A Day in THE Life: Jesus gets miraculous.

Mark 6 & John 6

His miracle reminds us that He is at least two steps ahead of us.

Mark 6:34–36 (NIV) "When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, He had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So He began teaching them many things. ³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so His disciples came to Him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

John 6:5b–7 (NIV) "He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for He already had in mind what He was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered Him, "Eight months' wages would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

- Step 1. He knows what time it is and what the need is.
- Step 2. He already knows how He is going to meet the need.

His miracle reminds us to be thankful for the one that brought us to Him.

- John 6:8–9 (NIV) "Another of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"
- John 1:40–42a (NIV) "Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. ⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). ⁴² And he brought him to Jesus."

His miracle reminds us that He never skimps on His blessings.

- John 6:10–11 (NIV) "Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. ¹¹ 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."
- John 6:12a (NIV) "When they had all had enough to eat, He said to His disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over."

His miracle reminds us <u>not to waste the leftovers</u>.

- John 6:12b–13 (NIV) "He said to His disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted." ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten."
- Mark 6:51b–52 (NIV) "They were completely amazed, ⁵² for they had not understood about the loaves; their hearts were hardened."
- 1 Chronicles 16:12 (Msg) "Remember all the wonders He performed, the miracles and judgments that came out of His mouth."

IMPACT

- Imitating Christ
- Meeting Needs
- Proclaiming the Good News
- Assimilating people into the church
- Celebrating God
- Teaching the Word of God

Have you ever believed the lie that God has too many things to worry about than be concerned about what worries you? Do you ever assume that God is oblivious to what concerns you? Are you factoring God into your calculations? Who brought you to Jesus? Have you thanked them lately? What has God done with what you have given Him? What do you have "leftover" from what God has done in your life? Don't forget those things! Don't let your memories get moldy! Don't throw away what God has done.

