

THE BREAD THAT SATISFIES AND SUSTAINS

Matthew 14.13-36

JESUS FEEDS THE 5,000 AND WALKS ON WATER

Continuing the shift in Matthew's Gospel of seeing the disciples be more prominent in the storyline, Jesus now performs a miracle that He invites them to partake in. They get a deepened picture of His divine ability to provide, so much so that the people (shown in **John 6**) wanted to crown Him as King. But despite this, the people, as well as the disciples, still seemed to not see the big picture.

John 6.1-40

Again we see Jesus demonstrating His power and authority, but this "follow up" miracle to the feeding of the 5,000 serves an even more specific purpose. In the story of the food, the people miss the point that not only does Jesus provide bread, but that He IS the Bread. Here, in this story, Jesus shows the disciples more clearly it is not bread that saves, but it is He that saves.

Beyond that, even, Jesus calls them again into ministry with Him. In the first, He says, "you give them bread." Here, He calls Peter to step out of the boat. He goes beyond showing them His authority by actually calling them to trust Him in His authority.

**Jesus doesn't just give what satisfies,
He is what satisfies.**

JESUS' COMMANDS FOR US

Two other similarities in these two stories are that Jesus commands His disciples to do things that they have no power to do: give the people bread, and come out and walk on water.

Philippians 4.13

HOW DO WE TRUST HIM MORE DEEPLY?

The very next day, we see in **John 6.22-35** that Jesus tells His followers what they must do to do the work of God. His answer is alarming. He says it is to "believe in Him." As we put our faith and trust in Jesus as the One who doesn't just satisfy, but IS our satisfaction, our hearts, minds, and lives are changed.

Psalms 37.4, 5

Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid.

-Jesus



NOTES:

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Please visit lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and class for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at hbarnes5@yahoo.com.

SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **Matthew 14.13-33**. What stuck out to you the most in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

Re-read **verse 14**, then read **Colossians 3:12** and **2 Corinthians 1:3-4**. If you were one of the disciples with Jesus, what would you take away from this story? What lesson(s) would you have learned about Jesus here? _____

In **Numbers 14.1-12** the Israelites complain to their mediator Moses about not having enough food. God's people are so uncomfortable that they actually want and are desiring their "old life" of slavery from Egypt instead of their new life of freedom with God. When you are in need of comfort, rest or pleasure where *do* you turn and WHY? What "saves" you in your moment of need? Is what you turn to helping you? _____

Now read **1 Peter 5.6, 7, Psalms 27.4, 5** and **Matthew 6.25-33**. When you are in need of comfort, rest or pleasure where *should* you turn and WHY? _____

Read **Matthew 28.18-20, Matthew 9.6-8** and **Colossians 1.15-20**. In this week's story we get a taste of the authority of Jesus when he shows that He can provide food for five thousand with just five loaves and two fish. What do these verses say about Jesus' authority? How can knowing and believing the authority given to Jesus and what He is capable of help you in your day to day storms? _____

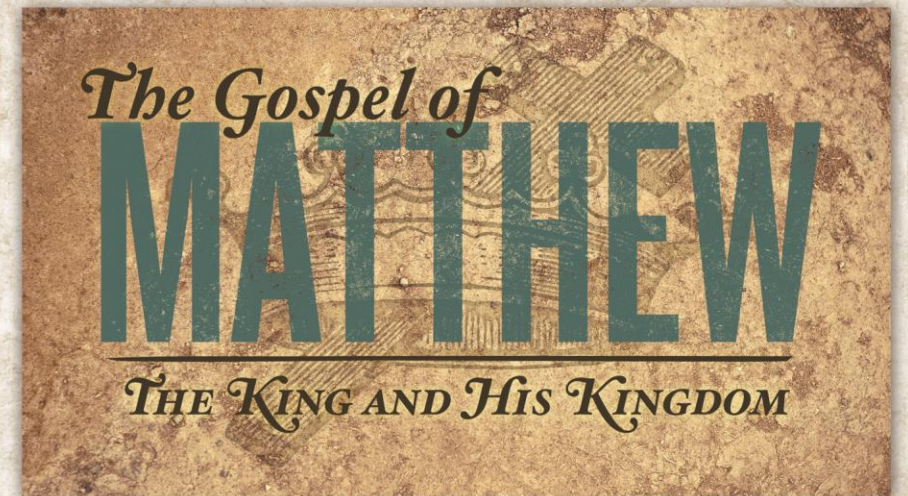
Pray for one another using the **P.R.A.Y.** model. PREACH the Gospel reminding one another that Jesus is the great Comforter, has been given all authority and satisfies all needs, wants and desires. Confess and repent of not believing this truth and instead running to other false idols. Then ASK for the Holy Spirit, who is your Helper and with you to point you to God's Grace. Ask Him to help you turn to prayer more, the Word more and your Gospel-centered friends. Lastly, YIELD, with thanksgiving.



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Equipping a Gospel-Centered Community in the Word of God,
To Live Out a Gospel-Centered Life Mission to the Glory of God.



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