

# Do What You Can Then Ask God to do the Rest

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## Mark 6:36-37

*<sup>36</sup>“Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”*

There have been times in the lives of many of us in which God made a request of us that we felt was impossible to perform. What do you do with that? Does the impossible request start to keep you from believing or do you simply give up? What should we do? When Jesus asked the disciples to provide food for over 5,000 people, they were amazed and astonished with the task at hand and asked if they should spend half a year’s wages on bread and give it to them to eat. The disciples suggested that Jesus send the people away to the surrounding countryside and villages to buy themselves something to eat. But Jesus told the disciples, “You give them something to eat.”

The question becomes, “How do you react when you are given an impossible task?” May I suggest that a situation that seems impossible with human resources is simply an opportunity for God. The disciples did everything that they could by gathering the available food and organizing the people into groups. Then Jesus prayed and in answer to prayer, God did the impossible.

When facing a seemingly impossible task, do what you can and then ask God to do the rest. He may see fit to make the impossible happen. Be encouraged and stand on the promise that God will never leave you alone. Trust Him and lean not to your own understanding.