

**Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for April 20, 1986**

**Feeding of the Five Thousand
Matthew 14:13-21
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Introduction:

Jesus will bring into our lives difficulties and problems that we cannot handle. Problems may exist because Jesus has brought them into our lives.

Verse 16: “you give them something to eat.” Jesus gives the disciples a task that they cannot handle.

He then leads them through the solutions that they would come up with. **John 6** is a parallel passage.

1. Where will you buy the bread?
2. Gather sack lunches to divide among the multitude.

So here are the disciples with a problem they cannot handle and what does Jesus say to them? **Verse 18:** “Bring them here to me.”

Jesus tells them to pass out the five loaves and two fish, blesses the food and breaks the loaves for distribution.

The disciples knowing this is not enough food, move in obedience and distribute the food.

The result is; the problem is solved.