



# Resource Constraints

*Devotional featuring Peter Greer*

Do you believe in a God who took five loaves and two fish and fed the multitudes? Do we believe that with God, there is always enough? As we consider just how important resources are to advance and deliver on the mission that we have, how do you respond to these questions? How do we make sure we have enough resources to do the work that is in front of us, especially when faced with resource constraints? In Matthew chapter 14, God shows us that we can trust Him to provide and even satisfy.



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At the heart level, our response to those questions will reveal whether we believe we live in a world of abundance or scarcity. The world is going to say that we live in a world of scarcity, that there's not enough, and we've got to grab onto as much as we can. So, when we look at other schools and sometimes even other teachers in our own school, we look at them as our competitors. This is rooted in a worldview that says we cannot trust God, because there's not enough for all of us.

Now look at how Matthew chapter 14 teaches us another story and response. God took five loaves and two fish and fed the multitudes. Is that the type of God that you believe in? God says there is always enough. Next, in verse 20 it says, "and they were satisfied." Not only was there enough, there was always more. The disciples picked up 12 baskets full of broken pieces that were left over.

While it is important to think about important aspects of making sure that we have the resources in place, ultimately the starting point is a place of trust. And as Hudson Taylor said, we can believe that God's work done in God's way will never lack God's supply.

## MEDITATE

*"But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over." —MATTHEW 14:16-20, ESV*

## REFLECT

What do we learn about God from Matthew 14:16-20?

Think about a recent time in which you needed resources to accomplish a goal related to your school's mission. What was your emotional, spiritual, and mental posture towards securing those resources? Assess your level of trust based on that experience.

How do we as a school demonstrate a posture of trusting in God while also being committed to doing our part in stewardship and creative sustainability?