

SERMON: IN THE HANDS OF THE MASTER (THE LITTLE THAT CAN BECOME SO MUCH)

John 6:9

There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

Introduction

The feeding of the five thousand was a miracle of such magnitude that it is recorded in all four gospels. A great crowd had been following Jesus for several days, listening to His teaching and beholding His miracles. Jesus tried to get away to rest and enjoy a little privacy, but the crowd continued to follow Him. A problem arose: the day was far spent and the vast crowd had no food. The disciples suggested that Jesus send them away hungry. Too often we ignore the problem and hope it goes away. Phillip suggested that they collect money from the crowd and find a market and buy food. Too often we think money will solve every problem of life. Many times, the solution is right in our midst. Andrew found a little boy who had a small lunch: two fish and five barley muffins. He introduced this lad to Jesus and the lad gave his lunch to the Savior. Jesus took the little boy's lunch, gave thanks for it, multiplied it, broke it, handed it out to His disciples, and they fed everyone there. The entire crowd was completely satisfied and the leftovers were enough to fill, to overflowing, the baskets of all twelve disciples. This miracle took place in the hands of the Savior. Small things in the hand of Jesus can be multiplied and become a blessing to many. The lad's lunch became "miracle material." This little boy became a partner with Jesus to perform a great miracle. Young people are the church of today and the church of tomorrow.

Exposition

1. The Lunch.

(Common Food-Fish And Bread-Barley-Not Wheat.)

(Meager Portions- Two Small Fish And Five Small Muffins.)

2. The Lad.

(He Planned Ahead-He Brought A Lunch.)

(He Had An Unselfish Spirit- He Was Willing To Share.)

(He Had Self-Control- He Did Not Eat It All At Once.)

(He Trusted And Obeyed Jesus-He Gave His Lunch To The Savior.)

(He Gave His Whole Lunch-He Held Nothing Back.)

3. The Lord.

(Jesus Gave Thanks.)

(Jesus Demanded Order- He Had Them To Sit Down In Groups.)

(Jesus Multiplied The Resources.)

(He Used The Disciples To Distribute The Food- Delegation.)

(He Asked Them To Gather The Leftovers-Not Wasteful.)

Closing Thoughts

I will close this sermon by having our Worship Technology Ministry play part of a recording of *Twelve Variations On "Ah, Vous Dirai-Je, Maman" In C Major*, by Mozart. It is the tune that we sing as *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*.

Just as *Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star*, a simple melody, became a concert masterpiece in the hands of Mozart, so does our talent become a rich blessing when we put it in the hands of Jesus. Remember: there cannot be a masterpiece without a master to craft it. Let Jesus become the Master of your life. In the hands of Jesus, a puny snack for one person became a satisfying feast for thousands. Little is always much in the hands of Jesus. Give God Glory! Give God All The Glory.

Related Scriptures

Matthew 14:15-21

Mark 6:35-44

Luke 9:12-17

John 6:5-13

Musicological Note

For the music nerds the K number of the *Twelve Variations* is 265 (300e).

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