August 23 / Sunday Golf: On the Green Read John 6:1-14



24 / Mon – Where can we get enough...? | Read <u>John 6:5-9, 12-13</u>

Jesus already knew what he was going to do when he asked this question but he wanted them to see what *God* could do with the little they had. The Almighty One is not limited to the size of your resources but He does want you to offer them to Him. The result of this partnership will amaze you. See what this boy would have missed if he had thought his lunch was too small to be of any use to Jesus and kept it for himself. Have you ever been tempted to think like this?

25 / Tue - What is that in your hand? | Read Exodus 4:1-5, 17, 20

Has God ever asked you to do something that seemed impossible? Then maybe you can identify with Moses. Here was this lowly nobody on the backside of the desert being asked to free God's people from the most powerful dictator in the world. When Moses protested he was ill-equipped, read what God asked him in verse 2. The next time you think you don't have what it takes for the thing God is calling you to, offer what you have and see what He will do with it.

26 / Wed - What is that in your pantry? | Read 1 Kings 17:7-24

Does fear sometimes tempt you to hoard what you have? A famine had reduced a widow and her young son to their last meal, barely enough for the two of them, but a prophet of God asked her to feed him first. What was the result of her choice? Did God give her a storeroom full of food to last until the famine was over? Sometimes God provides just what you need for the moment but it will always be enough to share.

27 / Thu - What is that you picked up? | Read 1 Samuel 17:38-50

God can also use something small to conquer the insurmountable problem you might be facing. Revisit the familiar story in 1 Samuel 17 but this time, notice the 'weapon' God used to deliver His people from their enemies. David had access to the best military equipment. Instead he used what he knew. If this story was an allegory that you could apply to the powerful enemy threatening to destroy you or your family or even your nation, what 'stone' would you put in your sling?

28 / Fri - What is that coming out of your mouth? | Read Acts 3:1-10 and 4:1-4

The man needed money; the generosity of others was the only way he could survive. Peter and John didn't have any money but gave him something better. Their short conversation changed his life forever. Then the worship that poured out of his mouth caught the attention of bystanders and gave Peter a chance to proclaim the gospel. As a result, several thousand other lives were changed that day as well. Will you let God use *your* words to accomplish something good this week?

29 / Sat – How much faith do you need? | Read Matthew 17:20 / Hebrews 11:1, 32-34 Every person has some faith, even if it is small. The levels of faith can range from believing *the chair will hold you up when you sit down* to believing *God can do miracles when you pray* and many other levels in-between. Hebrews 11 starts with a definition of faith and then lists examples. You will notice that some people started out with very little faith but when they acted on it by obeying God, miracles happened. Are you willing to follow their example?

