

# Gamecock Devotion

## #7 THE GREATEST CHAMPION THINKS OUTSIDE THE BOX



*Question: Name a few of your goals and see if they are in reach without God's help. If they are attainable without Him, it should tell you about your faith in Him. What are a few goals we can set as a team and individually for yourself that you have to trust to see accomplished?*

As we start today it is a neat fact to remember that this is the only miracle that was recorded by all four gospel writers. Interesting because this was a “coming out party” of sorts for Jesus had to show His authority, and that God was about to do something big. Stuck in a tough situation with people to feed and a shortage of food most of us would have responded the same way the disciples did and asked Jesus where are we going to get enough food from, however a problem to us is an opportunity to Jesus. He always seems to take the disciples view of God and blow it to pieces by showing them that they do not need to rely on themselves for help, but rather on Him. Many times our prayer life can reflect this as well so be careful when you pray and plan that you know who you are praying to and planning with.

Do we see problems as opportunities to trust God to perform or do we see problems as a lack of provision from a perfect God who would never leave us without. It is so important that we see our daily challenges with spiritual glasses so that they cannot faze us or our mentalities. God has bigger plans than ours and knows better ways than ours, do not doubt HIM. You want to make God laugh tell Him your plans, and He will respond, I have better for you Gamecock Basketball I have better for you. God did not feed just the disciples, Jesus or the children. He fed everyone and there were leftovers. Great leaders do not place their goals in a box nor do they place the expectations of their followers in one either. The greatest champion knew His people could be great if He just showed them how, so He did.

### John 6:1-15

**1**Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee, **2**and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. **3**Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. **4**The Jewish Passover Feast was near. **5**When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" **6**He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. **7**Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages<sup>[a]</sup> would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" **8**Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, **9**"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" **10**Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. **11**Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. **12**When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." **13**So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. **14**After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."