“REMEMBER YOUR MIRACLE”

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Mark 6:45-53

Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. 46 And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. 47 Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He *was* alone on the land. 48 Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by.

49 And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out; 50 for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” 51 Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled. 52 ***For they had not understood about the loaves***, because their heart was hardened.

“STRAINING AT THE OARS”

“*stretch to maximum extension and tautness” to ”exert oneself to the utmost”*

KJV *“toiling” meaning “torment, torture, vex with grievous pain in mind or body, harassed, distressed”*

WHAT THEY HAD FORGOTTEN

- That Jesus is **LORD OF ALL!**
- That He cares about our **PHYSICAL NEEDS**
- That He can make something out of nothing!
- **THAT HE INVOLVED THEM IN THE MIRACLE!!!** *“you give them something…”*
- That He provided MORE than was needed!

Psalm 103 tells us to “Forget not….” Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name! 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: 3 Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, 4 Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, 5 Who satisfies your mouth with good *things, So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.

IF THEY HAD REMEMBERED

- The storm would have been different

- That Jesus always sees our need
- That He always moves with compassion
- That He has power to do miracles – the supernatural – change natural
- That He **REQUIRED** them to be a part of the miracle
- That "thankfulness" was key to the miracle

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Jesus directs our lives in questionable ways (at times)
- Storms will come
- Jesus is watching
- Jesus is compassionate
- **EVERY STORM WILL BE DIFFERENT…** ***BUT WE MUST REMEMBER THE LAST MIRACLE!!!***
- Be careful that your heart does not become **"HARD"**

IF WE REMEMBER WHAT HE HAS DONE,

HE WILL DO IT AGAIN!!