



**Sermon Notes: “Bring it Here”**

**Matthew 14:13–21**

9.20.26

**SIGN**

- Elisha announced the power of God. Jesus IS the power of God.
  - “Only” has never once been a problem for Jesus.

**SURRENDER**

- Stop telling God what you don’t have.
- Bring it here.
- Stop deciding in advance what God can’t do with you.

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**So What?**

What’s the small thing?

What have you made small that God wants to make big?

Just bring it here.

## For Study, Reflection, Discussion During the Week:

**Life Group ICEBREAKER:** The sermon opened with the word "only" — how we use it to shrink things so they don't cost us as much. Go around the group: what's one "only" statement you've made about yourself recently? "I only have..." "I'm only..." Say it out loud. Then sit with it for a second before we dig in.

**REVIEW:** Review the sermon notes from Sunday. Was there a particular point that stuck with you? What was it and why did it resonate with you?

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### READ: Matthew 14:13-17 | 2 Kings 4:42-44 | John 6:7-9

- This week, Darin connected the feeding of the five thousand to Elisha in 2 Kings 4 — same barley bread, same impossible math, same "only this?" from a servant. But the difference is the point: Elisha had to say "thus says the Lord" and borrow the power. Jesus just blesses the bread Himself. He IS the power standing in the field. Where in your life right now are you still doing the math like He isn't standing there? What would it look like to stop calculating in the light of your own resources and start calculating with Him in the equation?
  - The disciples handed Jesus a kid's lunch — barley bread, the cheap grain, in a field, in front of twenty thousand people — and said "we only have." Jesus didn't argue with the math. He said three words: bring them here. The sermon said the enemy runs a sign shop and has been hanging "NO SALVAGING" on things in your life for years. What has he posted that sign on in you — a gift, a season, a part of your story, your marriage, yourself — that Jesus is actually saying "bring it here" about?
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### READ: Matthew 14:18-21 | 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

- The disciples handed over five loaves and went home carrying twelve baskets — one per man, more than each one brought. Paul says "when I am weak, then I am strong" — not despite the weakness, but through it, so that only God gets the credit. The sermon said surrender did not leave them empty; it blessed them and those around them. Where have you seen that in your own story — a place where you handed over something small or broken and God multiplied it past what you could have managed yourself? How does that memory speak to whatever you're holding onto right now?
  - At the end of the sermon Darin asked two closing questions. First: what's the small thing — the "only" you've been carrying and apologizing for, that you've already decided isn't worth bringing? Second — and this one is for those with plenty: what have you made small that God wants to make big? The answered prayer that became normal. The paid-off house. The Tuesday. The marriage that survived. He didn't bless you just to bless you. Blessing is a delivery route, not a destination. Which of those two questions hits you more honestly right now, and what is it pointing to?
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### DEPLOY:

- **Find the Delivery Route.** Name one blessing God has given you that has become "normal" — something you once prayed for that you've stopped seeing as His hand. Then ask: who needs what that blessing could give them? A meal from your table. A Tuesday. A hard-won year of sobriety. A marriage that made it. This week, find one way to put that blessing on a delivery route to someone who needs it.
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### Don't Forget:

- Join us in praying for the students that will be participating in 'See You At The Pole' this Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Think about joining a Life Group! Take a look at the sign-up sheets on the Welcome Desk or fill out a connection card and we can help get you connected with a group.
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### Prayer:

*Father, we confess we've been doing the math without You in it. We've looked at what's in our hands, run the numbers, and decided in advance what You couldn't do with it. Forgive us for the "only" statements we've turned into excuses and the blessings we've let go normal. Tonight we open our hands. We bring You the small things — the barley loaves, the kid's lunch, the Tuesday, the mess we're embarrassed about. We bring You the things the enemy has tagged "no salvaging." We stop deciding what You can't do with us. And for the ones in this room who have plenty — remind them that blessing is a delivery route, not a destination. Show them who's hungry on the hillside. We don't clean it up first. We just bring it here. You fed a valley with a kid's lunch. Do it again.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.*