

Serving in Faith

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¹ After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.

² And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick.

³ Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples.

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⁴ Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

⁵ Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?"

⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do.

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⁷ Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread would not be enough for each of them to get a little."

⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him,

⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

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¹⁰ Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number.

¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted.

¹² And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost."

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¹³ So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

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Compassion

Do we care?

Carnegie Hall

2,657 seats



Three Complications

1. Convenience

How much does this keep me from my priorities?

2. Cost-Benefit Analysis

Is it worth it to do this?

3. Expected Returns

Is this just a waste?

Calling & Commission

Are we sent?

Calling

General broad direction

Commission

Explicit order or directive



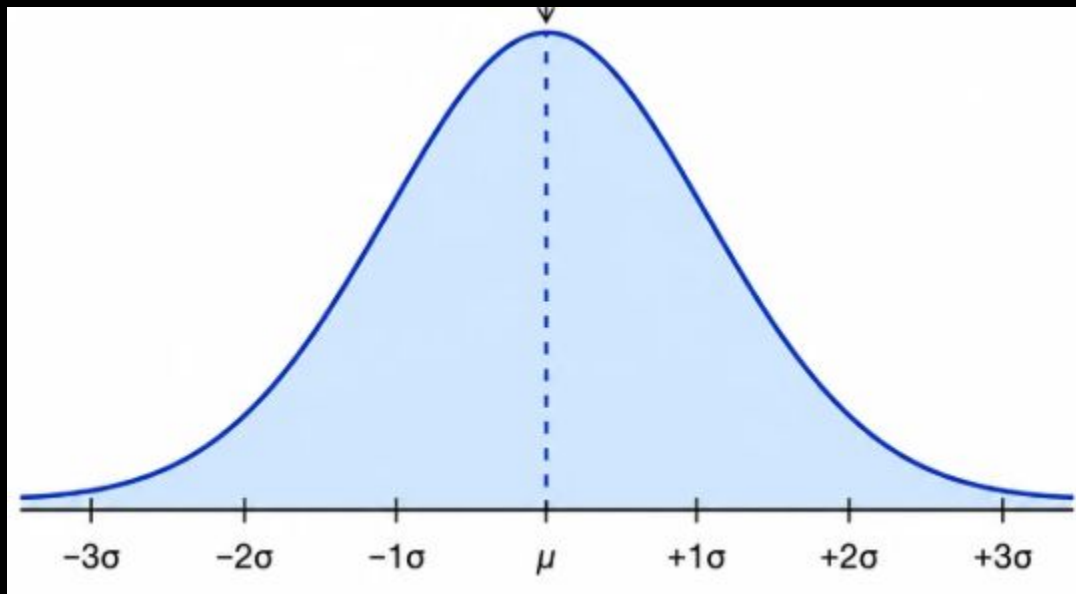
Calling & Commission

1. How clear is the calling?
2. Will this bless others through me somehow?
3. Will this challenge my faith to grow?

Response & Ability

What will we do?

What should we do?



“Nothing”

“Something”

“Everything”

**Our attitude of response is more important
than our ability to do the work.**

Three Outcomes

1. We are sent to do something, and we can do it out of our ability.
2. We are sent to do something, we cannot do it out of our ability, but God provides and answers the need.
3. We are sent to do something, we cannot do it out of our ability, and God does not answer the way we want.

Worship

Has all of this led us to God?