

You Can Make a Difference

Centuries ago, a little boy found himself in the midst of a vast crowd of people – larger than any group he'd ever seen.

He had come out of curiosity, having heard that a man named Jesus was nearby.

Not knowing how far he would have to travel or how long he would be gone, the boy packed a small lunch for himself – a couple of small fish and some bread.

Suddenly, a man tapped the lad on the shoulder and asked what he had in his hand. And the next thing the boy knew, his lunch was feeding more than 5,000 people!

Once Jesus got hold of the boy's simple meal, there was no limit to what He could make of it. The biblical account of that incident is found in the 14th chapter of Mark. When all the people had eaten "and were filled ... they took up 12 baskets full of the fragments that remained."

So what does this story mean for us in 2015? Well, there are a number of lessons contained therein, but here is certainly one:

Are you feeling a little overwhelmed or insignificant? Starting to get the idea that you're surrounded by folks getting giant things done while it's all you can do to make it through the week?

Maybe you've fallen into a well of comparison and you're drowning in discouragement because "compared to _____" you're not making nearly the difference he or she is.

To all who feel overwhelmed or who are tempted to take a much too critical look at your lives and feel unimportant, take heart! Do what you can.

Peace of mind comes in knowing that in your life, your touch can make a difference, even if it is only one here and another there.

Just remember: God made you with a plan for you, and He equipped you to make it work.

– Beecher Hunter