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One of my favorite stories where Jesus taught us how to release the Kingdom can be found in Mark 6. There we read the story of Jesus feeding 5,000 men with just five loaves of bread and two fish. Maybe you know it, but basically a large crowd was following Jesus, listening to Him teach, and watching Him perform miracles. Let's look at verses 35-37.

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. Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.

But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

Of course, Jesus knew the disciples would freak out. They couldn't feed 5,000 people. In fact, they started talking about how it would take more than half a year's wages to buy just a bite for that many people.

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?"

But Jesus was teaching the disciples how to release the Kingdom into the earth realm, and it's something we can learn by looking at the steps He took.

[STEP 1]

Look at what you have.

Jesus asked the disciples what they had to feed the people.

*“How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.”
When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”*

What do YOU have in your life that you can give God to work with?

Figure it out, and sow it. Sow into the Kingdom of God a portion of whatever it is you need. That’s what the boy did with the bread and the fish, and Jesus multiplied it.

Notice though that bread multiplied to bread and fish multiplied to fish. That’s how it works.

So, what do you need multiplied in your life?

Find some of it. Even if it’s only a little bit of it.

Remember the widow with the oil in 2 Kings 4:1-7? She was in trouble. She was desperate.

The wife of a man from the company of the prophets cried out to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that he revered the Lord. But now his creditor is coming to take my two boys as his slaves.”

Elisha replied to her, “How can I help you? Tell me, what do you have in your house?”

“Your servant has nothing there at all,” she said, “except a little oil.”

Elisha said, “Go around and ask all your neighbors for empty jars. Don’t ask for just a few. Then go inside and shut the door behind you and your sons. Pour oil into all

the jars, and as each is filled, put it to one side.”

She left him and afterward shut the door behind her and her sons. They brought the jars to her and she kept pouring. When all the jars were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another one.”

But he replied, “There is not a jar left.” Then the oil stopped flowing.

She went and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts. You and your sons can live on what is left.”

You notice Elisha asked what she had in her house. Most of us would answer, “Oh, no, you don’t understand, Sir. That’s why I came to you. We don’t have anything in our house.”

That’s how so many of us think. She even emphasizes *at all*, meaning, “This is nuts! We don’t have anything at all here, except a little oil.”

But she did have something God could work with, and it wasn’t too little.

Remember, money is a barter system, too, and money can be named. You and I “name” money every day. We name it milk, house payment, gas, bread, and anything else we need each day. Money becomes whatever we need. You don’t sow money to believe for paper. Any money you give above your tithe can be named to be the thing you need multiplied.

[STEP 2]

Make sure you're in faith.

Back to the story of Jesus multiplying the five loaves of bread and two fish. The version in John 6 tells us Jesus asked Philip where they should buy the bread for the people to eat. But check this out: Verse 6 says, *"He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do."*

Did you see that?

Jesus already knew what He was going to do.

Hebrews 11:1 says, *"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."*

See, the power of the anointing flows through faith, not formula. So, before you can release the Kingdom into your life, you have to know you're in faith.

How?

- Could you defend your position in a spiritual court of law? What Scriptures and truths are you basing your confession and actions upon? More importantly, do you believe them?
- When you close your eyes, what do you see? Do you see yourself with the thing for which you're believing?
- Do you have joy, expectancy, and peace?
- If you're married, are you in agreement with your wife or husband?

For faith to exist, you must be fully persuaded that God is going to do what He said He would do. You have to take the time to become convinced, to be in agreement with heaven—in your heart. Reject thoughts that don't align themselves with the Word of God. Renew your mind.

You can't beg hard enough, cry hard enough, fast hard enough, be good enough, or read the Bible more times to prove you have faith. Your mind may agree with it, you may be able to quote Scripture, but what do you believe in your heart?

[STEP 3]

Confess over what you have, and release it in faith.

Mark 6:39-41a say,

Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves.

Be specific. Give God thanks, say exactly what you are believing for, and release it to God.

Romans 10:10 says, *“For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”*

You have to speak.

Because your words are seeds, your words give birth.

In Galatians 4:23, Paul tells us that Isaac was conceived by a promise, and he was birthed by the power of God’s Spirit. Can you imagine what would have happened if Sarah had gone around “just saying stuff”?

“I’m just too old for this, Abraham.”

“I don’t think I can carry this baby to term. I’m too tired.”

“I’m not looking forward to (childbirth, being sleep deprived, the toddler years, the tween years, hormones, etc.).”

Do you see what I mean?!

Isaac was in Sarah’s womb as the result of a promise, not as the

result of anything that she did in her own strength. Sarah took God's promise, believed it, and she received it. And she didn't negate the promise with her words.

The Kingdom of God will work exactly the same way for you.

You can see the incredible and enjoy the impossible being birthed in your own life as you believe and decree God's Word and His promises.

When you take the seed of a promise and put it into your spirit—knowing who God is, that He is good, that He can't lie, and that He wants good for you—and you trust who He is, the seed of the promise WILL produce what the seed said.

But it will produce ONLY if you *participate* with that promise, calling things that are not as if they were because God says you have it.

If you're convinced He has the power to do what He said, regardless of whether or not you know how He's going to do it, and you trust Him to do what He said—and you hold onto the promise, believe the promise, protect the promise, and CONFESS the promise (acting as if you already have what God said He gave you), it will be conceived and birthed into your life.

[STEP 4]

Get the plan from God.

John 6:41b-44 say,

Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

God knows where things are. He knows where your provision is.

The Holy Spirit will give you new direction, new ideas, and new concepts by revelation.

Carry a notepad and a pen with you. Keep paper and pens next to your bed. Write *every* idea and concept down, no matter how silly.

Why did Jesus tell Peter to catch a fish to pay their taxes in Matthew 17:27? I'm sure they probably had enough money to pay their temple tax, but Jesus was a teacher. He had to teach them how this thing operated. He knew He was only going to be there for a limited amount of time, so He taught them.

How unusual do you think it was to catch a fish with money in its mouth?

When God gives you instructions, He's going to give you an unusual strategy in order to protect His plan.

Jesus was training Peter to get accustomed to unusual instructions. Granted, He had him catch a fish. Peter knew how to catch fish; and the enemy knew Peter knew how to catch fish, so it wasn't a big deal. As far as the enemy was concerned, Peter was going about his normal day. But God was using an unusual tactic. And, Jesus said to take the *first* fish he caught. Peter had to be obedient to instruction. We have to be obedient to instruction, too.

[STEP 5]

Act quickly!

When God gives you the plan, MOVE! It's wise to have counselors and to get wisdom, but you need to act swiftly.

In Luke 8:43, we read about the woman who was healed after touching Jesus's cloak. This story illustrates a vital part of how the Kingdom of God operates. The woman was fully persuaded that God was going to do what He said He was going to do. She had faith.

And she took action.

She saw Jesus right in front of her and she didn't hesitate. She took action.

Follow her example. Don't just take a seat and wait. Make sure you have the right picture from God on the inside, then go after it as hard as you can.

Then watch the changes take place. Watch the stories show up. Watch the mountains move. Watch as the Kingdom is released in your life.



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