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WARM UP QUESTION: Do you have a story you can share from a family gathering?

READ: Matthew 14:13-23

FOCUS: How do we deal with the tension of living in the in-between of tears and triumph, particularly when they exist simultaneously?

OBSERVE:

- Jesus had heard of John the Baptist' death and needed time to grieve.
- The people were desperate to hear about Jesus and to be ministered to by Him so they followed Him.
- When Jesus sees the crowd, despite His pain and grief, He felt compassion and ministered to them. This paved the way for the miraculous feeding of 5,000 men, as well as women and children.
- After this, Jesus went up on the mountain by himself to pray.

DISCUSS:

- What stood out to you or what did the Holy Spirit bring to your attention from this study?
- Are you experiencing grief or did this bring up memories of past times of grief in your life? Have you walked another person through a time of grief? What was your experience of compassion for them?
- Do you think Jesus' experience of His grief was different after He showed compassion to the suffering crowd?
- How do you sense the Holy Spirit is guiding you to respond to your own grief or the grief of others?

TAKE ACTION:

- In your group, share your griefs and sorrows. Notice your feelings toward others as you listen to their stories.
- Respond with compassion by flooding each person with the love of Christ.

PRAY: Lord Jesus, thank You for bearing our griefs and carrying our sorrows. Thank You for giving Your life to pave our way into the Kingdom. Enable us to respond to others with compassion, showing them Your love. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.