FACING THE IMPOSSIBLE
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INTRODUCTION

- Our world faces overwhelming challenges.
- Are they challenges, or opportunities?
- It most often depends on how you choose to look at them.
- How do you face what seems to be an impossible situation and overcome?
- Matthew 15: 29-38 NIV, "Jesus…went up on a mountainside and sat down. 30 Great crowds came to Him, bringing the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute and many others, and laid them at His feet; and He healed them. 31 The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel…"

I. THE PROBLEM THEY FACED

- 32 Jesus…said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way." 33 His disciples answered, "Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?"
- God still brings people face to face with the impossible.

II. THE CHALLENGE JESUS GAVE

- 34 "How many loaves do you have?" Jesus asked.
- "Seven," they replied, "and a few small fish."
- The question Jesus asked, ''What do you have?"
  - They could not do the impossible, He could.
  - He wanted their involvement in the miracle.
- How many loaves do you have?
  - He will not ask you to give what you don't have or do what can't do.
  - But He will ask you to do everything you can and give everything you have.
- God wanted their involvement. He wanted them to be part of the miracle.

III. THE ANSWER THEY RECEIVED

- 35 He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. 36 Then He took the seven loaves and the fish, and when He had given thanks, He broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. 37 They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. 38 The number of those who ate was four thousand men besides women and children."
- Jesus got the people seated, He put the loaves in front of Him and begins to pray.
- Even though there was no apparent miracle, He asked the disciples to begin passing the loaves.
- The miracle was in the step of faith.
- The touch of God changed everything.

CLOSE

- What are the challenges you face?
- Jesus is still the miracle worker.
- Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."