

Wake Up! I Make a Difference

Real People (part 7)

Anyone who becomes as free of pride as this child is the most important in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:4 NIRV



I Actually DO Have Enough

31Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

32So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. 33But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. 34When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

35By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. 36Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

37But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take eight months of a man’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

38”How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

39Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. 40So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. 41Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. 42They all ate and were satisfied, 43and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand. Mark 6:31-44 NIV

❖ Follow

...fitting **every loose thought and emotion and impulse** into the structure of life shaped by Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:3 Msg

When **my heart whispered**, “Seek God,” my whole being replied, “I’m seeking him!” Psalm 27:8 Msg

❖ Find

You will stand trial before governors and kings because you are my followers. **But this will be your opportunity** to tell the rulers and other unbelievers about me. Matthew 10:18 NLT

❖ Figure Out

Remember that people are accepted if they **give what they are able to give**. God doesn’t ask for what they don’t have. 2 Corinthians 8:12 GWV

It’s important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. ...The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, **not by what we are and what we do for him**. Romans 12:3 Msg

❖ Face It:

In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually **the most necessary**. 1 Corinthians 12:22 NLT

Whoever can be **trusted with very little** can also be trusted with a lot. Luke 16:10 GWV

Anything you didn’t do for one of the least important of these, you didn’t do for me. Matthew 25:45 NIRV

My strength comes into its own in your weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9 Msg