

***It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.***

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

**Isaiah 55:11** So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it.

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**Matthew 14:21** There were about five thousand men who ate, besides women and children.

- Approximately 15,000 people if you account for 1 wife & child per man

Review 5 observations related to this miracle:

1. **The boy offered what he had to the Lord in faith (Mark. 6:38 cf. John. 6:9; Matt. 14:18).**
2. **The Lord blessed what the boy gave Him (Luke. 9:16).**
3. **The Lord used what the boy gave Him to bless others (Luke. 9:16-17; Matt. 14:20-21).**
4. **Everyone was satisfied (Matt. 14:20).**
5. **The boy was noted by the Lord in the infallible Word of God (John 6:9).**

Review 5 Points of Doctrine related to this miracle:

**1<sup>st</sup> POD: When the believer gives what he has to the Lord in faith with no strings attached, the Lord will bless it and use it to bless others.**

What the believer presents to the Lord can range from his life to what he has.

**2<sup>nd</sup> POD: When the Lord blesses what the believer has given the Lord, He will do wonderful things with it far beyond the believer's imagination.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> POD: The believer who gives in grace will be satisfied under the principle, it is better to give than to receive.**

**4<sup>th</sup> POD: The Lord rewards those who organize their lives around the teaching of the Word of God.**

**5<sup>th</sup> POD: The Lord takes note of those who give in grace and multiplies in grace what the believer makes available to Him in grace with faith.**

**John 6:14-15** Therefore when the people saw the sign which He had performed, they said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

- Through this miracle the crowd began to have recognition that Jesus was the promised Messiah.
- They have come to a Messianic consciousness of Jesus.
- This did not equate to placing their faith in Him just as many people today who have arrived at God-consciousness have not placed their faith in Christ

**POD: Messianic consciousness or recognition does not equate to faith alone in Christ alone for eternal life.**

The people had their own agenda – their agenda was to foment revolution against Roman authority.

<sup>15</sup> So Jesus, perceiving that they were intending to come and take Him by force to make Him king, withdrew again to the mountain by Himself alone.

Before He withdrew by Himself to the mountain, He sent the disciples away because they really didn't understand the nature of the kingdom.

- The disciples would have been sympathetic to the crowd's desire to make Him king.

**Mark 6:45** Immediately Jesus **made** His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of *Him* to the other side to Bethsaida,



- **Made** - ἀναγκάζω – ANAGKAZO – “He forced or compelled” them to go ahead of Him.
  - This was for their protection.
  - This was for their testing.
- In the first storm, He was with them in the boat asleep in the stern.
- Unbeknownst to the disciples, they are going to have their faith tested again with another storm.
- In this storm, He will not be physically present.

The feeding of over 5000 from 5 loaves and two fish has prepared them for the storm they are going to face.

**POD: The Lord will not allow anything to befall you that you are not prepared for.**

**POD: The Lord is faithful to deliver you from or through the testing.**

**POD: In either case, He will enable you to endure it with a testimony.**

**1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be **tempted** beyond what you are able . . .

➤ **Tempted – πειρασμός – PEIRASMOS –**

- Reference to temptation to sin
- Reference to a test

... but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also,

➤ **Escape - ἔκβασις – EKBASIS –**

- Reference to a way out
- Reference to an end
- The end of a test may be when you breathe your last.

so that you will be able to endure it.

➤ **Endure - ὑποφέρω - HUPOPHERO**

- To bear up under the temptation
- To submit to the testing

**POD: God is faithful to provide a way out from temptation to sin.**

**POD: The way out is through the application of Bible doctrine as you walk by the Spirit.**

**POD: God is faithful to provide an end time suffering date.**

That may be on the last day that He has ordained beforehand for you to breathe.

**Psalm 139:16** Your eyes have seen my unformed substance; and in Your book were all written the days that were ordained *for me*, when as yet there was not one of them.

**POD: The believer is not going anywhere until the number of days God has ordained for him transpire.**

- That may be on the last day that He has ordained for you OR it may be prior to your number of days.
- In either case, the believer is to submit to the suffering with hope and allow the suffering as a tool in the hand of God to mold you into who He wants you to become.

The disciples are prepared for another test of their faith.

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*All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.*