

LIFE APP

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John 6:1-13 NIV: Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. The Jewish Passover Festival was near. When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “**Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?**” He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages[a] to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” Jesus said, “**Have the people sit down.**” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “**Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.**” So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

LIFE GROUP / PERSONAL STUDY:

The miraculous sign we’re looking at this week is one of the most well-known and documented because it is found in all 4 gospels. It’s interesting to look at the description of this event in all the gospels and see the different perspectives and different points that each highlighted! It’s also interesting to see the context from each Gospel. Remember John focused on describing 7 specific miraculous signs, but we find in the other accounts that Jesus had been extremely busy teaching, healing, and more and more people were coming to see Him because they were hurting, they needed healing, and above all they needed hope. This miraculous sign truly gave proof that Jesus is the Son of God!

1A) Where and when did this particular event take place? Verse 1-4 (Matthew 14:9-15 gives some additional information and Luke 9:10 helps to pinpoint the approximate location even more)

1B) Who was there, why, and what was the overwhelming problem they faced? John 6:5-7 (Matthew 14:21 gives us more info about the “size” of this problem)

2A) How did the disciples respond to this problem? John 6:7-9, Matthew 14:15, Mark 6:35-37

2B) PERSONAL: According to Matthew 14:16, how did Jesus respond to them and how do you think the disciples must have felt?

3A) PERSONAL: What do you normally do when you're faced with an overwhelming problem?

3B) PERSONAL: How does this miracle encourage you to take your problem to Jesus?

4) Describe the various details of the miracle. John 6:10-13, Matthew 14:19-21, Mark 6:39-44, Luke 9:14-17

5) PERSONAL: What different things do you think Jesus was teaching the following people with this miracle?

Phillip:

Andrew:

Other disciples:

People in the crowd:

6) PERSONAL: What does this miraculous sign reveal to you about the way God can and will provide for His people?

7) PERSONAL: How does the fact that we have 4 eyewitness accounts of this miraculous sign give you "Proof" that Jesus is the Messiah and how does this increase your faith in Him?

ACT: Like the crowd that day, we may be hurting, or need healing, and we may be desperately in need of hope. If so, then we too need to come to Jesus, offer Him whatever we have, and then trust Him to use it in ways that will provide whatever we need and more! Oftentimes we feel like what we have is not enough to be of any value, or we may feel too broken and discouraged to ever be useful. Through this miracle, Jesus shows us that He can multiply the little we have and make it more than enough. He also reveals that in order to multiply something it must be broken first. So let's thank God for what we have and for the brokenness we have experienced and ask Him to receive all that we are and use it for His Glory and to expand His Kingdom.

Daily Devotional: It always helps to look at the context of the passage. Then try to answer the following questions about the passage. Who is involved? What is going on? Where is the action taking place? When? How can this concept apply to my life? Why is it important? Also look for Commands, Warnings, and Examples to follow or not to follow.

- This week let's explore passages that describe the amazing ways that God provides.

Monday:

Genesis 22:13-14 NIV

Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."

Tuesday:

Exodus 13:21-22 NLT

The Lord went ahead of them. He guided them during the day with a pillar of cloud, and he provided light at night with a pillar of fire. This allowed them to travel by day or by night. And the Lord did not remove the pillar of cloud or pillar of fire from its place in front of the people.

Wednesday:

Deuteronomy 29:5-6 NLT

For forty years I led you through the wilderness, yet your clothes and sandals did not wear out. You ate no bread and drank no wine or other alcoholic drink, but he provided for you so you would know that he is the Lord your God.

Thursday:

Psalms 65:9-13 NLT

You take care of the earth and water it, making it rich and fertile. The river of God has plenty of water; it provides a bountiful harvest of grain, for you have ordered it so. You drench the plowed ground with rain, melting the clods and leveling the ridges. You soften the earth with showers and bless its abundant crops. You crown the year with a bountiful harvest; even the hard pathways overflow with abundance. The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture, and the hillsides blossom with joy. The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep, and the valleys are carpeted with grain. They all shout and sing for joy!

Friday:

2 Corinthians 9:8-10 NLT

And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. As the Scriptures say, "They share freely and give generously to the poor. Their good deeds will be remembered forever." For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

Saturday:

2 Thessalonians 1:7-8 NLT

And God will provide rest for you who are being persecuted and also for us when the Lord Jesus appears from heaven. He will come with his mighty angels, in flaming fire, bringing judgment on those who don't know God and on those who refuse to obey the Good News of our Lord Jesus.

Sunday:

Hebrews 10:1-2 NLT

The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshipers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared.

