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The disciples have been following Jesus, but they still haven't truly SEEN him.

Their hearts were hardened - meaning **insensitive or not able to recognize, calloused**

### **Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Satisfies (Mark 6:53-56):**

*When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.*

People are being healed by merely touching his clothing!

Jesus demonstrates, time and again, that **He has come not to be served but to serve** and to give His life up as a ransom (Mark 10:45)

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The disciples have witnessed Jesus perform many miracles, but they are growing as Jesus walks with them.

Mark 8:17-21 describes a rebuke and challenge Jesus gives to his disciples. After seeing a 2<sup>nd</sup> feeding miracle, they still **do not yet understand**.

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