

DARING FAITH

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Week 2: Daring to Prepare for a Miracle

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The Miracle of the Feeding of the 5,000 Mark 6:34-44

1. ADMIT I HAVE _____

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things. 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 very late. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

But He answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to Him, "That would take more than half a year's wages!"
Mark 6:34-37a (NIV)

Three Responses:

We _____

We _____

We _____

2. GIVE GOD _____

"How many loaves do you have?" He asked. "Go and see."
When they found out, they said, "Five—and two fish."
Mark 6:38 (NIV)

He asked this only to test him, for He already had in mind what He was going to do. John 6:6 (NIV)

God has the _____ before I know the _____.

3. PUT IT ALL IN _____

And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed the *food* and broke the loaves and He gave them to the disciples again and again to set before them; and He divided the two fish among them all.
Mark 6:41 (NASB)

The boy gave what he had...willingly, cheerfully, & immediately.

Whatever I _____... I always get back _____.

4. EXPECT GOD _____

They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.
Mark 6:42-43 (NIV)

What we wait for God to do _____...

God is waiting to do _____.

According to your faith let it be done to you.
Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

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Three Responses:

We PROCRASTINATE

We PASS THE BUCK

We WORRY

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God has the ANSWER before I know the PROBLEM.

3. PUT IT ALL IN THE HANDS OF JESUS

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Whatever I GIVE... I always get back MORE.

4. EXPECT GOD TO MULTIPLY IT

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What we wait for God to do FOR US...

God is waiting to do THROUGH US.

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DARING TO PREPARE FOR A MIRACLE
Talk-it-Over Notes | February 18-19, 2023

REVIEW IT

What an incredible blessing it must have been to be in the crowd the day Jesus multiplied the fish and the loaves! The disciples were looking at the situation in the physical realm, yet Jesus was about to do something they couldn't imagine – turn two fish and five loaves into enough food to feed 5,000 men. As we prepare for *Daring Faith*, let's look at how God wants us to take the unsolvable problems in our lives, give what little we have to him, put it into his hands and expect God to multiply it. Let's look at the size of our God instead of the size of our problems and trust him with daring faith.

To prepare for a miracle, I must...

1. Admit I have an unsolvable problem
2. Give God what little I have
3. Put it all in the hands of Jesus
4. Expect God to multiply it

Spend some time in the word. Read Mark 6:30-44

TALK ABOUT IT

1. What stood out to you in the reading of that miracle of this sermon?
2. Did the definition offered of a miracle make you think of 'miracle' differently?
3. Before he even saw the 5,000 and had compassion on them, Jesus knew he would feed them. How often do you speak of trusting the Lord, but in reality you lean on an earthly source of supply? List ways God has provided for you over the past year. What has this taught you about him and how he provides miracles in your life?
4. Referencing Mark 6:41 how does putting everything into Jesus' hands tap into the inexhaustible fullness of the power of God? This miracle not only met the needs of the people, but caused the disciples to grow in their knowledge of Jesus. If you are waiting on a miracle in your life, what might God want you to do so that you draw closer to him?

ACT ON IT

The greater the sacrifice, the greater the result. What is God asking you to sacrifice by faith for a greater result? What one specific thing can you do by faith this week as an expression of your surrender to God?

PRAY ABOUT IT

Ask how you can pray for a support one another this week and then close in prayer.