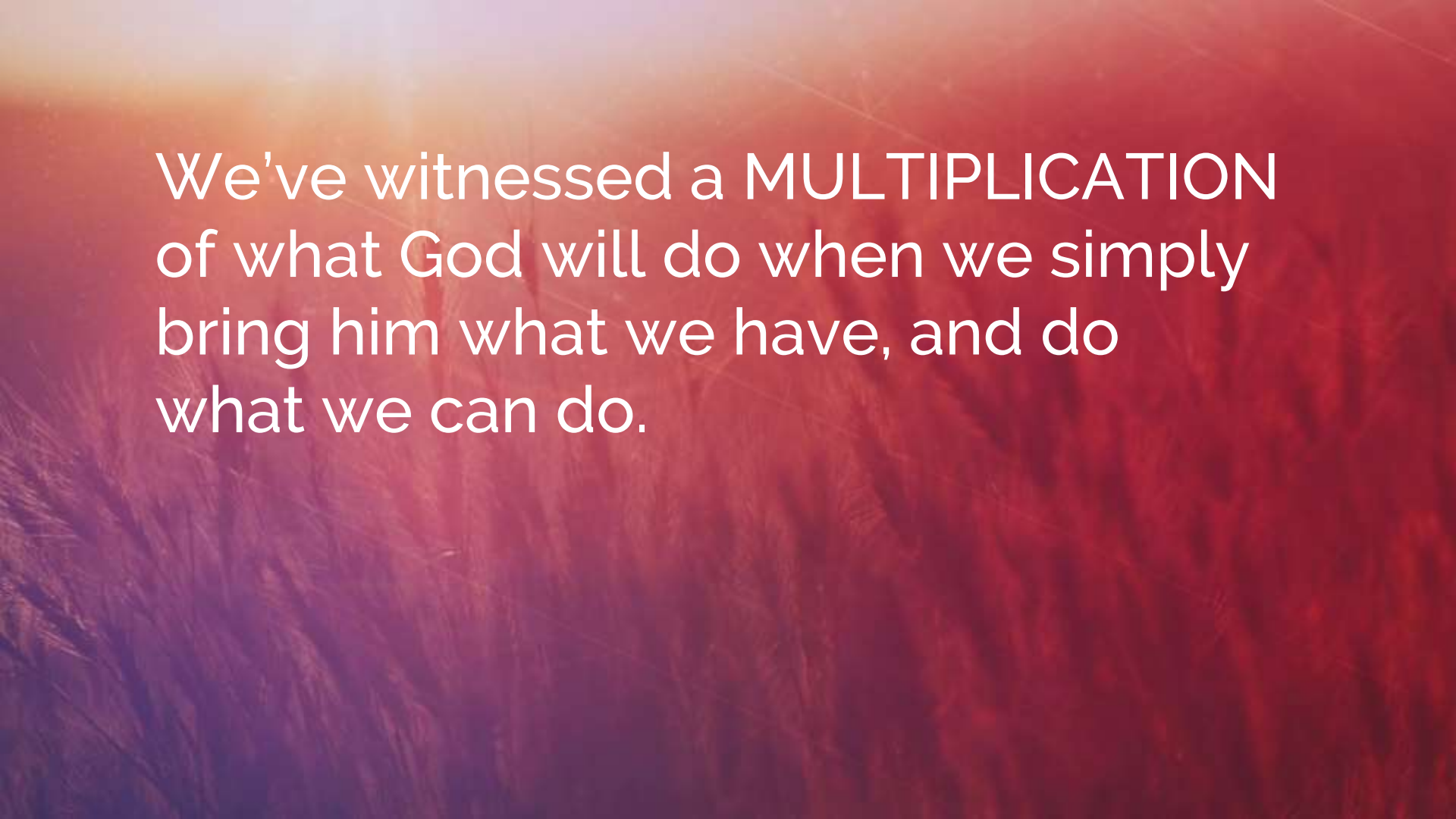
So the disciples bring Jesus  
five loaves of bread and two fish...

What will Jesus do?

