

Southside Baptist Church
Wednesday Night Worship – 6-5-24
Matthew Chapter 15 Part 7
“Feeding the 4,000”

1. Introduction:

a. Taking a look back:

1) We left off on March 20th with the story of a bold Canaanite woman.

a) Gentile woman whose daughter was possessed with a devil approaches Jesus for help.

b. Taking a look ahead:

1) Let's review what happened just before the feeding of the 4,000.

2. Feed the 4,000: Matthew 15:29-39; Mark 7:31-37; Mark 8:1-9

a. We need to consider both accounts here:

b. Another amazing miracle:

1) Matthew 15:29 and Mark 7:31.

2) Mark 7:32 – “they bring unto him one that was deaf and had an impediment in his speech.”

a) Remember, we are in a region of mostly Gentiles.

3) Mark 7:33 – “...put his fingers into his ears, and he spit, and touched his tongue...”

a) This seems very different from other times. Why?

b) It is suggested that the faith of the deaf man needed encouragement.

4) Mark 7:34 – “he sighed” – references to pray sighing.

5) Mark 7:35 – “And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed...”

6) Mark 7:36-37 – “And he charged them that they should tell no man...”

a) Would you be able to be quiet?

3. Jesus ministers to and feeds 4,000 plus people.

a. Not an unfamiliar story.

1) Matthew 15:30 –

a) Remember, these are Gentiles and Jews –

2) Matthew 15:31 –

a) “multitude wondered” – amazed, astonished out of one's senses.

b) The Gentiles – “they glorified the God of Israel” –

c) The Jews responded very differently in Matthew 12:22-24

3) Matthew 15:32 –

a) What do you see? They have been with Him for 3 days.

b) Do you believe this story to be real?

c) Do you believe this story to be different from the feeding of the 5,000?

d) Are there any differences between the two stories?

4) Matthew 15:32 – Let's look at this again.

a) Can you see any differences?

5)Matthew 15:33 –

a)What do you hear? Are they reasoning in the natural?

6)Matthew 15:34 –

a)“How many loaves have ye?”

b)Who had these loaves and fish?

7)Matthew 15:35 –

a)What did the multitude know about what was going on?

8)Matthew 15:36 –

a)The miracle begins again.

9)Matthew 15:37 –

a)Everyone ate. Everyone was filled.

10)Matthew 15:38 –

a)How many do you think were there?

11)Matthew 15:39 –

a)We get set for our next encounter with...

4.Tonight's Take Away:

a.Do you think the Canaanite woman was bold in that story.

b.As we walk with the Lord, we learn from the disciples the importance of not forgetting what God has done and allow those stories of God's grace and faithfulness to strengthen our faith in moments when it is likely our tendency to fear and flee.