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Liturgical Date: Year B, Pentecost 9, 25th July 2021

Presenter **Rev Phil Swain**

Focus Readings John 6:1-12

Message 7 minutes 0 seconds **“Does God Test us?”**

Discussion Starters

- 1** What do you think? Was it right for Jesus to test Philip by asking him to feed 5000 people?
- 2** Is there a time when you felt God was asking something that was beyond your abilities? How did you respond?
- 3** Are you a church who “punches above its weight” – who will try things which seem beyond you by trusting in the power of God?
- 4** What do you think non-church people think when they hear that Christians ‘step out in faith?

Lectionary readings for the day

2 Samuel 11:1-15 Sin begets more sin. After King David has taken Uriah’s wife, Bathsheba, he tries to cover up his misdeed. Uriah’s faithfulness as a soldier unfortunately leads to David planning his murder.

Psalm 14 This psalm attests to humanity’s proclivity for sin. The psalmist notes that there is not even one individual that does right. Yet the Lord will still restore God’s people.

Ephesians 3:14-21 The writer prays for his Christian converts to live up to their created intent – that is, to display the love of Christ in their actions toward their fellow persons.

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All Age Message **“That’s impossible!”**

Length 2 Minutes 40 seconds

Precis of AAM

There are some things that only a few people can do – to the rest they are impossible. Phil gets us to try a few things that are examples. Sometimes God challenges us to do the impossible but with his help, makes it possible.

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book) Psalm 14 page 252**

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