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Title : Jesus Has a Miracle in Mind for You
Text : John 6:1-14

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After these things Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias.

2 Then a great multitude followed Him, because they saw His signs which He performed on those who were diseased.

3 And Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat with His disciples.

4 Now the Passover, a feast of the Jews, was near.

5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"

6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,

9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.

11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given thanks He distributed them to the disciples, and the disciples to those sitting down; and likewise of the fish, as much as they wanted.

12 So when they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the fragments that remain, so that nothing is lost."

13 Therefore they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

14 Then those men, when they had seen the sign that Jesus did, said, "This is truly the Prophet who is to come into the world."

INTRODUCTION

- The Sea of Galilee is 13 miles long and 8 miles wide. Actually a lake but called a "sea"
- Jesus was tired and needed rest so He crossed the lake. But the crowds followed Him.
- Mark 6:31- 44 gives further background.

ONE OF THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS IS THE WORKING OF MIRACLES

(1 Corinthians 12:10)

"to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues."

- Jesus had a miracle in mind for the occasion

(John 6:5- 6)

5 Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" 6 But this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.

- For miracles to take place, you have to be put in a challenging place
Jesus and the disciples were in a deserted place

(Matthew 14:15-16)

15 When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages and buy themselves food." 16 But Jesus said to them, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

- Two essentials for the working of miracles
 - Faith in God – it takes supernatural power
 - Obedience to God's Word or bidding

□ Illustrations

God had a miracle in mind

- When He asked Moses to tell Pharaoh to let the people go
- When He promised to make Abraham a father of many nations
- When He asked Joshua and Israel to march around the walls of Jericho
- When He allowed Daniel to be thrown into the lions' den
- When He asked Elijah to go to the widow at Zarepheth
- When He asked Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac
- When Jesus told the servants to pour water into the jars at the wedding in Cana
- When He called Bartimaeus to come
- When David met Goliath
- God has a miracle in mind for you, whatever your need is, when He asked us to build CCC
 - The widow at Zarepheth - Her flour and oil multiplied (1 Kings 17)
 - Abraham on a mount in Moriah - A ram was provided for sacrifice (Genesis 22:9-14)
 - The wedding at Cana - The water was turned into wine (John 2:1-10)
 - The healing of blind Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46-52)
 - The woman with an issue of blood (Mark 5:25-34)

OUR CHALLENGE

- Worldwide we are facing challenging times in our world economically
- In our nation we are facing retrenchment, political crises, economy etc.
- In our church the challenge is the building of CCC

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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DAVID AND ISRAEL

- Israel spoke of Goliath and glorified him.
 - Their problem was bigger than God.
 - Israel said to David:

(1 Samuel 17:24-26)

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him and were dreadfully afraid.

25 So the men of Israel said, "Have you seen this man who has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel; and it shall be that the man who kills him the king will enrich with great riches, will give him his daughter, and give his father's house exemption from taxes in Israel."

26 Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

- Saul said to David

(1 Samuel 17:33)

... "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are a youth, and he a man of war from his youth."

- David spoke of God and what God can do

- David said to Saul

(1 Samuel 17:34-37)

34 "Your servant used to keep his father's sheep, and when a lion or a bear came and took a lamb out of the flock,

35 I went out after it and struck it, and delivered the lamb from its mouth; and when it arose against me, I caught it by its beard, and struck and killed it.

36 Your servant has killed both lion and bear; and this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God."

37 Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine."

- What did Goliath say to David?

(1 Samuel 17:42-44)

42 And when the Philistine looked about and saw David, he disdained him; for he was only a youth, ruddy and good-looking.

43 So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!"

- David said to Goliath

(1 Samuel 17:45-47)

45 Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied.

46 This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And this day I will give the carcasses of the camp of the Philistines to the birds of the air and the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel.

47 Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's, and He will give you into our hands.

ARE YOU A PHILIP OR AN ANDREW

Philip: (John 6:5&7)

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7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."

- Philip was pessimistic
 - He depended on human reasoning and resources.
 - Sees the impossible and accepts hopelessness.

Andrew: (John 6: 8-10)

"8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him,

9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?"

10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand."

- Andrew was optimistic. His faith
 - His faith saw God as the Provider
 - His faith was in God's power and not in human resources and reasoning.
 - His faith saw his problem small and God bigger.
 - His faith saw God's compassion to save, bless and rewards those who believe and diligently seek Him.
 - His faith saw that faith glorifies God. The greater your faith, the greater is the glory of God.

(John 14:13-14)

"13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. Miracles declare the Glory of God and strengthen our walk and faith in God whom He has come to reveal.