

# TESTING: THE OPPORTUNITY FOR TRUSTING

## John 6:1-21

### Background

The apostles gathered\* together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>And He said\* to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." (For there were many people coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) <sup>32</sup>They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves. Mark 6:30-32

Now when Jesus heard about John, He withdrew from there in a boat to a secluded place by Himself; and when the people heard of this, they followed Him on foot from the cities. Matt. 14:13

### (v.3)

But the crowds were aware of this and followed Him; and welcoming them, He began speaking to them about the kingdom of God and curing those who had need of healing. Luke 9:11

When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. Mark 6:34

### The Response of the Savior:

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### The Response of the Disciples:

When it was already quite late, His disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and it is already quite late; <sup>36</sup>send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." Mark 6:35-36

*Send*-apol uoô-to set free, release:—dismissed ,divorce), send...away

(v.6) God grows our Faith by placing us in situations that are \_\_\_\_\_  
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### (v.11)

And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were set down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. John 6:11 (KJV)

Jesus doesn't call the disciples to \_\_\_\_\_ but to \_\_\_\_\_ what He has already provided.

(v.13) One Basket for each \_\_\_\_\_

### (vs.16-17)

Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. <sup>46</sup>After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray.

Mark 6:45-46

**(v.18) Their Obedience Led Them into a \_\_\_\_\_**

*... and He was alone on the land. Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the....  
Mark 6:47-48*

**They were Never Out of His Sight**

**(v.20)**

*Peter said to Him, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." <sup>29</sup>And He said, "Come!" And Peter got out of the boat, and walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But seeing the wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and took hold of him, and said to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" Matt. 14:28-31*

**(v.21)**

*for they had not gained any insight from the incident of the loaves, but their heart was hardened. Mark 6:52*