MY ABILITIES

Can one person make a difference in this world? A lot of us would say "no. "Here you will have a chance to see what Jesus did with a little to make a difference & to discuss where your own gifts and abilities could make a difference.

JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

Because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. "But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. "When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" "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 set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. "They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. "The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand. Mark 6:31-44

1. You're on vacation. Surprise! There are 5,000 men, plus women and children, waiting on the shore. Now how do you feel?

0 delighted 0 angry 0 overwhelmed
0 frustrated 0 whipped 0 compassionate

2. What is guaranteed to ruin a vacation for you? 0 waiting in long lines 0 car trouble
0 losing my suitcase 0 mosquitoes / jellyfish / ants 0 seven straight days of rain 0 other:

3. "You give them something to eat" Had you been with Jesus during this story, and he asked you to do work after he promised you rest, what would have been your reaction?

0 "Okay, but you owe me one!" 0 "Hey, I'm outta here!"
0 "Whatever you say, Lord!" 0 "But you PROMISED!"

5. How much of your potential are you giving to God right now? 0 sorry you asked
0 I would say 50%. 0 maybe 5% 0 I'm giving it all I've got

6. If you could put your gifts to work in something that you are good at, what would you like to do? (Choose two or three)

D working with children D cooking / homemaking D listening / caring
D teaching your faith D helping behind the scenes D writing
D playing an instrument D getting others involved D working with older people
D coaching / teaching D peacemaking / reconciling D raising money
D organizing / administering D making people laugh D being sensitive to others
D acting / singing D sharing my faith D cheering others on
D motivating / leading D problem solving D crusading for a cause
D other: