

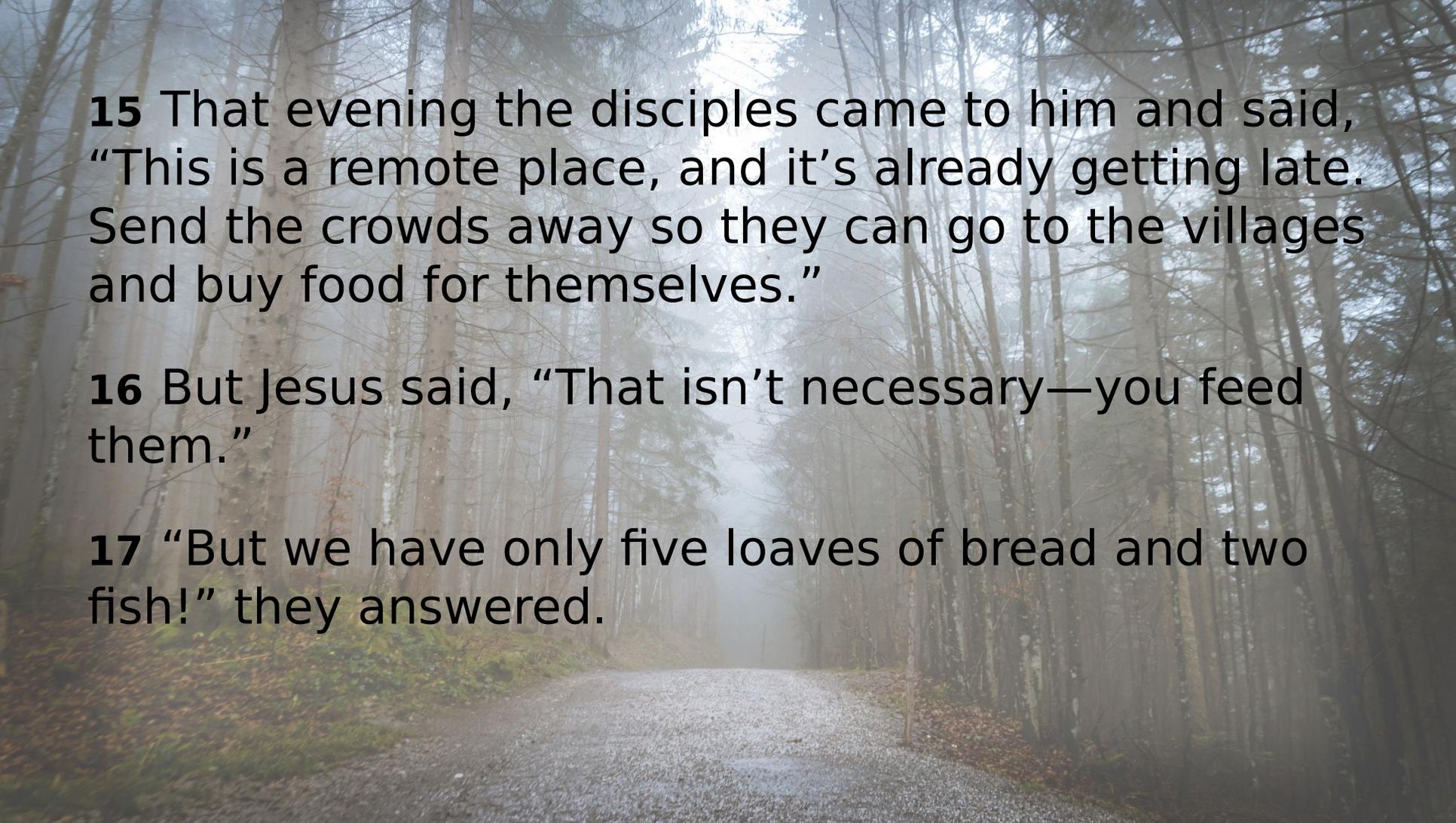
THERE ARE NO OUTSIDERS



WEEK 4

Matthew 14:10-21NLT

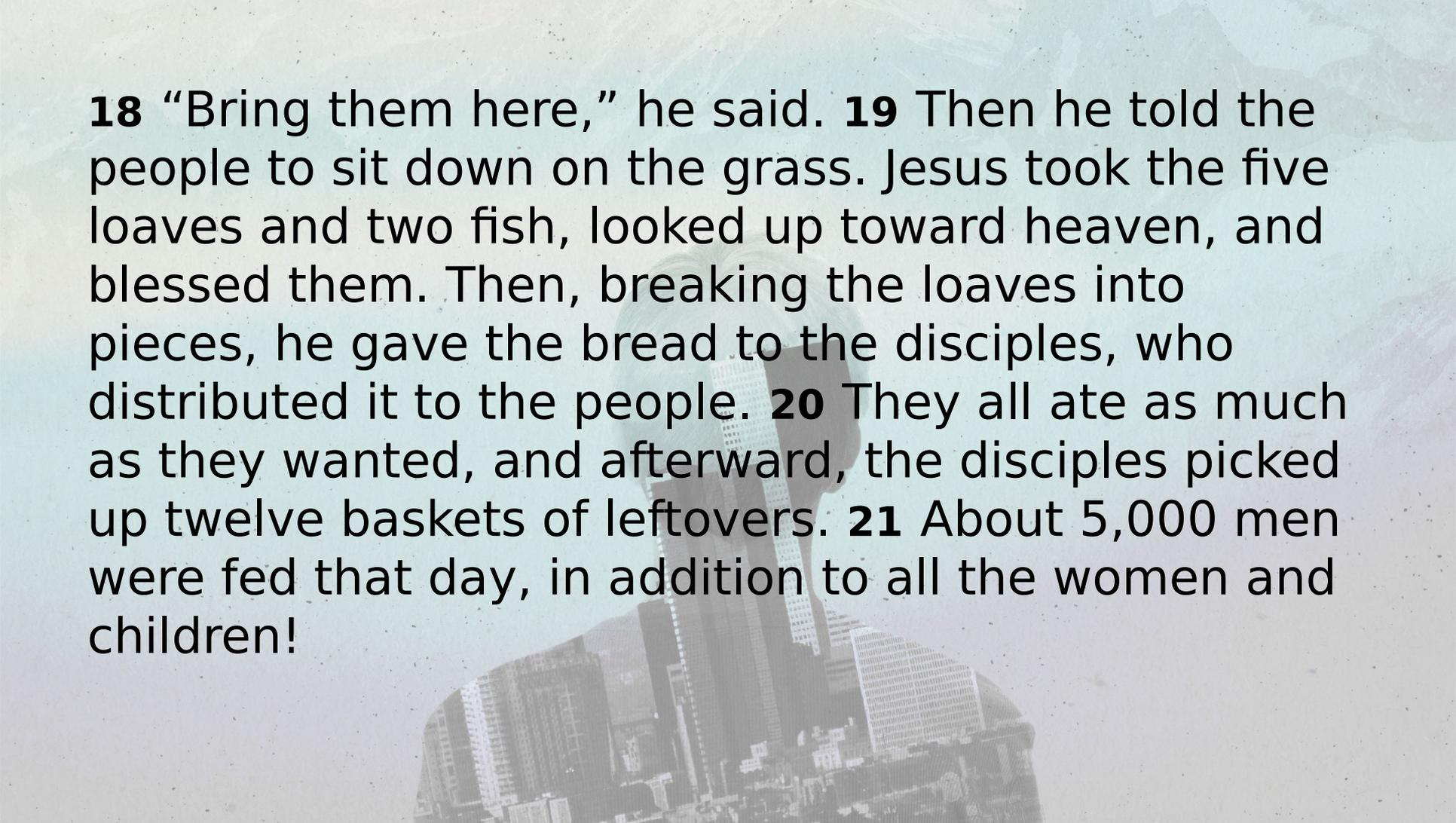
So John was beheaded in the prison, **11** and his head was brought on a tray and given to the girl, who took it to her mother. **12** Later, John's disciples came for his body and buried it. Then they went and told Jesus what had happened. **13** As soon as Jesus heard the news, he left in a boat to a remote area to be alone. But the crowds heard where he was headed and followed on foot from many towns. **14** Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

