

Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith –

PERSONAL MINISTRY

Matthew 14:13-33

God builds our faith through personal ministry opportunities--those times when we're aware of a certain need others have, and we can't escape the sense that God's telling us, "I want you involved in meeting that need."

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever been asked to serve in a church or ministry- related context? If so, what was your initial response to that request?
2. Have you ever sensed God urging you to do something, yet you failed to do it? Why did you hold back?
3. Think about a time when you said yes to something God was urging you to do, although you felt unprepared for it. What was the impact of that experience on your faith?
4. Read Matthew 14:13-17. The disciples used their lack of resources as an excuse to question what Jesus asked them to do. What excuses have you used?
5. As you consider the disciples' initial response, what were they forgetting to factor into the equation?
6. Read Matthew 14:17-21. We see Jesus taking what little the disciples had available and going on to use it in a miraculous way. What talent, skill, experience, expertise, or ability do you have that, like the loaves and fish, don't appear to be things God could use in a significant way?
7. Who has chosen to serve you and invest in you in spite of the fact that he or she was busy, unprepared, or unsure of how things would turn out?