

## Defeating Doubt

Lesson 4. Lunch for 5,000 Men

The Disciples — John 6:1-13

### John 6

1 After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee (or Tiberias). 2 A large crowd followed Him, because they saw the signs which He was performing on those who were sick. 3 Then Jesus went up on the mountain, and there He sat down with His disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was near.

5 Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?" 6 This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do. 7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, for everyone to receive 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 fish, but what are these for so many people?"

10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and having given thanks, He distributed to those who were seated; likewise also of the fish as much as they wanted.

12 When they were filled, He said to His disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments so that nothing will be lost." 13 So they gathered them up, and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves which were left over by those who had eaten.

Defeat doubt by breaking out of the limitations of the natural.

God orchestrates situations to help people see who Jesus really is.

- Philip, where can we buy bread to feed this crowd?
- The question was a test of Philip
- Jesus knew what He was going to do
- Philip checked the bank account
- We couldn't buy enough for even a little each
- Andrew suggested a kid's lunch, but quickly discounted the idea
- Both were looking through purely natural eyes
- Jesus called for the lunch, blest it and broke it until everyone had enough
- When you don't have enough, give what you have to Jesus
- Twelve baskets of bread and fish left over for the nearest soup kitchen