

WHAT'S IN YOUR LUNCHBOX?

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The famous miracle of Jesus feeding the 5000 depends upon an often overlooked, very humble and certainly very unlikely person.

A small boy on a grassy, remote mountain field. A boy who was willing to provide all that he had, indeed all that was needed.

I was amused to see one commentator refer to the boy's offering as "passing over his lunchbox".

Yet his were the only resources that were at hand. His small contribution led to an extraordinary outcome.

I wonder if any of us would identify with that boy, who, like the widow with her mite in another story, was willing to give

up all he had to a stranger, Andrew, from a small group that he had just met, and who in turn were being followed by a large crowd of people unexpectedly appearing on his grazing fields?

If we try and place ourselves in the boy's shoes, I wonder what we each might have in our own 'lunchbox' that might be similarly useful to be shared, what resources we possess that might lead to similar extraordinary results?

What gifts, skills, wisdom we might offer? Like the boy's, ours need not be a dramatic offering, it might only be a small gesture that affects one or two.

Or perhaps, unexpected thousands.

I wonder what it might be?

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