

September 22, 2019



HOW FAITH TURNS A LITTLE INTO A LOT

MARK 6:34-44 (NASB)

INSIGHT: Feeding five thousand is the “principle” of how to prepare your life for a miracle.

FOUR THINGS NEED TO BE OBSERVED FOR A MIRACLE:

I. ADMIT OUR NEED (vv. 34-37).

TRUTHIES: God comes when we call; we have not because we ask not; God won't help until we admit we need help.

Two self-defeating behaviors that stop miracles:

1. We blame.

REALITY: Responsible parenting/faithful servanthood are inconvenient callings from God. You always have to rearrange your plans with either calling.

2. We worry.

INSIGHT: The issue in Heaven isn't the cost of the building; it's our faith in God's ability to work through us again.

TRUTH: When God asks us to do something we see as physically or financially impossible, His goal is stretching our faith, because He already knows what He's going to do if we believe.

II. GIVE GOD WHAT WE HAVE (Mark 6:38).

TRUTH: God always starts with what we have.

PRINCIPLE: God always has the answer before I even know the problem.

III. ATTITUDE MATTERS (v. 41).

TRUTH: The Bible says that God loves a cheerful giver and that God doesn't receive what's given by compulsion (2 Corinthians 9:7).

IV. EXPECT A BLESSING (v. 42).

PRINCIPLE: Whatever we give to God we always get back more.

TRUTH: We cannot outgive God!

INVITATION: Question of the morning: Will "The Hill" do again what she has done for the last 47 years... offer her lunch to Jesus? That's how we've built these facilities and made room for others to come!

We need a MIRACLE, and miracles come to the people who say: "Father, whatever it takes! For Jesus' sake and for The Children Yet to Come, we will build this building!"

And all God's people said: Amen!