

## **„Go and see!“** (Mk 6,38)

### **Impulse thoughts II**

Just as the disciples looked in the Gospel, so you have now looked and also recorded and collected your findings. Now, after this assurance of one's resources, the narrative unfolds only the actual miracle event: *And all ate and were filled*. The disciples place the supposedly little that they have at the disposal of Jesus. Interestingly, he does not explicitly ask them to do so. Going and looking does not end with self-affirmation, but leads to bringing the available resources to Jesus and at the same time making them available to others. Thus, looking after oneself leads directly to looking after others - within the framework of one's own possibilities.

If in the Gospel it is food that does not seem to be enough, the sentence "I have no time" perhaps expresses a phenomenon of our epoch. Many people express that they lack time, and having no time often seems like a current fad. At any rate, this is what a provocative adaptation of our Bible text by Lothar Zenetti suggests, for he transforms the plight of food scarcity into a time scarcity - with the miracle that in the end there is enough time for everyone:

*And he saw a great multitude of people, and he was sorry for them, and he spoke to them of the irresistible love of God. And when evening came, his disciples said, Lord, send these people away; it is already late, they have no time. Give them some of it, he said, give them some of your time! We have none ourselves, they said, and what we have, this little, how will that be enough for so many? But there was one among them who had five appointments free, no more, in case of need, plus two quarters of an hour. And Jesus, with a smile, took the five appointments they had, the two quarter hours, in his hand. He looked up to heaven, said the prayer of thanksgiving and praise, then he had his disciples distribute the precious time to the many people. And behold, there was now enough for everyone. In the end, they even filled twelve days with what was left of time, which was not little. It is reported that they were amazed. Because possible is, they saw, the impossible with him.*

### **Action II**

In the text we see that a time well spent, a time invested in others is enough for much. Much that we do not even have in mind. When we give time, it continues to have an effect. In this sense, we invite you to give time to someone today, just before the end of the year. Someone you haven't talked to for a long time, someone you think to yourself, I would like to get in touch with you again. If you can't think of anyone, take your cell phone and scroll through the list of addresses and maybe you'll get stuck on a name. So give your time to a person, go and see - how he is doing.