

# DAY 05

FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 3

*"Nothing shall be lost that is done for God or in obedience to Him." —John Owen*

"But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children." Matthew 14:16-21

## TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL:

As a parent of a two-year-old and a six-year-old, one-word rings throughout the house frequently as they play together. That word is "mine." Despite all of the disciplining, that word somehow pushes its way to the surface as they hold tightly to the thing they want most. Of course, we know it's due to our fallen nature, yet; the same word creeps in slowly as we labor to advance God's kingdom.

The mindset of "mine" is the quickest way to quench the Spirit of God moving through our city. The story of Jesus feeding the five thousand is no stranger to us. If we aren't careful, the story becomes just a tool to teach people how to be generous or trust God when they have very little. These are great truths, but when was the last time you read this through the lens of your church? The disciples said, "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish." As they looked upon the great need of the hungry people, they didn't believe what they had was enough. It's easy to look upon the vast city of Houston and think to ourselves, like the disciples did, that what we have isn't enough. However, as we know from the story, something miraculous happened when the disciples released what was in their hands to the people. What once wasn't enough... multiplied and became more than enough.

Releasing is challenging. Dying to the notion of "mine" is even more difficult. However, both are necessary to aid a spiritual renewal in our city.

We may feel like we need more people, time, or resources but what's in our hands is enough. We can be part of a multiplying miracle when we release what has been stewarded to us and place it in God's hands.

We have a city of people starving for the gospel. God is asking us to rest in His sufficiency and release what's in our hands till every man, woman, and child hears the good news!

## TODAY'S PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE:

Father, you are so good and full of grace. We thank you that you are sufficient in all things. We long to see you continue to move in our city. Would you help us die to ourselves daily and place your agenda above ours. Help us to operate in bold faith and release the little in our hands so that we might see your kingdom continue to multiply throughout Houston and beyond. In Jesus' Name, amen!

## TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

Father, we long to see those hurting, broken and lost find new life in you. Holy Spirit, would you stir up the hunger of those far from you. Let them come to know that you are the only one who can truly satisfy their needs. Let their eyes see the beauty of the gospel! Help us move to love those around us and help our eyes to be open to see opportunities for your grace to meet the mundane. We trust that we will see spiritual renewal happen in our city through your power! In Jesus' name, amen!



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