

Give What You Have

Sometimes I think things like, “If I can’t do it all by myself, then I’m not going to do it at all.” I let either my pride or my insecurities get in the way of giving. But the reality is, I don’t have enough of anything to do it “all by myself.” I’m only expected to do my part, to give what I have, no shame or pride, no matter how humble or glamorous it is. God has equipped me with exactly what I need to accomplish His will. He can still do great things with whatever I am able to offer up in my life of worship, in my attempts to be a living sacrifice.

I think about that boy and his five loaves of bread and two fish (Matt. 14:13-21). What if he hadn’t brought them forward when Jesus had a hungry, multitude to feed? What if he had decided to be a little punk and say, “Well, that’s extremely lame! Five measly loaves and two scrawny fish? What good would that do. What if I don’t get to eat?” Or, “I wanted to be able to give more, to feed all five thousand! all by myself!” First, that’s absurd. Second, the boy would have missed out on an opportunity to share in Christ’s miraculous demonstration of His power. It may have been a humble offering, but did that make the outcome any less effective, any less miraculous?

I can’t always give a lot, but that is no excuse to keep from giving. Especially with time. I feel there’s not enough time in a day. I can only give what I have, right now, in this moment, and trust God to provide the rest. My time, my money, and my talents. Some days it might be enough to buy two cups of coffee; on another it might be enough to feed five thousand. Remember, God gave all. Jesus gave all when He knew it was the will of His Father.

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