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living in God's generosity

"In His Hands"

For the week of November 19 - 25, 2017

Main Thought:

God is able to do the impossible and He loves doing it through regular people. Many of us have heard this, but do we actually believe it? More so, do we actually live it out, knowing God can use us to do the impossible? For most, we feel that what we have is too little for God to use. But in God's hands, He can take what is little and multiply it to bless us and more importantly, others. We need to have faith and trust what little we have in God's hands believing that He will do amazing things, even the impossible.

Main Passages

"When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, 'Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?'⁶He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.⁷Philip answered him, 'It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!'⁸Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up,⁹'Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?'¹⁰Jesus said, 'Have the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.¹²When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, 'Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.'¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten." (John 6:5-13)

"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

(Turn over for continuation...)

"For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead." (James 2:26 ESV)

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." (Luke 16:13)

Discussion Questions:

- What is something your friend did that you thought was impossible? What did you think or feel in that moment?

Deeper: Applying God's Word in Community

- What stood out to you from the main thought and passages? Why?
- Put yourself in their shoes. What would you have done or said if you were there in John 6:5-13, when Jesus asked *"where shall we buy all this bread for the people?"* What would you have thought after seeing Jesus do the impossible?

Higher: Getting closer to God

- Why do you think it's hard to trust God with impossible situations or circumstances in your life?
- How can we build our faith and trust in God for these impossible things?

Wider: Impacting Your World

- Who is an impossible person that God may want you to reach out to? As a group, have everyone pray for the person they mentioned.
- Share one practical way you could build a relationship with that person and eventually reach out to them to share the gospel.

Remember, God loves doing the impossible and loves using His people to do it!

