

Preparing for a Miracle



Mark 6:34-44

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Mark 6:34-44, “34 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. 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 very late. 36 Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.’ 37 But he answered, ‘You give them something to eat.’ They said to him, ‘That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?’ 38 ‘How many loaves do you have?’ he asked. ‘Go and see.’ When they found out, they said, ‘Five – 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. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. 42 They all ate and were satisfied, 43 and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. 44 The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.” (NIV)

- I admit that I have a need.

When I have a problem, I tend to....

- Procrastinate
- Pass the Buck
- Panic

- I consider what I already have.

God does not use what is lost. He uses what is left.

- I organize my life to receive.

- I give God whatever I have.

- I expect God to multiply it.

Mark 10:27, “...With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” (NIV)

What do I not have enough of in my life?

What if what I am waiting for God to do for me, God is wanting to do through me?

What to expect during *Give Life*:

- 1) I can expect to grow spiritually.

Give Life is about “faith-raising” more than “fund-raising.”

- 2) I can expect to experience joy.

Acts 20:35, “...remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (NIV)

2 Corinthians 9:7, “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (NIV)

- 3) I can expect to see some miracles.

Over the next 40 days of *Give Life*, do 3 things:

- 1) Participate.

- 2) Learn.

- 3) Pray: “God, show me what you want me to do and give me the courage to do it.”