

# “When Your Only is Enough”

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<sup>13</sup> But Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid! Go ahead and do just what you’ve said, but make a little bread for me first. Then use what’s left to prepare a meal for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: There will always be flour and olive oil left in your containers until the time when the LORD sends rain and the crops grow again!”

1 Kings 17.10-14 NLT

**“No greater test of faith than this could have been required of this woman. Up until this time, this woman had always been kind, and shown liberality to strangers.”**

Prophets and Kings, p 131

**“The woman chooses to act in self-denial and with compassion and generosity. Ironically, her choice against self-preservation allows God to preserve her and her entire household, and to act toward her with compassion and generosity far beyond her comprehension.”**

Rebecca Turner, author and editor

<sup>7</sup> And He called the twelve to *Himself*, and began to send them out two *by two*, and gave them power over unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bag, no bread, no copper in *their* money belts—<sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

<sup>10</sup> Also He said to them, “In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place. <sup>11</sup> And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them...

<sup>12</sup> So they went out and preached that *people* should repent. <sup>13</sup> And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed *them*.

Mark 6:7-13

“I have been studying the Bible on my own. I have discovered that God says, ‘The seventh day is the Sabbath.’ When I found out my nurse goes to church on Sabbath, I asked her to lunch to find out more about her church. She invited me to come today. I don’t know much about the Bible but I really want to learn!”

Angelia Tanner

<sup>30</sup> Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. <sup>31</sup> And He said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. <sup>32</sup> So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.

Mark 6:30-32

- It's been a Long Day
- The Sun is beginning to Set on a western hill
- Throngs of people have feasted on Jesus' every word—all day.
- The Sick are Dancing for Joy
- Crutches have been Discarded
- Diseases have Disappeared
- Shadows are Lengthening
- And the People are Now Hungry

### Observation #1

Christ sometimes provokes a question  
so He can be the answer

...And they said to Him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them *something* to eat?”

Mark 6:37

A mere 5 loaves and 2 fish - salted, dried, and roasted.

Mark 6.38 - Jana's Living Translation

The disciples witnessed a host of might miracles:

- Mighty works in Nazareth
- Raising of Jairus' daughter back to life
- Woman with issue of blood healed
- Demons cast out
- Leper cleansed
- Paralytic healed
- A man's withered hand restored
- Raging storm calmed with "Peace, be still"

<sup>12</sup> "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.

John 14:12 ESV

Observation #2

Christ wants us to be open to what He  
can do through us

Think bigger, boys!

You've yet to find - I've got all the power all of the time

Think bigger, boys!

While it is day - watch what I do, do what I say

Think bigger, boys!  
See every scene - with Me in the middle reigning as king  
Think bigger, boys!  
For one day, you'll see - Me in all My glory  
Then you'll say to Me  
We should have thought bigger!

Beth Moore, author

<sup>17</sup> And they said to Him, “We have here only five loaves and two fish.”

Matthew 14:17

**Observation #3**

**With Jesus, our only is always enough.**

**God calls us - male and female - to  
think bigger!**