



Miracle – In Your Finances

“Jesus looked at them and said, ‘With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’” Matthew 19:26

I. Review:

Preparing for a Miracle

1. Admit you have a need
2. Humble yourself – ask God to help you
3. Be willing to do what God impresses on you
4. Be open to change
5. Look for something unexpected

What Constitutes a Miracle?

“A popular but wrong, definition is to say that a miracle is a point in time in which God Intervenes in the world.... That definition fails for one good reason: It gives the false impression that God only occasionally intervenes in the world. ... A miracle happens when God, who is continuously active in the world, breaks His usual pattern and does something extraordinary.” [Erwin W. Lutzer. “Seven Convincing Miracles.” (Chicago: Moody Press, 1999) pp. 16-17.]

What is the Purpose of God’s Miracles?

Usually miracles help someone in need. But the meaning is always deeper: God gets our attention so that we are invited to look beyond the event to the Miracle Worker.

II. Miracle in your **FINANCES**

“As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food.” Jesus replied, “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.” “We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish,” they answered. “Bring them here to me,” he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. 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 the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.” Matthew 14:15-21

III. Jesus has time for **MY NEEDS**

"When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick." Matthew 14:13-14

IV. When things look **IMPOSSIBLE** Jesus does not **QUIT**.

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"But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take eight months of a man's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?" Mark 6:37

"Philip answered him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" John 6:7

V. Jesus understands **STOMACHS** as well as souls

LAST SUPPER – Matthew 26

Road to **EMMAUS** – Luke 24

Jesus cooked breakfast for **PETER** - John 21

VI. Bounty from **SCARCITY**

"They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over." Luke 9:17

VII. The **BIG 2** on money.

#1. **SIT DOWN**

"(About five thousand men were there.) But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." Luke 9:14

#2. **THANKSGIVING**

"And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. 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 the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people." Matthew 14:19