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**PART 1**

**HOW FAITH IN JESUS TURNS A LITTLE INTO A LOT**

I want to spend the rest of my time, the last few minutes just talking to you about **how do you prepare for a miracle**. We’re going to look at the most famous miracle of Jesus Christ. It’s Jesus feeding the five thousand. How he took one little boy’s lunch and was able to feed the five thousand. **Really this story is all about how God turns a little into a lot.**

**You need to know these principles. Because many times for the rest of your life you’re going to need God to turn a little into a lot in your life:**

* You got a little energy… you need a lot of energy.
* You’ve got a little talent… you need God to turn it into a lot of talent.
* You’ve got a little opportunity… you need God to turn it into a big opportunity.
* You’ve got a little connection or relationships … you need God to turn it into some big relationships, some big connections.
* You’ve got a little bit of money… you need God to turn it into a lot of money.
* I have a little bit of health. I really need great health.
* You’ve got a daydream. God wants to turn it into a Superdream

**How does God turn a little into a lot?** That’s what this story and this miracle is all about.

Jesus never did a miracle to show off. Every miracle is to teach a spiritual truth. **And the spiritual truth of Jesus feeding the five thousand is to show us how to prepare for a miracle where God turns a little into a lot in your life. This is very important as we start *Superdream*.**

**This miracle is so important it’s the only miracle of Jesus told four times in the New Testament.** It’s in the book of Matthew. It’s in the book of Mark. It’s in the book of Luke and it’s in the book of John. All four authors were so impressed with this miracle that you could **not deny it**. (God wants to do something **Undeniable** in your life, God wants to do something **Undeniable** in our church). There were five thousand people who saw it. **Any time God tells you something four times he’s saying you really should pay attention to this one.**

Here’s the story. Jesus goes out into the Judean desert. He’s out there and he’s teaching and about five thousand people follow him out into the Judean desert. He’s teaching all day. And at the end of the day five thousand people are hungry and they’re twenty-five miles from the nearest McDonalds. Or actually in Israel it would be McDavid’s and there’s no fast food nearby. And everybody’s hungry.

The disciples come to Jesus and say, Lord it’s late in the day and **everybody’s hungry**. And Jesus says, **You feed them**. I love this line. We’ll get to it in a minute. You feed them.

**Lord!** **That’s impossible**. **It’s physically, practically, humanly impossible for us twelve to feed these guys.**

What is going in here? Jesus is performing a miracle to teach us the four steps to preparing for a miracle. Pastor Ben told you that *Superdream was going to stretch your faith and prepare you for miracles.* So what is Jesus telling us to do? Write these down.

1. **ADMIT YOU HAVE AN UNSOLVABLE PROBLEM.**

In Mark chapter 6, here’s the story. *“When Jesus. . . saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them. . . so he began teaching them. By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came and said, ‘This is a remote place. Send the people away so they can go and buy something to eat.’ But Jesus answered, ‘You give them something to eat!’ They said, ‘That would take eight months of a man’s wages!’”*

1. **GIVE GOD what little YOU already have.**
2. **PUT IT ALL in the hands of Jesus.**

**Mark 6:41, *“Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish . . . He blessed the food and broke the loaves and He kept giving them to the disciples to set before the people . . .”***

1. **EXPECT GOD to multiply it.**

**Mark 6:42 *“Everyone ate* [that’s all five thousand.] *and had enough. Afterwards they collected 12 baskets full of leftovers!”***