

**Believing Christ**

Responding to John’s Gospel

**The Tests of Faith**

How do you follow Jesus when facing problems?

(John 6:1-15)

**Deuteronomy 18:18**

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

**2 Kings 4:42-44**

42A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. And Elisha said, “Give to the men, that they may eat.” 43But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred men?” So he repeated, “Give them to the men, that they may eat, for thus says the Lord, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” 44So he set it before them. And they ate and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

*The test for the committed: How do you follow Jesus?* (vs. 1-13)

* Test 1: Solve an impossible problem of provision (3-7)

**Romans 4:19**

He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

* Test 2: Move forward with a ridiculous solution to an impossible problem of provision (8-13)

**Person Problem Solution**

Abraham Have a baby while old Wait

Moses Egyptian army Repeat God’s words and hold up stick

Moses Food & water for millions Wake up to bread and talk to rocks

Joshua Jericho walls March in a circle, blow horns, and yell

Gideon Midianites Smash jars and yell

David Goliath Throw rocks

Naaman Incurable disease Jump in the river

Jehoshaphat Many armies Sing and play music

Hezekiah Assyrians Do nothing

Daniel Lions Spend the night in the den

*The test of the uncommitted: Why do you follow Jesus?* (vs. 14-15)

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