

PART 4: IT'S PERSONAL

INTRODUCTION

You will never be closer to God than the level of your faith. But faith is more than mere belief. It's something we put into practice. That's why Jesus said, "Follow me." In this series we'll explore five catalysts God uses to build enduring, go-the distance faith in our lives.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 14:14-21

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Are you currently serving in your church? If so, what role do you have, and how has your faith benefited? If not, what barriers to serving are you currently facing?
- 2. If you've been part of a church for any period of time, you've benefited from volunteers who serve. Can you think of a volunteer at your church who inspires you?
- 3. Have you ever felt an internal nudge to do something for someone else that you didn't feel equipped to do and would require a lot of you? How did you respond?
- 4. Read Matthew 14:14-16. Where is there a problem, or need, that you can be a part of the solution in your church? In your community?
- 5. Read Matthew 14:17. What excuses, good or bad, do you make for not being a part of the solution to the problem? How do you complete the following: "I only have..."
- 6. Read Matthew 14:18. If you were to bring Jesus what you do have and stop thinking about what you don't have, what would you bring? (limited time, money, experience, energy, etc.)
- 7. Read Matthew 14:19. The disciples didn't know how to feed 5000 with the limited resources they had...but they did know how to serve what they were given. How can you begin to use your limited time, knowledge, experience, money, energy, etc. to serve somebody?
- 8. Where is God nudging you to serve today?

Application Prayer: Lord Jesus, I'm saying "Yes" to your nudging today. I'll bring you what I have and trust you to do what only you can do. Please grow my faith.

"I'll do what I can do, and trust God to do what only he can do."