

# sermonnotes

## The Miracles of Jesus: Part 4



As we come to times and situations that are beyond our ability to resolve we must not forget that we serve a God who is able. He is not the great *I was*, He is the great *I Am*.

Everyone wants a miracle, but no one wants to be in a \_\_\_\_\_ that necessitates a miracle.

“But these are written that you might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you might have life in his name.”—John 20:31

### John 6:1–13

Within this story we have the miracle of the multiplication revealing Jesus’ power, but we also have Jesus moving to action meeting people at their point of need.

#### Parallels to Our Present Reality

- People are looking for answers and intervention. (Verse 2)
- The greater answer to the problem at hand was present. (Verse 4)

- We are facing a situation we can’t resolve on our own and a crisis that is ripe with opportunity. (Verse 5)
- We are limited in our human ability to solve the problem. (Verse 7)
- What we have might not seem to be enough. (Verse 9)

#### Turning a Crisis into an Opportunity

1. Don’t be overwhelmed by how the situation \_\_\_\_\_. (Verse 7)
2. Follow the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus. (Verse 10)
3. Look for \_\_\_\_\_ to be a part of what Jesus is doing as you leverage what you have to be a blessing for others. (Verse 9)
4. Give \_\_\_\_\_ for the work of God that is on the horizon. (Verse 11)
5. Don’t waste the opportunity that is \_\_\_\_\_ in the crisis. (Verse 12)

Answers: situation; looks; direction; opportunities; thanks; hidden



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# GOING DEEPER

Read John 6:1-13

We all face times of crisis in our lives. Times when we feel ill-equipped and overwhelmed by the challenge before us. Our limited resources just don't seem adequate.

**In your own life, can you recall a specific time of crisis? How did you feel?**

In the feeding of the five thousand, the disciples find the situation impossible due to the overwhelming need and the lack of resources. However, they find one boy with five barley loaves and two fish. Andrew, one of the disciples, reacts by saying, "But what good is that with this huge crowd?"

**Are you typically quick to discount what you can give as being too insignificant?**

It is interesting that Jesus required the sacrifice of the boy's lunch to perform the miracle of multiplication.

**What sacrifice may the Lord be requiring of you to work a miracle in the life of someone else today?**

**Does it encourage you to know that God seems to enjoy partnering with us to minister to the needs of others?**

**Let's use this current Coronavirus crisis as an opportunity to surrender our limitations to the Lord and allow Him to multiply them to meet needs in our neighborhoods and communities.**

## THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

