

TRUSTING THE GOD OF IMPOSSIBILITIES
AN UNFORGETTABLE DINNER ON THE GROUNDS
MARK 6:30-44



The Heart of the Matter

We are in an era of specialists. They come in many different categories—medical specialists, nutrition specialists, fitness specialists, computer specialists, heating-and-air-conditioning specialists, financial specialists, gourmet specialists, audio-systems specialists, interior design specialists, legal specialists, and dozens of other specialists. Numerous and varied though they may be, there is one specialty that is conspicuous by its absence: *impossibility*. When it comes to those who are able to transform an impossible situation into an accomplished reality, no human being qualifies. God—and God alone—is that specialist! It is, in fact, His preferred method of operation. As we will see, He puts us in situations that are absolutely impossible. Why? So we will learn to trust Him, rather than turn to our normal ways of handling dilemmas with methods like clever ingenuity and constant worry.



Discovering the Way

1. Three Important Questions

What is an “impossibility”? What is *your* “impossibility”? What does God’s Word say about all “impossibilities”?

2. Two Conflicting Viewpoints (Mark 6:30–44)

From the human standpoint, the disciples saw the feeding of the crowd as an impossibility . . . until Jesus opened their eyes to the divine viewpoint.

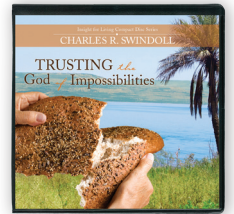


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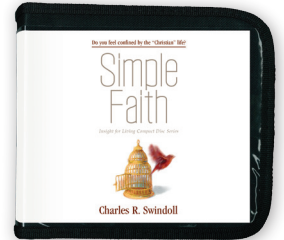
One essential reminder comes from the feeding of the 5,000: we face magnificent opportunities that are brilliantly disguised as impossible situations.



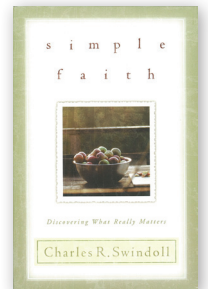
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FAILING TO CONNECT THE DOTS

MARK 6:45–52



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Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus remained fully focused on mentoring His disciples. After all, He would ultimately leave everything in their care. Each passing moment brought them closer to the day when He would leave this planet and return to the Father. At that point, they would be His representatives; they would proclaim His message and model His life. In light of that goal, each experience, every trial, and all events were designed to assist in their spiritual growth. Regrettably, it didn't always "click." There were occasions when the disciples simply didn't "get it." While they saw what Jesus did and heard the things He said—and occasionally even participated in significant miracles—they did not always "connect the dots." It wasn't that their eyesight or their hearing was faulty, but, like us occasionally, they had heart problems.



Discovering the Way

1. Remember the Impossible Meal That Happened (Mark 6:41–44)

Remember, the disciples served the continuous miracle of bread and fish to more than 5,000 people.

2. Observe the Servers That Same Evening (Mark 6:45–52)

That evening, the disciples struggled in the boat at sea, and when they saw Jesus, they were terrified of the "ghost" on the water. But when Jesus boarded the boat, the sea grew calm—astonishing the disciples. Why were they surprised?

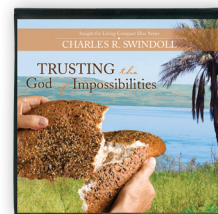


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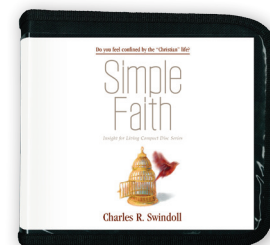
We often fail to connect the dots in our own lives because of two reasons. First, our minds refuse to believe God is who He says He is. Second, our hearts refuse to trust God to do what He says He will do.



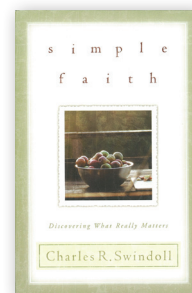
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