

**“The Fish and the Loaves/
YOU and the Impossible”
Matthew 14: 15-21**

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Verse 15

The Disciples are too tired
for the Impossible

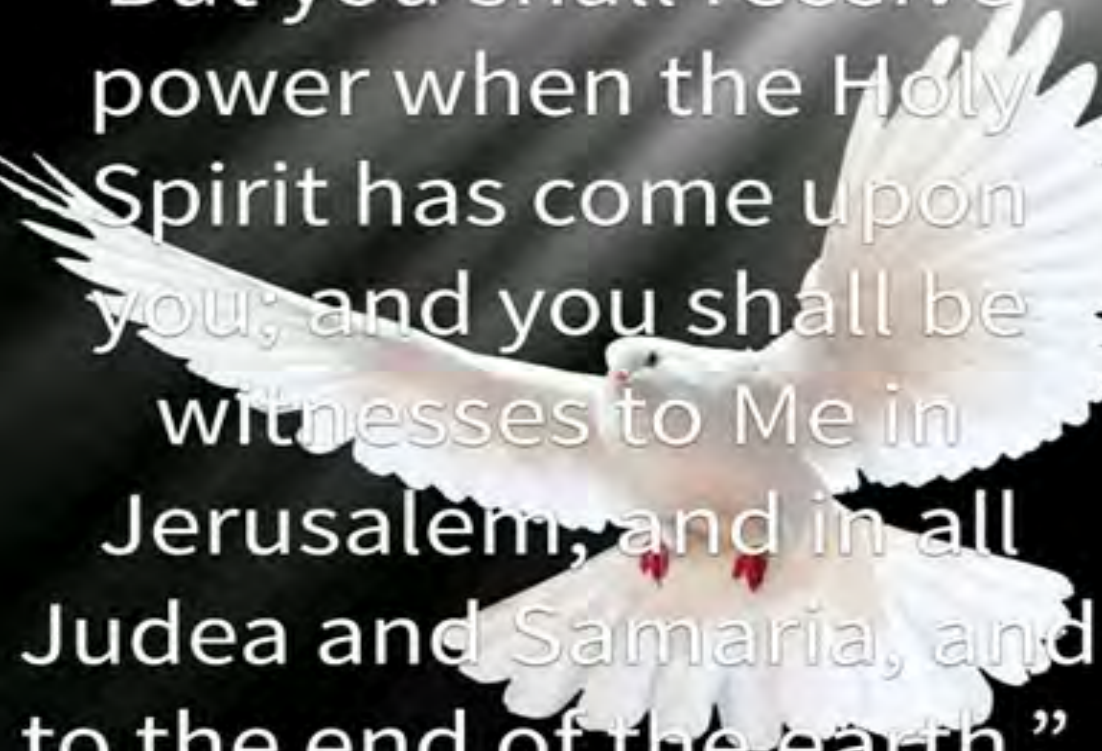
What is ministry?

Ministry is service, implies sacrifice

**Our family is a ministry, our work is a ministry,
our entire life is a ministry**

**Ministry must be done out of the overflow of
the Holy Spirit, *not in our own strength!***

We need the Holy Spirit's "POWER"



But you shall receive
power when the Holy
Spirit has come upon
you; and you shall be
witnesses to Me in
Jerusalem, and in all
Judea and Samaria, and
to the end of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 NKJV

The disciples are unknowingly going to have to have a “*Jesus test*”

To test what they have learned?

Faith is always tested

Is our faith genuine, conditional, or unconditional?

The test will reveal the truth!

Verse 16 - 17

The Test: *You feed them*
An impossible test?

Jesus to Phillip:

“Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat? But this He said to test him.” John 6: 5

Phillip must have thought: **This is *IMPOSSIBLE!***

The disciples are still in training, *so are we!*

They are still thinking in the natural, *so do we!*

Jesus is God of the *IMPOSSIBLE!!*



Nothing is too hard for God, *absolutely nothing!!*

**AH, SOVEREIGN LORD,
YOU HAVE MADE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH
BY YOUR GREAT POWER AND OUTSTRETCHED ARM.
NOTHING IS TOO HARD FOR YOU!**

JEREMIAH 32:17





Verse 18 - 21

Jesus enters the impossible

Jesus takes the loaves and fishes, *“He blessed and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples”*

LESSON: Disciples distribute the blessings of God to the people

What is Jesus demonstrating here?

*Jesus is God, Jesus is the Creator,
the deity of Christ is on display*

Jesus created, out of nothing, the heavens and earth
Genesis 1: 1

John clarifies who did the creation – John 1: 3-4

Paul adds to the wonderment of Jesus
Colossians 1: 16-17

Jesus is God and holds the universe together,
AMAZING!!

