

## Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

"You Have WHAT It Takes!"

**Today's Big Idea:** You have what it takes when Jesus is the Star & Director of your story!

### Luke 9:10-17 (NKJV); Feeding the Five Thousand

<sup>10</sup> And the apostles, when they had returned, told Him all that they had done. Then He took them and went aside privately into a deserted place belonging to the city called Bethsaida. <sup>11</sup> But when the multitudes knew *it*, they followed Him; and He received them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God, and healed those who had need of healing. <sup>12</sup> When the day began to wear away, the twelve came and said to Him, "Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a deserted place here."

<sup>13</sup> But He said to them, "You give them something to eat."

And they said, "We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we go and buy food for all these people." <sup>14</sup> For there were about five thousand men.

Then He said to His disciples, "Make them sit down in groups of fifty." <sup>15</sup> And they did so, and made them all sit down.

<sup>16</sup> Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave *them* to the disciples to set before the multitude. <sup>17</sup> So they all ate and were filled, and twelve baskets of the leftover fragments were taken up by them.

### If Jesus is the Star & the Director of Your Story...

#### You have WHAT it Takes...

1. You have what it takes to greatly \_\_\_\_\_ to the people in your path (v. 10-11).
2. You have what it takes to adequately \_\_\_\_\_ for overwhelming \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12-14a).

#### The Christian's Top 6 Excuses for not wanting to serve others:

- 1) I can't afford to help.
- 2) I am too busy.
- 3) I am too tired.
- 4) I am not gifted in this area.
- 5) Somebody else will do it.

6) I will do it later.

3. You have what it takes to effectively \_\_\_\_\_ a divine \_\_\_\_\_ for a human \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ephesians 3:20**-Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.

4. You have what it takes to freely give \_\_\_\_\_ to a world running on \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 17a).

**How do you stay full in a world that is sucking you dry?**

- My *daily* time with Jesus.
- My *weekly* time with God's people.
- My *monthly* personal check ups to access my wellbeing and wholeness.
- My *yearly* retreats to recharge, be renewed, and come back refocused.

5. You have what it takes to sacrificially \_\_\_\_\_ others and still have \_\_\_\_\_ for later (v. 17b).

William Carey who was the father of the modern missionary movement said, "Expect great things *from* God. Attempt great things *for* God!"

**Sermon in a Sentence:** You have what it takes when Jesus is the Star & the Director of your story!



**Action Steps:**

- 1) **Make** Jesus the Star and the Director of my story.
- 2) **Offer** what I have to Jesus and His Kingdom purposes.
- 3) **Join** a Life Group for the next 40 days.

**Make a decision this week?** Please let us know on your Connection Card.

**Preview for next Sunday:** "Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_." from Luke 9:18-22.