

God's math: Our part of the equation

(Matthew 14:13–21)

In this familiar story, we marvel
at God's math:

5 loaves + 2 fish = 5,000+ people fed.

Let's look closely at the story. Jesus said to his disciples, ". . . you give them something to eat" (v. 16). Jesus blessed the five loaves and two fish, and gave them to the disciples to distribute. Jesus offered the possibility and the challenge, and directed the disciples to make it happen.

Jesus made the impossible possible—over 5,000 hungry people were fed. The role of the disciples is absolutely essential. The disciples saw the hunger; the disciples responded to Jesus' call.

What is our response when Jesus says "you give them something to eat?" With God, the seemingly impossible becomes possible. God's math multiplies.

Consider how Jesus blesses and multiplies our offerings. Reflect on the miraculous possibilities of God in our time and place.



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