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**- Lessons from Luke Series #4 -**

**Luke 9: 10-17**

Christ’s purpose and mission was to reveal God’s kingdom here on earth. In this kingdom, the economy is distinct from anything we have been familiar with. It is an economy of grace. Grace operates in the lives, not of achievers, but in the lives of humble receivers. This spiritual truth is powerfully demonstrated in the feeding of the 5,000!

1. **An Impossible Demand:** (v. 13)
2. Overwhelming Need -
3. Inadequate Resources -
4. Opportunity for the Supernatural -
5. **A Remarkable Invitation:** (v. 14)
6. Surrender to Him What You Have -
7. Allow Him to Multiply -
8. God Receives the Glory -
9. **A New Way of Living:**
10. Principle #1 – Impossible Needs = Opportunities -
11. Principle #2 – Surrender Allows Blessings -
12. Principle #3 – God is the Source, We are the Channels -

Christ was illustrating the powerful truth that He is the provider of all that we need. He allows overwhelming/ impossible situations to encourage us to surrender to His provision and power.

**Going Deeper:**

1. Why is it often difficult to understand God’s economy of grace? Why is it hard for us to receive rather than achieve?
2. According to II Corinthians 1:8-9, what is the purpose for overwhelming difficulties in our lives? Why does God allow these trials?
3. Have you ever been in a situation when you realized God was asking you to surrender to Him your meager resources?
4. Why is the act of surrender so crucial in God’s economy of grace? Why is it necessary to admit and release our inadequacies?
5. In the story of the feeding of the 5,000, who do you identify with most: The disciples (overwhelmed and exhausted), the crowd (hungry) or the little boy (giving up his lunch)?
6. **Personal:** Have you ever or are you right now, facing an overwhelming circumstance? Can you surrender your inadequacies to Christ and allow His grace to be released?

**Questions for Our Kids:**

Read John’s account of Christ’s miraculous feeding of the huge crowd – John 6:1-15.

1. Jesus fed a huge crowd of hungry people, possibly 15,000 or more. Have you ever seen such a large crowd? Where?
2. A little boy had a lunch packed by his mom with two fish and five rolls. He gave it to Jesus. Would you have given up your lunch?
3. Have you ever seen Jesus give you something amazing when you needed help? What does this story teach us?