
FEEDING THE FIVE THOUSAND

GOD HAS AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY

- Instead of looking at the lack, look to the all-sufficient one “El Shaddai”
- It’s not just what you have in your hand, it’s what you can believe God for.
- *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:19*
- *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work. II Corinthians 9:8*
- *The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the Lord shall not lack any good thing. Psalms 34:10*

PRINCIPLES OF ABUNDANCE: JOHN 6:1-14

Besides the Resurrection, the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle mentioned in all four Gospels.

1) The principle of rest – vs.1-4

- Jesus was pulling his disciples away to rest – Mark 6:31
- We must not overwork but also take time to enjoy our labor – Proverbs 23:4-5, Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

2) The principle of making room – vs. 5-10

- If you are having a baby, you make a room. Jesus prepared them to receive the miracle by having them sit in small manageable groups.
- Elisha had the soldiers dig ditches and prepare for water, by faith. Do we believe the prophetic word? If we do, then we must prepare for it. A vision brings provision.
- *And he said, “Thus says the Lord: Make this valley full of ditches.” II Kings 3:16*

3) The principle of giving – vs. 11

- If you have a need, plant a seed. We cannot reap a harvest where there are no seeds sown
- *But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. II Corinthians 9:6*

3) The principle of giving thanks – vs. 11

- Giving thanks for what God has blessed you with. Give thanks by faith for what God is doing in your life. Giving thanks opens the door of God’s abundance. – Philippians 4:6-7

4) The principle of good stewardship – vs.12-14

- If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. Luke 16:10

