

***How To Prepare For A Miracle!
Building A Great Life, Pt.2***

Mark 6:34-44
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Mark 6:41, *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. ⁴²They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish.*

Why Did Jesus Perform Miracles?

- **To Demonstrate God's Power, Provide For God's People And Stretch His Follower's FAITH**

How To Prepare For A Miracle In Your Life:

1. You Must Admit You Have A NEED

Mark 6:35, *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. ³⁶Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." ³⁷But 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?"*

Natural Responses To A Crisis Of Faith:

- **We Can Procrastinate Or Send People AWAY**

- **We Can Pass The Buck Or Focus On OURSELVES**

2. You Must Review What You Already HAVE

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

3. You Must Give What You Have TO GOD

Mark 6:41, *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.*

- **Miracles Happen When We Put What We Have In GOD'S HANDS!**

Deuteronomy 16:17, *Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the LORD your God has blessed you.*

- **Miracles Happen When We Give Willingly And CHEERFULLY!**

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.*

4. You Must Expect God To MULTIPLY IT

Mark 6:42, *They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.*

Ephesians 3:20, *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, ²¹to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

NEXT Chapel Generosity Campaign!

Theme Verse:

2 Corinthians 8:5, *They exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.*

Two Goals:

- 100% Participation
- \$2.5 Million In Offering And 12 Month Commitments

Why Commitment Cards?

The Chapel generosity commitment cards are very important and will be used by our Stewardship Team to strategically plan the financial piece of the construction of the Chapel and covered walkways.