

April 16, 2023

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## A Developing Faith

### Mark 6:30-44 (NLT)

The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. Then Jesus said, **“Let’s go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.”** He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn’t even have time to eat. So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them. Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late.

Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat.” But Jesus said, **“You feed them.”** With what?” they asked. “We’d have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!” **“How much bread do you have?”** he asked. **“Go and find out.”** They came back and reported,

“We have five loaves of bread and two fish.” Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share. They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish. A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed.)

**Main Point:** Jesus doesn’t expect \_\_\_\_\_ faith, but he does

desire to develop your faith \_\_\_\_\_ what it is today

- Faith requires \_\_\_\_\_ that are \_\_\_\_\_

*Do I hear you professing to believe in the one and only God, but then observe you complacently sitting back as if you had done something wonderful? That’s just great.*

*Demons do that, but what good does it do them? Use your heads? Do you suppose for a minute that you can cut faith and works in two and not end up with a corpse on your hands?*

James 2:19:20 (MSG)

- Faith does not rely on \_\_\_\_\_ resources
- Faith is a \_\_\_\_\_ not a \_\_\_\_\_

### Application: Developing My Faith

- Spend time with \_\_\_\_\_
- Ask Jesus what is \_\_\_\_\_ thing that you can do \_\_\_\_\_

## What's Coming Up:

**Town Hall Meeting** – Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm – In the sanctuary and online

**Celebration Sunday** – Sunday April 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00am – One service in the Worship Center and online. There will be a potluck brunch – RSVP and volunteer online.

**VBS Registration is open** – Register and volunteer online.

VBS is June 12<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – Noon

**Loaves & Fishes Food Drive** – Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am and 11:00am Join us in donating to the "Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry" in support of Mountair Christian Church! We will be collecting items at the church from April 16th to April 30th.

For more information and to register for these and other events please go to our events page:

<https://www.southsub.church/upcomingevents>

## Answers:

**Main Point:** Jesus doesn't expect picture perfect faith, but he does desire to develop your faith beyond what it is today

- Faith requires actions that are uncomfortable

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- Faith does not rely on current resources
- Faith is a journey not a destination

**Application:** Developing My Faith

- Spend time with Jesus
- Ask Jesus what is one thing that you can do today