Jesus, who created, holds all things together,
including the atoms in your body!

Jesus, who created, feeds the 5000 with 5 loaves and
2 fishes, ***a minor miracle for Him!***

Jesus calls Himself the “Bread of Life”

John 6:33-35

...“The bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

And Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.”

LESSON:

Our job is to give and distribute the truth about Jesus

A few receive and believe

Most reject and don't believe

JESUS TO YOU AND ME:

I am the Bread of Life

I am all you need

I will give you more that you need

APPLICATION TO OUR LIVES:

GOD IS THE **GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE** – **BELIEVE IT!!**

We will need to remember this in the future

We will face hardships, *and we may be called to suffer for the Master!*

Reflect on what you have learned in this lesson

He is **GOD**, I tell you, the **GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE!!**

Jesus did seven signs in John that reveal His identity

Seven Signs of Jesus

Jesus Turns Water into Wine	John 2:1-11
Jesus Heals the Official's Son	John 4:43-54
Jesus Makes the Lame Walk	John 5:1-15
Jesus Walks on Water	John 6:16-24
Jesus Feeds the Multitudes	John 6:1-15
Jesus gives sight to the Blind	John 9:1-38
Jesus raises Lazarus from the Dead	John 11:1-44

Jesus has the power to change anything, or to get you through anything!

“When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
and when you pass through the rivers,
they will not sweep over you.
When you walk through the fire,
you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
For I am the *Lord* your God,
the Holy One of Israel,
your *Savior*.”

Isaiah 43:2-3a

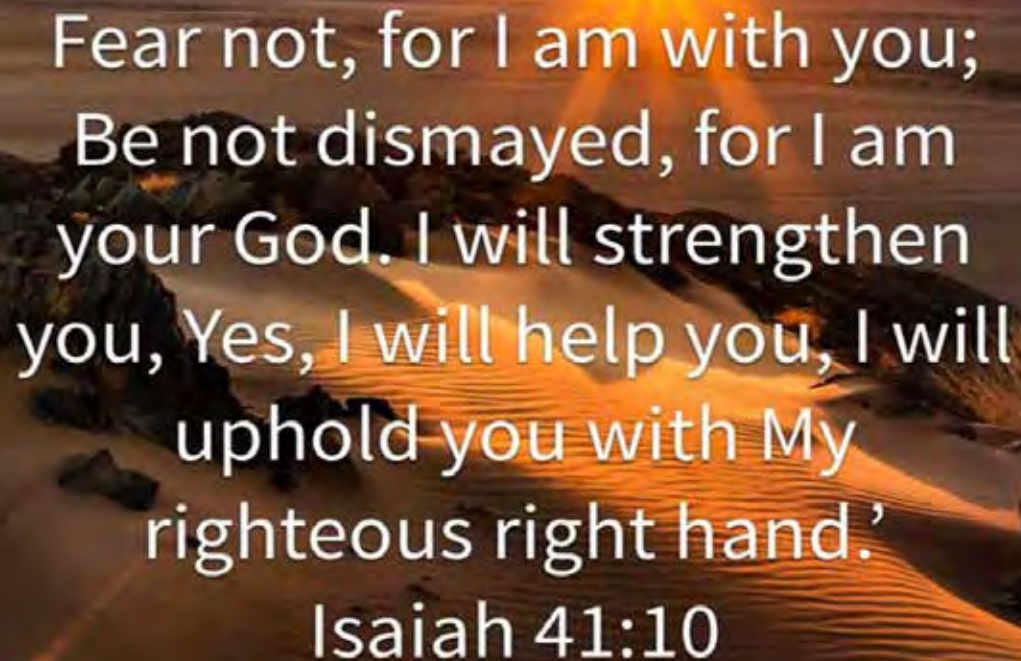
Until we get home,

hold on to the God of the Impossible!

Good news!

He is holding on to you!

The **GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE** has a word for all who fear and are distressed



Fear not, for I am with you;
Be not dismayed, for I am
your God. I will strengthen
you, Yes, I will help you, I will
uphold you with My
righteous right hand.'
Isaiah 41:10

This is a good word for
you when facing the
IMPOSSIBLE!

The God of the Impossible

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a white dress and a brown shawl, is sitting on a bed of straw. She is holding her belly with both hands. In the background, a wooden manger is visible, containing a baby wrapped in white cloth. The scene is set against a dark, textured wall.

“For with God
nothing will be
impossible.”

Luke 1:37

In the impossible, may we be found forever faithful!

1 Corinthians 4: 2 - *“It is required in stewards that one be found faithful”*

A steward is a caretaker of three things:

- 1) What I have
- 2) Who I am
- 3) What I do

That the world may know, *we have been with Jesus!*

WITH GOD,

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!

BELIEVE IT!

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