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The words of Jesus are printed in red ink. This text can be found in the pew Bible on page 925-926.

And [Jesus] climbed aboard the boat with them, and the wind dropped, but they were scared out of their wits. They had not had the sense to learn the important lesson of the loaves...

- Mark 6:52, PME

What is the 'Important Lesson of the Loaves?'

## 1. The **activities** of God are not limited by the **resources** of men.

Mark 6:35-38, NIV - <sup>35</sup> By 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. <sup>36</sup> Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." <sup>37</sup> But he(Jesus) 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?" <sup>38</sup> "How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

## 2. The **power** of God is not limited by the **abilities** of men.

Mark 6:41-44, NASB95 - <sup>41</sup> And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the food and broke the loaves and He kept giving them to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> They all ate and were satisfied, <sup>43</sup> and they picked up twelve full baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish. <sup>44</sup> There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.

## 3. The **insight** of God is not limited by the **wisdom** of men.

Mark 6:43, NIV - <sup>43</sup> and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish... <sup>45</sup> Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd.

### Life Application Section

FOUR IMPORTANT APPLICATION STATEMENTS:

1. What is insufficient in the hands of the insignificant becomes both sufficient and significant when placed in the hands of the Jesus.
2. We respond to the "the important lesson of the loaves" by bringing all that we have and all that we are to God—and then trusting Him!
3. God knows more about your situation than you do.
4. God can take our "little" and make it much, but we must first give it all to Him.



This place, Tabgha, (Heb: *Ein Sheva*, ie., "Seven Springs") at the Sea of Galilee, is where the Feeding of the Five Thousand took place.