

SERMON NOTES
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Shall We Go and Spend?
Mark 6:34-44

Earning, saving, giving, investing, SPENDING.

More protest than question.

An exercise in spiritual/financial thinking...

- LOOK at what you have.

Exodus 4:2 "What do you have in your hand, Moses?"

- LISTEN to what God is saying.

James 1:5 "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

A different, bigger plan!

- LEARN what God is teaching

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

"All growth demands a temporary surrender of security."

-- Gail Sheehy

Luke 2:10 "But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people."

Mark 6:34-44

³⁴ 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. ³⁵ When it was already quite late, His disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and it is already quite late; ³⁶ send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷ But He answered them, "You give them *something* to eat!" And they *said to Him, "Shall we go and spend two hundred denarii on bread and give them *something* to eat?" ³⁸ And He *said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go look!" And when they found out, they *said, "Five, and two fish." ³⁹ And He commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. ⁴¹ And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed *the food* and broke the loaves and He kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and they picked up twelve full baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish. ⁴⁴ There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.