

That's a Strange Question

The other day I came across a list of strange questions. Here are a few examples:

If you punched yourself in the face and it hurts, are you weak or strong?

Do you think you would be friends with a clone of yourself?

Do coffins come with a lifetime guarantee?

Why is it that your nose runs but your feet smell?

If you have ever heard the expression that there are no stupid questions, I believe this short list proves that there are definitely stupid questions. One day Jesus asked a question to His disciples that on the surface seems to make no sense. One day a crowd of thousands gathered around Jesus for an impromptu seminar, fellowship and time of healing. As the hours passed by the disciples realized that the people had nothing to eat so they approached Jesus with their dilemma. Jesus responded by telling the disciples to provide a meal for the multitude. They quickly realized they were helpless to solve such a massive problem. Then Jesus asked them this question...

"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see." When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish." Mark 6:38

We all know what happened next. The disciples gave Jesus the measly amount of fish and loaves and Jesus did the rest. The entire crowd had lunch till they were full. In the end 12 baskets of leftovers were gathered. I imagine the leftovers were passed around and people said, "I couldn't eat another bite." So let's go back to the question that Jesus asked His disciples, "How many loaves do you have?" If the answer was "we have just 2 loaves" would Jesus had sent the people away because there was just not enough to feed the crowd? NO! Jesus could have fed the crowd even if there were no loaves and fish. So why did Jesus ask the question? Jesus asked the question so the disciples would know that what they had was inadequate for the task at hand. But if they would take what little they had and put it in the hands of Jesus, it would be more than enough.

When you come across a situation that is overwhelming and you are ill-equipped to find a solution, follow the disciples' example. Take what you have and put it in the hands of Jesus. Then watch what Jesus can do!

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