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Immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." Then he climbed into the boat with them, and the wind died down. They were completely amazed, for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened.

Mark 6:50-52 (NIV)

I CAN MAINTAIN A HEART OF COMPASSION WHEN I...

1. LOOK AT NORMAL NEEDS WITH SUPERNATURAL EYES

Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here."

Luke 9:12 (NIV)

2. EXPECT GOD TO USE WHAT I HAVE IN MY HANDS

"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 distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all.

Mark 6:38-41 (NIV)

3. SERVE TODAY WITH ETERNITY IN MIND

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"

Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."

John 6:26-34 (NIV)