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Jesus



**God uses the
ordinary to do
the extraordinary**

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Matthew

14:13-21

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**There are appropriate
times to socially
distance:**

**For a physical and
mental recharge**

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**Jesus was moved with
compassion to teach
and to heal those who
came**

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Reasonable expectation:

- They are hungry, so let's feed them



Reasonable response:

- We aren't prepared
- Let them go somewhere else

The response of Jesus:

- Yes, you are!
- What do you have?
- Let me show you!

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. John 6:35



This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever.” John 6:58



**What was meant to
feed a child, Jesus
blessed and fed over
5000**

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**Now to Him who is able to do
exceedingly abundantly above all
that we ask or think, according to
the power that works in us....**

Ephesians 3:20



**What was Jesus
doing?**

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Let's meet their physical
need while strategically
showing them something
spiritually significant

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Jesus satisfies for life
while earthly pleasures
continually disappoint

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Jesus satisfies all who
willingly believe in Him
-there were leftovers

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Jesus also blesses those
who willingly serve Him

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Jesus

- Didn't change His message
- Employed a different method to meet the immediate need
- Simply offered Himself to all who would follow



**Until we truly realize
His Word is what will
satisfy, we will continue
to live unsatisfied lives**

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Questions to ponder:

- 1) What do I look to for satisfaction?
- 2) Am I looking for the extraordinary rather than God in the ordinary?
- 3) Am I willing to change a method in order to make a spiritual impact?