WHAT DOES GENUINE FAITH LOOK LIKE?

More than just dinner;
Is it the feeding of the 5000 or the disciples?
Matthew 14:13-21

I. **RECOGNIZE THERE IS AN UNBELIEF THAT SEEKS CHRIST:** After hearing of John's death, Jesus withdraws and the crowds follow seeking the miraculous **(13)**

II. **GENUINE FAITH IS TESTED IN THE REAL LIFE SITUATIONS THAT GOD ALLOWS AND ORDAINS:** The great Shepherd compassionately responds to the unbelieving, self-centered multitudes by teaching and healing them, all the while using the circumstance to test His disciples faith **(14, John 6)**

III. **GENUINE FAITH INVOLVES THE RECOGNITION OF TOTAL INADEQUACY AND TOTAL DEPENDENCE ON CHRIST:** Jesus uses the dinner dilemma to test the disciple's faith, reveal their inadequacy and teach them total dependence in His absolute sufficiency **(15-21)**

A. Jesus leads the disciples to recognize their inadequacy to provide (15-16)

B. The disciples recognized their inadequacy, yet initially lack the faith to recognize His total sufficiency (17)

C. The disciples faith is tested and cultivated in the context of obeying His Word as Jesus miraculously feeds the multitude (18-21)