

Four Portraits, One *Savior*



That you may
have *life*

When We Aren't Enough

John 6:5-14; 16-21, 25-29



Bethsaida? (el-Araj)

Mount of Beatitudes ▲

Capernaum

Gennesaret ■

Cove of the Sower □

To Nazareth

Magdala ■

Sea of Galilee

Gergesa? ■

1. *What is your “normal” when there are shortages in your life?*

A. *Not enough bread. Gave up. v 6:9*

B. *Not enough strength. Rowed harder. 6:17-18*

C. *Not enough “works”? Be a better person. 6:27-28*

D. *What do you do when there is “not enough”?*

1. *Don't try? Lose hope? Isolate?*

2. *Row harder? Plan more?*

3. *Hold on tighter?*

4. *Believe God?*





- *If it is God's will that we live life in "black and white" rather than in "color," how do you explain these outcomes **when people did not have enough?***

- A. *Four "high-fives" in John 6:*
 1. ***12** baskets left over. V6:13*
 2. *Jesus's **timely** appearance in the very midst of their storm – "**Do not fear, It is I.**" V 6:20*
 3. *The storm is not just stilled, but the disciples are **immediately** placed on the home shores of Capernaum. V6:21*
 4. *V6:25-29. The revealing of divine "currency" – **believing in Jesus, not human effort.***





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2. *The people missed the spiritual meaning behind the miracle of free bread. They wanted more “free bread” not the one who gave them the bread.*

• *Jn. 6:28-29 Therefore they said to Him, “**What shall we do, so that we may work the works of God?**”²⁹ Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the **work of God**, that you **believe in Him whom He has sent.**” (NAU)*

*A. **I am not enough. Only pride blinds me to this fact.***

*1. Human efforts will **always fall short.** Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9*

*B. **Jesus is enough.** When we come to the realization that we are not enough, we can freely **receive what Jesus offers.** It is my faith, my belief in Jesus, in who He is and what He has done on the cross that satisfies the “work of God.”*



3. *Jesus confronted the people's **wrongly placed "effort."** They weren't headed where the **"sign" was directing.***

A. *They were seeking Him for more "free bread."*

- *Jn. 6:26-27 ... "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, **not because you saw signs,** but because you **ate of the loaves** and were filled. ²⁷ **Do not work for the food that perishes,** but for the food that **endures** to eternal life which the **Son of Man will give you...***
- *V6:14 – right words but no heart change.*

B. *They believed that if they just worked harder to keep the law they would be righteous in God's sight.*

- *6: 28 "... what shall we do, that we may work the works of God?... ²⁹ This is the **work of God,** that you **believe** in Him whom He has sent."*



4. *Call to Action: What do I do when **I am not enough** or **I have not enough**?*

A. *Confess my self-sufficiency as sin. **I am not enough.***

B. ***Pray my need** into His hands.*

1. *Surrender my will to his will.*

C. *Bring him **what I have.***

1. *5 loaves and 2 fish. Rowed 3 – 4 miles.*

2. ***Pray His blessing** on what I have.*

D. ***Refuse** to give up **hope** in Jesus.*

1. *Count your small victories.*

2. *Expect redemption of my struggles and the “banking” of eternal value in my struggles.*

E. ***Believe Him** for His outcome – moment by moment.*



- *What does it really mean to “believe” in Jesus?*
- John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever **believes in Him shall not perish**, but have eternal life. ¹⁷ "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, **but that the world might be saved through Him.**
- Jn. 5:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and **believes Him who sent Me**, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. (NAU)
- Rom. 3:27-28 Where then is boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? Of works? No, but by a law of faith. ²⁸ **For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.** (NAU)



- *Who was “John”?*
 - A. *Apostle John –*
 - *one of the 12 disciples of Jesus (not John the Baptist).*
 - *Refers to himself as the “disciple whom Jesus loved”*
 - B. *Fisherman by trade –*
 - *partner with his brother, James, his father, Zebedee, and Peter. (Mark 1:19-20),*
 - C. *Author of --*
 1. *“gospel” of John.*
 2. *1, 2nd, 3rd John*
 3. *Revelation*

