

## **10-11-17 Beyond the reasonable**

Remember the story where Jesus feeds the 5,000 with five loaves and two fish? In that story, the disciples can only see the reasonable: 5,000 people plus five loaves and two fish? This is never going to work.

It is as if these companions of Jesus cannot comprehend that they have the greatest Coach in the history of the game. I mean, this guy Jesus is undefeated; he takes crumbling teams with mediocre talent and gets them to the playoffs year after year.

But they can't see it, or maybe they won't let themselves see it. They can't see how big God is, how big God's compassionate heart is, how gracious God is, how powerful God is.

That is often my sin. I become so pragmatic and reasonable that I forget who my Coach is. Rather than trusting, or daring to trust, or imagining that God can transform what looks like an overwhelmingly pessimistic circumstance, I can only see what is reasonable and pragmatic.

What about you?

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