

I. God's *\_power\_* flowed from Christ's  
*\_compassion\_*

II. God's *\_power\_* enabled incredibly  
*\_meager\_ \_resources\_* to meet  
a massive *\_need\_*

III. With God's *\_power\_*, the fewer  
*\_resources\_*, the greater *\_need\_*,  
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<sup>13</sup> Then he left them, got back into the boat and crossed to the other side. <sup>14</sup> The disciples had forgotten to bring bread, except for one loaf they had with them in the boat. <sup>15</sup> "Be careful," Jesus warned them. "Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and that of Herod." <sup>16</sup> They discussed this with one another and said, "It is because we have no bread." <sup>17</sup> Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked them: "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened? <sup>18</sup> Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear? And don't you remember? <sup>19</sup> When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" "Twelve," they replied. <sup>20</sup> "And when I broke the seven loaves for the four thousand, how many basketfuls of pieces did you pick up?" They answered, "Seven."

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