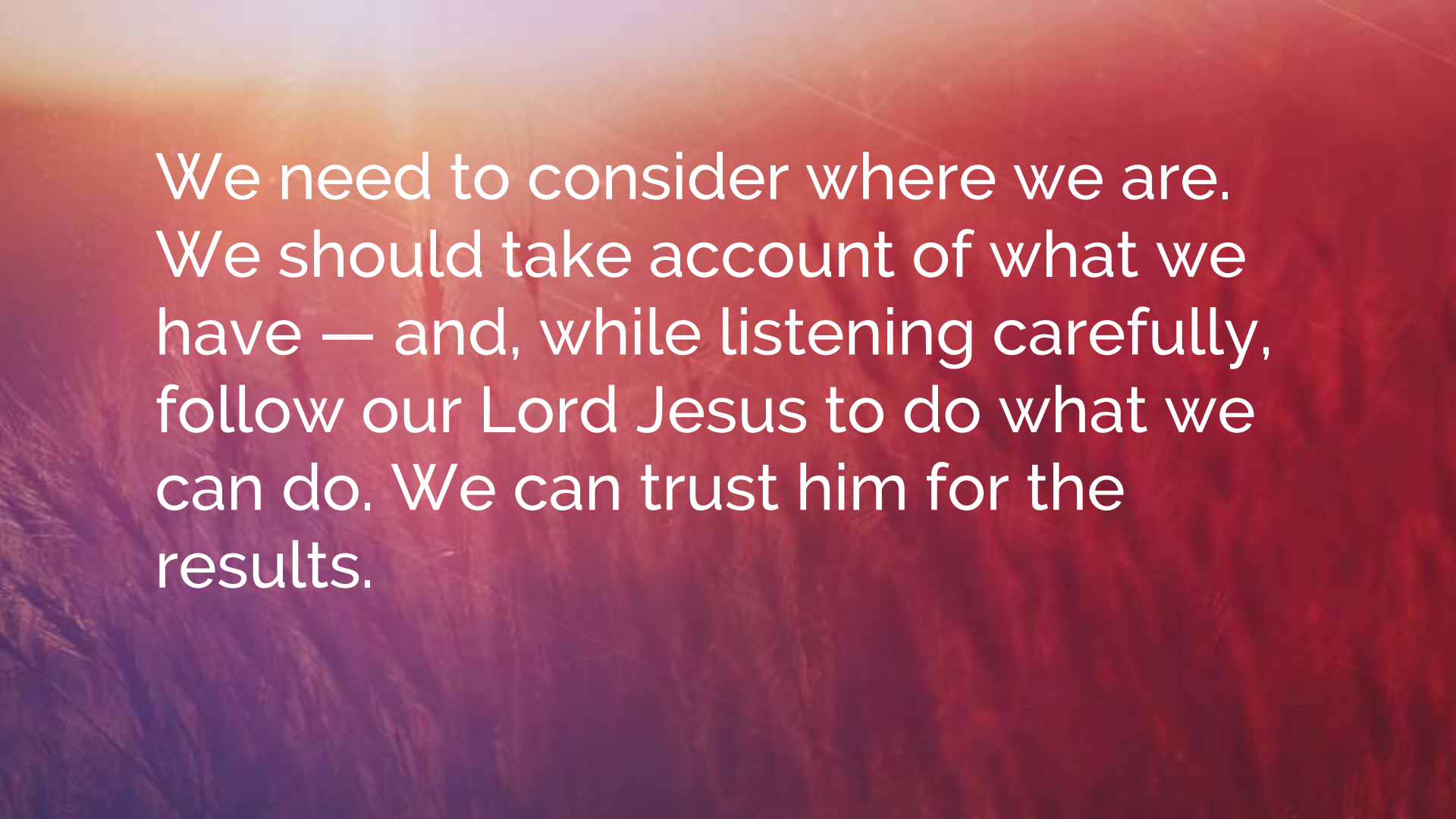
Do what you can...

“And they all ate and were satisfied.”

The original problem, the hunger of all these people, was filled physically, but more powerfully SPIRITUALLY.



We've witnessed a **MULTIPLICATION** of what God will do when we simply bring him what we have, and do what we can do.



We need to consider where we are. We should take account of what we have — and, while listening carefully, follow our Lord Jesus to do what we can do. We can trust him for the results.





Start where you are...

Take what you have...

And let's work together  
to follow Jesus  
and do what we can.

*psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.



*psalm 23*

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life, and I shall  
dwell in the house of the Lord forever.