

# **“Feeding Thousands”**

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## **Jesus’ Compassion > Our Weakness**

**Matthew 14:14**

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

## **Jesus’ Knowledge > Our Understanding**

**Matthew 14:15-16**

As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”

## **Jesus’ Power > Our Supplies**

**Matthew 14:17-18**

“We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. “Bring them here to me,” he said.

## **Jesus’ Provision > Our Need**

**Matthew 14:19-20**

And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

## **Jesus’ Miracle > Our Imagination**

**Matthew 14:21**

The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*Jesus said,  
“I am the living bread that came down from heaven.  
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.”*

**John 6:51**

