

- **Mark 6:45-52**

- **Fish and Loaves**

- With the Sea of Galilee in view, Jesus pointed to thousands of people and said to His twelve disciples: “You give them something to eat!” (Mark 6:37).
- You can hear the frustration in the disciples’ reply: *How?*
- Forget for a moment you’ve heard this story before. Think instead of your current problem.
 - Your financial picture is unmanageable.
 - A close relationship has been strained for years.
 - You’ve been unemployed for much longer than you imagined.

- **Miracles are Disguised as Impossibilities**

- **Miracles are conditional.**

- **The command you obey determines the miracle you receive.**

- Jesus feeding the 5000 is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels—other than the resurrection. *Why so significant?*
- Dependence on Jesus, not yourself or your own resources.

- **He was teaching them to look past what they had to WHO they HAVE!**

- Your miracle rests in the space between your have and your who.
- There are times in a person’s life when you know you’ll never be the same. *Could today be one of those times?*
- **The test always follows the lesson.**
- Cue an unexpected storm.
- ***Have you ever had God use your life as an object lesson for other people?***

- **Jesus gave them an Unusual Seed**

- **It’s a Seed**

- **A seed is something you have that can give you everything you need.**

- God only deals in seeds. *You have a need?* He gives you a seed. What happens after that is up to you.
- *Everything you **have** is a seed.*
- *Everything you **know** is a seed.*
- *Everything you **think** is a seed.*
- *Everything thing **you** say is a seed.*
- *Everything you **do** is a seed.*

☑ **Every Storm is a seed.**

- *Somebody is in a storm.*
- Your storm is the thing that speaks to you when service is over. It's talking to you right now.
- Anyone have a Storm Story?
- **You want what I've got until you know the storm that comes with it.**
- **There are storms that people can't see. Secret Storms**
- Jesus didn't tell them there would be a storm.
 - He just told them the other side.
- **The waters of a storm aren't dangerous unless they get inside.**
- *We love water. We need water. But when too much gets inside. Goes to the wrong place.*
- We are more worried about the external than the internal
 - *What people see than what was really on the inside*
- **Our worst moments reveal who we really are at the deepest level.**
- *What would happen if the external was taken from you- Looks, Cars, House, job?*

- *How much time, money, thought are you putting on the internal?*

☑ **Where is God?**

- If God was in this it wouldn't be a storm. Would it?
- **The presence of a storm does not indicate the absence of God.**
- **Your Storm is His Path**
- *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; Mark 6:48-49*
- **Where are you straining in the storm?**
- **God will never bless you to a level that makes Him unnecessary.**
- **Frustration and Desperation**
- *Saige give me this. Let me do this. Alright- go ahead*
- *Help- I've fallen and I can't get up.*
- You can't help a person who won't admit they need help.
 - If you swim out to save them they'll drown you too!

- *When we had Saige*
- I don't need any help... you need help.
- **Help** is the admission that I have to look to someone for something **beyond myself**.
- I can handle it...
 - There is a level of attack that you can't handle
- **Extremity- Limit of something.**
- **Your Extremity is God's Opportunity**
- *would have passed them by...*
- *Have you ever had a situation so bad you didn't even know what to ask for? I you could say was HELP!*
- **You don't need to know what to ask, you just need to know where to LOOK!**
- *I lift up my eyes to the hills...*
- Praise is powerful because of focus!
- *Give God an invitation to get into your boat. Your faith is about to unlock the **God Factor!***
- **And He got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, Mark 6:51**

- When you get into a storm you still think you're serving almost God...
 - The waves had washed away their experience.
- But if you look back... **I DARE YOU>>>** This is what they mean when they say- *If it had not been...*
- **52 for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened. Mark 6:52**
- **Hearts were hardened- They could receive the blessing but not the revelation.**
- You thought God was just feeding you. **NO, He was teaching you.**
 - They should have remembered their inadequacy with the loaves and Jesus' power to provide.
- Yesterday's miracle was giving you today's faith!
 - **Recognize when you are in a miracle moment.**
 - **See what only faith can reveal.**
 - **Give God a vehicle.**
- The bread was in the boat. The promise was in the storm. *What are you overlooking?*
- Your blessings are telling on you!