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CHURCH OF MADISON

Sermon Guide for Tribes

September 3, 2023

Message Title: Unthinkable

Scripture: John 6: 1-14

6 After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). **2** A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick. **3** Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. **4** Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near. **5** Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?" **6** This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. **7** Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive a little." **8** One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, **9** "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are these for so many people?" **10** Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. **11** Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted. **12** When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost." **13** So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten. **14** Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

Points of Consideration:

Components of the unthinkable:

- There is the unthinkable challenge (v. 5-6)
- Man's unbelief (v. 7)
- Man's response to the challenge (v. 8-9)
- There is the unthinkable work of God (v. 10-13)
- God is glorified (v. 14)

Discussion Questions:

In John 6:5-7, the disciples are faced with an UNTHINKABLE challenge and responded with disbelief. Based on the previous sermon from John 15:1-11, how does our "abiding in Christ" help us trust God with the UNTHINKABLE challenges in our own life?

In John 6:8-9 the response of the little boy was to surrender what he had, 5 Loaves and 2 Fish, to Jesus. Jesus did the UNTHINKABLE and received all the glory. Can you give examples of where you surrendered what you had to Jesus and He received the glory? From the sermon we were challenged to take action and asked “what’s in your hands, what do you need to put in King Jesus’ hands... to see the UNTHINKABLE happen?” How would you answer this question?

In John 6:10-14 we see the UNTHINKABLE work of God that results in the people giving Glory to God. Multiple stories throughout Scripture provide examples of God doing the UNTHINKABLE and receiving glory. How can we use these UNTHINKABLE moments in Scripture and in our own lives to Jesus?

For the message at hand, it seems appropriate to do nothing else but praise God for the unthinkable He has done in our lives. What are some unthinkable challenges you have encountered in your life? Was there unbelief in you that God would use it for good? Was there someone in that situation that displayed unrelenting faith in the goodness of God? What unthinkable work did God do?

Glorify Him together for what He has done in your group!

Begin your time of discussion today by praying earnestly over the Sunday morning service!

You Turn Ministries

- Soccer league outreach
- Pray for nine pastor training schools, and over 200 students
- Pray for the over 80 orphans that You Turn currently supports

Church Plants!

- Hispanic Church Plant

- Be in prayer for Pastor Roberto and his family and for God to open doors amongst the Hispanic community in Morgan County.
- Pray for consistency from new families visiting the Bible study.

- Walton County Church Plant

Church of Good Hope - Partnerships (Update from Craig Story - ChurchOfGoodHopeGA@gmail.com)

PRAYER PARTNERS (one-year commitment)

- **Col 1:9 - For this reason also, since the day we heard this, we haven't stopped praying for you...**
- **Prayer is our most important partnership. If we could have a hundred churches partner with us in prayer, we would still seek even more.**
- **Each month, you will receive the Top 3 Prayer Requests from the Church of Good Hope. They will be as specific as we can make them.**
- **We would simply ask that your staff and leadership pray for those requests AND pass those requests along to your congregation.**

CONNECTION PARTNERS (one-year commitment)

- **Luke 10:6 - "If a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on him" ... Acts 16:15 - After she and her household were baptized, she urged us, "If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my house."**
- **Good Hope is a small community and the Gospel will spread faster through existing connections.**

- Twice a month, community groups will meet at houses in the Good Hope area.
- We would ask that you identify families from your church that live in Good Hope to open their home as community group hosts for their neighbors and people connected to the Church of Good Hope.

LAUNCH PARTNERS (6-month commitment)

- 1 Thes 2:8 - We cared so much for you that we were pleased to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become so dear to us.
- There are many details that go into launching a church from scratch (like providing safe child care by trained workers with background checks).
- We will have preview services at 6:00pm on July 30, Aug 13, Aug 27, and Sep 10. Our Public Launch Service is on Sep 17, and then we'll meet weekly.
- We would ask that you provide childcare (and possibly other logistical needs) for our Sunday evening services until we can establish our own ministry teams by the end of January.

