INTRODUCTION: Today we are going to look at the only one of Jesus’ miracles recorded in all four gospels, and learn some valuable lessons about how to handle impossible situations that regularly invade our lives.

I. The Setting For The Miracle (Luke 9:1-9)

II. Jesus’ Instructions For Ministry (Luke 9:1-9)

A. **Operate** in God’s Power  (Luke 9:1)

Luke 9:1 “And He called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases.”

2 Timothy 2: 20-21 “20 Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. 21 Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.”

B. Understand the **Assignment**  (Luke 9:2)

Luke 9:2 “And He sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God, and to perform healing.”
C. Travel **Lightly** (Luke 9:3-4)

Luke 9:3  “And He said to them, ‘Take nothing for your journey, neither a staff, nor a bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not even have two tunics apiece.’”

D. Expect **Criticism** (Luke 9:5)

Luke 9:5  “And as for those who do not receive you, as you go out from that city, shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.”

III. The Miraculous Feeding  (Luke 9:10-17)

Luke 9:12  “And the day began to decline, and the twelve came and said to Him, ‘Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside and find lodging and get something to eat; for here we are in a desolate place.’”

Luke 9:14  “(For there were about five thousand men.) And He said to His disciples, ‘Have them recline to eat in groups of about fifty each.’”

Luke 9:16  “And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed them, and broke them, and kept giving them to the disciples to set before the multitude.”

IV. When Your Need Is Greater Than Your Resources...

A. Pray with **Gratitude**

B. Pray with **Action**

C. Pray with **Faith**