

Relentless

Day 23



Today's Passage

"...one of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish."

John 6:5-11 NIV

Today's Thought

In your service to God, you will be called to accomplish God-Sized assignments. Because these assignments are God-sized, you will not be able to accomplish these in your own strength. A God-sized assignment is dependant on God's involvement in the task. Figuring this out is a frustrating experience for the Christian. We are so good at becoming self sufficient that we tend to shy away from things we can not do on our own.

Notice in today's passage, the disciples were given a God sized-assignment; feed the masses. Instead of embracing God's work with God's strength, they couldn't get over the fact that God was calling them to do something that was completely impossible. In this context, I coined a phrase, "anti-resourcing," to describe their response.

Anti-resourcing is the process of identifying reasons why something can not be done. It shows up in statements such as; "We don't have enough money for this," "We don't have enough time for this," or "Wouldn't it make more sense to do something else." Anti-resourcing is good at taking inventory of what you don't have.

Here's an awful statement...some of us love the world of the anti-resource. If you don't have a lot of money then there really isn't the stress of having to give. If you don't have a lot of skills, then there really isn't the pressure to put these skills to work. You see how this works? If I can just convince myself that God didn't give me anything, then I can also convince myself that God doesn't expect anything from me.

Let me rock your anti-resourced world for a moment. You have Jesus! It was hard for the disciples to catch this also, it wasn't until Jesus picked up the little boys lunch and started feeding the world that they began to see they had more resources than they thought. I challenge you to serve relentlessly, since through Christ you have been relentlessly resourced.

Today's Prayer

Remind me Lord of the resources that I have in you. Convince me Lord that these resources were given for the purpose of serving the world. When I am tempted to think today that I don't have enough, remind me I have more than I need.