

FEEDING OF THE 5000

Mark 6:32-43 (NIV)

32 So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place.

33 But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. **34** When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had **compassion** on them, because they were like **sheep without a shepherd**. So he began teaching them many things.

35 By this time it was **late in the day**, so his disciples came to him. “This is a **remote place**,” they said, “and it’s already very late. **36** **Send the people away** so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

37 But he answered, “**You give them something to eat.**” They said to him, “That would take more than **half a year’s wages!** Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

38 “**How many loaves do you have?**” he asked. “**Go and see.**” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

39 Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. **40** So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. **41** Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, **he gave thanks and broke the loaves**. Then he gave them to his disciples to **distribute** to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. **42** They all ate and were satisfied, **43** and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.

4 Truths This Miracles Teaches Us....

1. Understand you either **need a miracle** or God wants you to be a **conduit for a miracle**.

- * If you have a problem, you are a candidate for a miracle
- * Your problem is a ticket to a miracle

2. God doesn't need **suggestions**, he needs **participation**

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* **Without** God -- you **cannot!**

* **Without** God -- He **will not!**

3. Don't focus on what you **don't have**, focus on **who he is!**

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4. Understand God will only **give to you** what he knows will **flow through you!**

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