

# MAKING CHANGE

## *“Changing How We Face Tough Times”*

Mark 6:30-44 (Pew Bible Page 712)

*“Tough times don't last, tough people do”*

1. Admit that **I HAVE A NEED**

*“When Jesus...saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them...so he began teaching them. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came and said, ‘This is a remote place. Send the people away so they can go and buy something to eat.’ But Jesus answered, ‘You give them something to eat!’ They said, ‘That would take eight months of a mans wages!’” Mark 6:34-37*

What we usually do:

- We **PROCRASTINATE**  
*“By this time it was already late”*
- We **PASS THE BUCK**  
*“send the people away”*
- We **WORRY**  
*“It would take 8 months wages”*

2. Assess **WHAT I ALREADY HAVE**

*“How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked. “Go and see”. When they found out they said, “Five loaves of bread and two fish” Mark 6:38*

*“Jesus asked this only to test them, for he already had in mind what he was going to do” John 6:6*

3. Give God **WHATEVER I HAVE**

*“Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish...He blessed the food and broke the loaves and He kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people.” Mark 6:41*

The boy gave what he had...*willingly, cheerfully and immediately.*

4. Expect God **TO MULTIPLY IT**

*“Everyone ate and had enough. Afterwards they collected 12 baskets of leftovers” Mark 6:42-43*

*“All things are possible with God” Mark 10:27*

## WHAT COULD HAPPEN THIS FEBRUARY?

1. We could **GROW SPIRITUALLY**  
*"Just as you excel in everything else—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in earnestness and in love...see that you also excel in the grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7*
2. We could **DEEPEN OUR FELLOWSHIP**  
*"All the believers were together and had everything in common." Acts 2:44*
3. We could **WORSHIP GOD BY CELEBRATING WITH THANKSGIVING**  
*"...praising God and enjoying favor of all the people" Acts 2:47*