The Master's Apprenticeship Program of Increasing Faith

(2 of 3 in The Real Ministry Program of Our Lord Jesus Christ)
(A Message to Ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ)

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III. The Master increased their faith!

"And Jesus said, 'Make the men sit down.' Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand." (John 6:10, cf. 11-14)

IV. The Master instilled faith within them!

"Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, 'O <u>ye of little faith</u>, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye <u>not yet understand</u>, <u>neither remember</u> the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? <u>Neither</u> the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up?" (Matthew 16:8-10)

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