



Part 4: The Miracles That Changed Everything (Volume 1)
(The Miraculous Impact of Using What You Have)

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Note: Compare this to the 4,000 fed in Matthew 15:29-39

Text: John 6:1–15 (NIV)

Four Words That Describe A Miraculous Moment

1. The Word Inspirational: The people followed because of what they saw

- 6 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), 2 and **a great crowd of people followed him because they saw** the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. 3 Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. 4 The Jewish Passover Feast was near.

2. The Word Initiators: Where shall **we** buy bread for these people to eat

- 5 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “**Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?**” 6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

3. The Word Impossible: Eight months wages would not be enough to feed them

- 7 Philip answered him, “Eight months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” 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?**”

4. The Word Investment: Jesus invested, prayed over, and distributed what he had

- **10 Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.”** There was plenty of grass in that place, and **the men sat down, about five thousand of them.** 11 **Jesus then took the loaves,** gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. 12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” 13 So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

Summary: Note the return on the investment



- 14 After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” 15 Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

Three Lessons From A Miraculous Moment

1. When we invest what we have there is a **possibility of a miraculous return**
2. If you don't **invest what you have**, it is impossible to have a miraculous return
3. We can only see the impossible if we **initiate the effort with what we have**

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