

Between A Rock And A Hard Place
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Mark 6:34-44 When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

"How many loaves do you have?" he asked. "Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."

Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

James 1:2-3 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance.

Three ways you can address your problem...

1. By your _____

2. By your _____

3. By your _____

Practical steps to take when you face life's shortages...

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

2 Corinthians 8:12 The important thing is to be willing to give as much as we can. That is what God accepts and no one is asked to give what he has not got.

Luke 6:38 Jesus said, `Give and it will be given to you. With the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 Each one should give not grudgingly or because he is made to.

"... for God loves a cheerful giver."

John 6:6 (Jesus) already had in mind what He was going to do.

Mark 10:27 All things are possible with God.

Mark 6:42-43 Everyone ate and had enough. Afterwards they collected 12 baskets full of leftovers!