# The Incredible Difference Your Gifts Make: Bill’s Story | Devotion

## Listen

Matthew 14:19–20

Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.

## Sing

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life,” VU 681  
“We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (Abundant Life),” MV 143  
“O Beautiful Gaia,” MV 41

## Reflect

* Describe a time when generosity has multiplied like the loaves and fish in Matthew’s story.
* The meal recounted in Matthew’s story takes place outside. Where in creation is your spirit fed?
* Consider a time when something good you have done or been a part of has had a remarkable outcome.

## Pray

### At a Gathering

O God, place generosity at the centre of our gathering. Let us be generous in our outlook, generous in our decisions, and generous with each other. If our thinking gets too small, too narrowly focused on ourselves, remind us again of your mission to love large. Call up for us the image of Jesus making a meal for thousands out of a small offering. Turn us from our tightly held can’ts toward the good we can do when we come together in your way. Amen.

### For Personal Devotion

God, break open the kernel of every good thing I do, however small.   
Scatter my generosity around your beautiful world.   
Let my gratitude for all that I have take root.   
Let it grow strong as wheat.   
Bake it. Break it. Share it.   
Make my life a sacrament, my offerings more than enough.   
Amen.