FINANCIAL PARTNERS (6-mo. commitment + 6-mo.)

- 1 Cor 16:2 - On the first day of the week, each of you is to set something aside and save in keeping with how he is prospering...
- The Church of Good Hope will join God in his plan to transform lives with the Gospel. We will do this by developing disciples who are equipped to share the Good News of Jesus and demonstrate the life He calls us to live in our homes, communities, and throughout the world.
- As we develop disciples, we will teach stewardship.
- However, until they are developed, you can partner with us at \$500/month starting in July 2023.

Life Community Church, Weymouth, MA

- Visit the link below for a ministry partner update from Noah Madden and Life Community!

<https://youtu.be/8Gah-cMg-z8>

- A permanent church building to own.
- "Dots on the Map" for future plants
- Continued relationship with Seach Elementary School in Weymouth, MA - Next steps for families who connected with LCC at the Fall Fun Fest
- Office Space for staff

- Follow the link below for the most recent LLC newsletter!

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FCA

- Update from Lake Oconee FCA:

We were able to hire Cameron Griffin as a full-time area rep for Putnam & Taliaferro Counties. Please pray for him and he works to get fully funded and begins his ministry.

Please pray as we shift into Camp Season. I'll be serving at Captains Camp at Reinhardt University. Traci will be serving at Leadership Camp in St Simons. We will also be attending/serving at Softball Camp in Columbus, at Football Camp at Reinhardt, and Family Camp at Epworth By the Sea. We also have wrestlers from Morgan attending camp at Emmanuel College & the boys basketball team at Putnam Co attending FCA Camp at Johnson University in Knoxville, TN.

- FCA Leadership Camp in St. Simons hosted over 1,000 students, coaches, FCA staff, and family members on one campus! Among these, 36 participants were sent from our area. Please pray over continued fruit from this camp as all who attended are sent out back into their communities.

We can't thank God enough for all that He has done and will continue to do through our ministry. If you'd like to get plugged in, please reach out.

Timothy Initiative

Update on Turkana region in Kenya:

“This is the situation in Turkana region Kenya. Have your family and the church pray, remember Turkana church. People are facing a tough time because of drought which has existed for a long period. People are lacking food and clean water. Diseases like malaria, typhoid, and tuberculosis are affecting people. We lost eight people because they lack food to eat.” – from Pastor Eloilo

- The East African team has been praying fervently for their field leaders and their families; many of them are experiencing significant health issues and are in need of prayer for both healing and financial provision.

- Pray specifically for Pastor Simon Eloilo, a key leader in the Turkana mission work. Pastor Simon's wife and daughters have been battling health problems for over 3 months now. His wife, Oriba Kemunto, is currently in need of a third eye surgery, but the family lacks funds and is praying for God to provide a way for them.

- For both the staff and field leaders, prayer has been requested for grace and motivation to continue in service.

- Pray for these pastors as they minister in often desolate, impoverished places with limited resources and cultural opposition.

- The cost of planting a church through TTI is \$400; consider how your tribe may impact believers across the globe by planting a church through TTI!

Nursing Home Ministry

- Daniel and Karrah Howell have recently spearheaded an effort to bless our local nursing home community. Specifically, we as a church are collecting items for which residents regularly ask. Below is a list that designates which items each tribe is collecting, and we would greatly appreciate your help!

Young Adult Tribe-little Knick-knacks, Yarn

Young Married Tribe-Adult coloring books, Cotton balls

Married & Singles Tribe-Nail polish remover, Men's aftershave.

Married(no childcare) Tribe-Devotional Books

Empty Nesters Tribe-Body Spray/Perfume

6th-12th grade Boys Tribe-Can soda/store brand(orange, grape, ginger ale) 6th-12th grade Girls

Tribe-Little Debbie snacks/crackers/cookies

Married w/kids(McBay)- Bodywash, Emery boards, Deodorant, Bangle bracelets

Encore Senior Adults-gloves, stocking caps

Married Tribe (Broach)- Turbans, Bandanas, scarves

Please see Daniel or Karrah if you have any questions.