

A silhouette of a person performing a handstand against a sunset sky. The person is on the left side of the frame, with their legs extended vertically upwards. The sky transitions from a deep orange at the bottom to a pale blue at the top. The text "Challenging Norms" is written in a white, cursive font in the upper right quadrant.

Challenging Norms

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A silhouette of a person performing a handstand on the left side of the image, set against a sunset background with a gradient from dark blue to orange. The person's arms are extended upwards, and their legs are bent at the knees, with feet pointing towards the top of the frame.

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(John 6:1-15 NIV)

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A silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a gesture of praise or prayer, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise over a body of water. The person is on the left side of the frame, and their arms extend towards the top left corner.

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¹Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ²and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick.

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³Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

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Doing The
Impossible

⁵When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"

⁶He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

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⁷Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

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What Do You Have?

⁸Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹"Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"



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Put It In
Jesus' Hands

¹⁰Jesus said, "Have the people sit down."

There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.



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¹²When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

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Work
Palms Up

¹⁴After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

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