

When Jesus Does a Miracle

Miracles are birthed out of challenge, out of difficulty, and out of problems

Mark 6:35-44 And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. 35 When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, "This is a deserted place, and already the hour *is* late. **36** Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat. **37** But He answered and said to them, "You give them something to eat. And they said to Him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them *something* to eat? **38** But He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see. And when they found out they said, "Five loaves, and two fish."**39** Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. **40** So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. **41** And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave *them* to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among *them* all. **42** So they all ate and were filled. **43** And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. **44** Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.

He Broke it and He Blessed it! and then he Satisfied their Hunger.

When I read through this passage recently I thought of you guys here.

- 1) Jesus loves to bless the broken things in our lives.
- 2) You have to give the broken things in your life to Jesus before he can bless it.
- 3) Jesus always wants what he has blessed to be shared with others.
- 4) The miracle is multiplied only when we release the blessing to others.

This is not just a story about the power of Jesus, this is story of teamwork too.

When there is a need sensed by a few and each individual understands their responsibility and gives their all regardless of the odds, then Jesus works a MIRACLE!

1) When there is a need sensed by a few...

- a) THE PROBLEM: A lot of hungry people
 - have you ever noticed how our appetite determines our attitude towards food?
- i) If I have a small problem, I'm a candidate for a small miracle...

- ii) Medium problems, I'm a candidate for a medium miracle...
- iii) Extreme problem, extreme miracle...

b) Understand Jesus does not need the MAJORITY to move, he loves using a few.

Matthew 18:19- Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

2) When **each individual understands their responsibility...**

a) Notice how Jesus already knew what he is going to do, but he involves the disciples.

John 6:7-9- Philip says it will take nearly a year's salary to buy enough food, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many.

b) God wants you to get involved in his work ---- each account of the five loaves and two fish - he involved the disciples.

- How strange they must have felt when Jesus told them, have the crowd sit down in 100's and 50's. Even before he blessed the bread.
- Wonder how many thought, this is so dumb! Have you ever tried to organize a crowd of 5 to 10,000 people?

c) Magic vs Jesus Miracle.

I think often we don't want a Jesus miracle- we just want magical experience. Poof its fixed!

When Jesus does a miracle, it always involves a level of faith, obedience, and work by somebody.

3) When **each one gives their all regardless of the odds...**

a) Jesus said bring me what you've got!

b) How many miracles have I missed because it didn't make sense to me- so instead of giving Him my lunch I held it on to it.

Like the tithe! 10% of my hard-earned money when we are in need! doesn't make sense. Let someone else meet the needs of the church. Instead of giving up my bad attitude, I held on to it. Instead of giving out of obedience with extra effort, I held on to it.

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