A misty forest path with tall trees and a gravel road leading into the distance. The scene is atmospheric and serene, with a soft light filtering through the trees.

15 That evening the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.”

16 But Jesus said, “That isn’t necessary—you feed them.”

17 “But we have only five loaves of bread and two fish!” they answered.



18 “Bring them here,” he said. **19** Then he told the people to sit down on the grass. Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he gave the bread to the disciples, who distributed it to the people. **20** They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftovers. **21** About 5,000 men were fed that day, in addition to all the women and children!

I. Jesus saw this moment not as an **inconvenience** or burden but as an **opportunity**.

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II. God will always give us what we **need** to do what he has asked us to **do**.

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Matthew 14:15-16 NLT

III. We need to take what is in our **hands** and put it in the **hands** of Jesus.

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Matthew 14:18-21 NLT

10 Do not despise these small beginnings, for the Lord rejoices to see the work begin.

Zechariah 4:10a



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1. What is the **need**?

Compassion



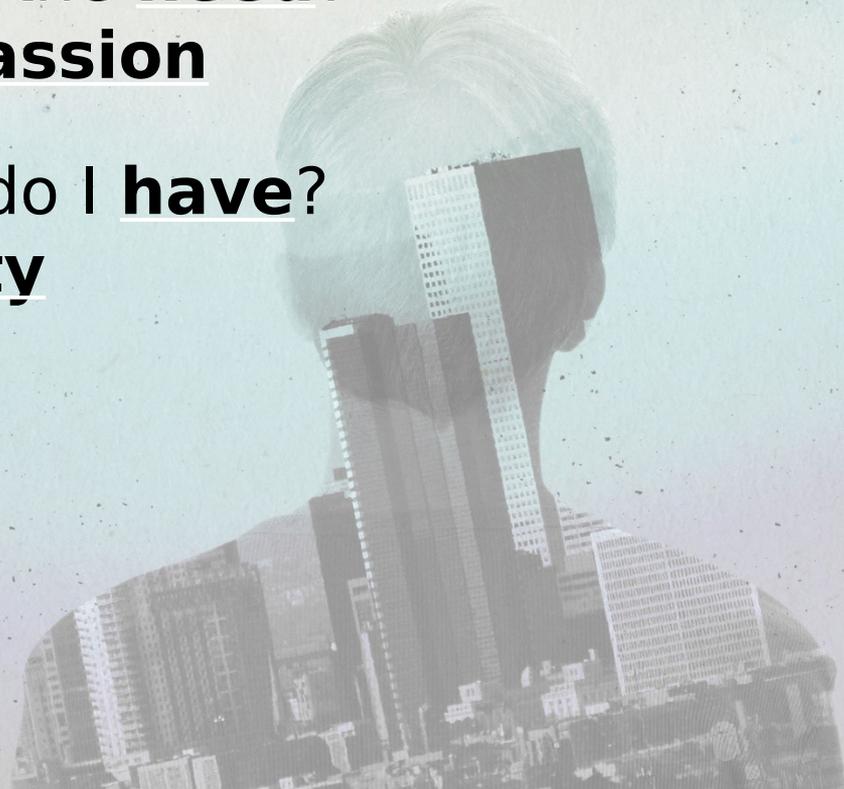
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2. What do I have?

Ability



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Compassion

2. What do I **have**?

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3. What can I **do**?

Action

