

THE WORD MADE FLESH

I'd like to share with you a familiar story from the Bible out of Matthew 14. It starts at verse 15.

I'll paraphrase it for you. There were 5000 people sitting on a hillside listening to Jesus's words. Jesus's disciples came to Him and suggested that He send the people away so that they could go buy food.

Jesus said to them they do not need to go away, you give them something to eat. They said, we only have 5 loaves and 2 fish. There's no way we can feed all of these people.

Jesus said come and bring them to me and I'll show you how to do this.

You trust in God's unlimited ability, you draw from God's unlimited supply that He has made available to His children and then you give of His supernatural resources.

The church has been telling this story for generations. We revel in the fact that Jesus supernaturally overruled natural laws and processes and fed 5000 people with a little boy's lunch.

Throughout the generations we have either completely missed or left out, Jesus's directive to His disciples. You give them something to eat!

For quite some time Jesus had been sowing the word of the kingdom of God into His disciples. He expected to see some fruit for those efforts. He expected them to express and demonstrate the Gospel of the Kingdom that He had been imparting to them. He expected that the same life would be in all of His children.

Jesus in His parable in Matthew 13, said that the kingdom of God is like leaven, that a woman put in 3 measures of meal until the whole lump was leavened.

The kingdom of God is designed to swallow up and overrule our natural lives so that we can demonstrate His Kingdom in this Earth as His children and His ambassadors.

John 1.1 states that,

In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word actually was God. In Him was life and He was the light of men.

And in verse 12, it says whoever receives Him, God has given the privilege and the right to become children of God. Who are not born of man, they are born of God's supernatural seed.

When we became Christians, we did not pray a prayer, do some sort of catechism, or affiliate with some church or denomination.

We repented of our natural life inherited from Adam and Eve and exchanged it for Jesus' supernatural eternal life that He demonstrated here on this Earth.

God's testimony is this, He has given us His eternal life, and that life is in His Son. He who has the Son has that life.

1 John 5.11

In John 6.53 Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

For all intents and purposes, Jesus was saying to the people, I'm glad that you got to witness the manifestation of My Kingdom and My eternal life. But the whole reason that the Father sent me in the first place was to impart that eternal life to you so that you can also manifest the same life to the rest of the world.

God's plan of redemption was not to send Jesus to give us new religious teachings. It wasn't to have us pray a prayer, join a church that we like and attend as many church meetings as we can.

In John 4.14, Jesus told the woman at the well, everyone who drinks of this water shall thirst again, but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give them shall never thirst, but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.

In John 7.37 Jesus said,

If any man is thirsty let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the scripture said, from his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.

Now some will say Jim, that's an interesting revelation from the story of feeding the 5000. I've never heard it before. Why are you sharing this with me?

Jesus told His disciples, just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you. John 20.21

In other words, you are being sent for the same purpose, and to accomplish the same thing.

He also told them that He would send us the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit would glorify Him and would take of His and imparted to us. He said EVERYTHING that the Father has is mine, that's what I meant when I said that the Holy Spirit, will give it to you.

When Jesus sent out His disciples before the resurrection, He did not send them out to do the best that they could. He sent them out to do exactly what He was doing. He told them to preach saying, repent, for the Kingdom of God is here. He also gave them authority over demons, and the ability to heal every kind of sickness and disease.

After the resurrection, in His last directive to His disciples, He commanded them to continue doing what He had been doing before the resurrection. He promised them that He would be with them and that He would back their word with signs and wonders and miracles.

The scriptures declare that, Jesus is the radiance of God's glory, and the exact representation of God's nature, and He upheld all things by the word of His power. Hebrews 1.3

In Romans 8.29, God declares His plan for His children from the very beginning. He has predestined us to be conformed to the life of Christ. He has done everything necessary to make that happen. He called us, He justified us, and He glorified us so that Christ would be the first born among many brothers and sisters.

John chapter one declares, that Jesus was the living word that has become flesh and dwelt amongst us.

What God wanted to say to the whole world was not an academic teaching. It was the expression of His Eternal life through a person, Christ Jesus, the Messiah.

He is the first born of God's redemptive plan. We are the rest of the crop, born of the same supernatural, and imperishable seed of God's life in us.

God didn't leave us here to keep telling the story of Jesus' manifestation of God's kingdom by feeding the 5000, over and over again.

He wants us to swallow the word of His kingdom, which is Christ's eternal life, and allow God to manifest His life through us, His children.

He wants His Living Word to become flesh in us, and have us proclaim and manifest it, beyond anything that we would ever dare ask or think, by His power that dwells in us.

In conclusion, the apostle Paul declared that his message and his preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

Our heavenly Father has truly exercised His incredible power on our behalf to make us His children

Let's submit ourselves to His Holy Spirit and allow Him to fully express Himself, His eternal life and His Kingdom through us to every nation on this planet.

God bless you.

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