

## Giving Is A Test of Faith

*‘<sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.’- John 6:5-6*

Giving is a test of faith. The test lies in the question *“Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?”*

Jesus knew that it was impossible to find a bakery nearby since He was far away from the nearest town. This problem was compounded by the enormity of the crowd which consisted of thousands of men, women and children. The solution to this conundrum defied human logic. It seemed as though this was another impossible situation for which failure seemed to be the only answer to the two-part question:

*“Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?”*

Only Jesus can solve this problem, for what is impossible with man is possible with God.

But God requires us to partner with Him on this earth, in order to achieve His divine purpose for our lives. Therefore, we must operate, at times, outside of the realm of human logic, and embark upon a faith journey if we are to activate the promise of divine increase. Giving is a test of faith.

It reminds me of the ‘dry bones’ story in Ezekiel 37 where a similar question is asked:

*<sup>3</sup> He (the Lord) asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”  
I said, “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”*

So when confronted by an impossible situation which goes against the grain of giving, remember both the question and answer:

*“Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?”*

*“Only You, O Lord, knows. Where You lead, I faithfully follow.”*

Be blessed.

*Heavenly Father,*

*“Thank You for testing my faith in the midst of this ‘dry bones’ situation which seems impossible to the human mind. But, what is impossible with man is possible with You, O Lord. Teach me to faithfully follow You as I stand on your promise of divine increase for my life. In Jesus’ name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.”*

**Memory Verses:** *“Son of man, can these bones live?” .... “Sovereign LORD, you alone know.”- Ezekiel 37:3.*