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THE GOSPEL OF JOHN
Big Picture People
John 6.1-15

In his version of the feeding of the 5000, John shows us how Jesus is trying to get his disciples and followers to see the big picture of who Jesus really is.

6 Truths about Big Picture People

1. They see every dilemma/challenge/difficulty as a **TEST OF FAITH**.

“Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” v.5

...God’s Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don’t know how or what to pray, it doesn’t matter. He does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves, knows our pregnant condition, and keeps us present before God. That’s why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good. Romans 8.28 MSG

2. They understand that the test isn’t pass/fail but what will you allow God **TO DO THROUGH YOU**.

“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” v.9

Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. 2 Corinthians 12.7-9

3. They bring **WHATEVER THEY HAVE** to the attention of Jesus.

“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” v.9

4. They look to the past for **HOPE**.

The Jewish Passover Festival was near. v.4

5. They remember that Jesus is always trying to move them to a deeper and truer **UNDERSTANDING OF FAITH**.

Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself. v.15

...Then we will be mature, just as Christ is, and we will be completely like him. Ephesians 4.13 CEV

6. They do what they can and **TRUST JESUS** with the rest.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us... Ephesians 3.20

“With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

Matthew 19.26

I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do all this through him who gives me strength. Philippians 4.11-13

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41.10

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What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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