

The Basis for A Miracle

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Mark 6:35-42

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Mark 6:35-37 (NIV)

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 late. ³⁶ Send the people away so they can go the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.’ ³⁷ But Jesus answered, ‘*You give them something to eat.*’”

First Step to A Miracle: Identify the problem!

Mark 6:38-41 (NIV)

³⁸ “Jesus asked, ‘*How many loaves do you have? Go and see!*’ When they found out, they said, ‘five loaves 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. He also divided the fish among them all.”

Second Step to A Miracle: You accept your responsibility.

Malachi 3:10-12 (NIV)

¹⁰ “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse and test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough for it. ¹¹ I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your field will not drop their fruit before it is ripe... ¹² and then all nations will call you blessed.”

Third Step to A Miracle: You do what you can!

Fourth Step to A Miracle: Expect a miracle!

Mark 6:42-43 (NIV)

⁴² “They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve baskets of broken pieces of bread and fish.”