

WHAT ARE WE SEEKING

I'm sure that you're familiar with the story of Jesus feeding five thousand people with a little boy's lunch, it's in Matthew 14.15-21

5,000 people had been listening to Jesus's teachings on the hillside for quite a while.

His disciples suggested that Jesus send them away to go buy food. He said, "they don't need to go away, you give them something to eat."

His disciples protested, " we only have five loaves and two fish". Jesus said, "bring them to me."

And you know the rest of the story. Jesus blessed the food, had His disciples distribute it, and they collected twelve baskets full of fragments.

Jesus had been teaching and schooling His disciples for many months and even years, and He was expecting to see some fruit from all that impartion.

John recorded in chapter 6.26;

The next day the people followed Him and He told them;

"Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled.

"Do not work for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you, for on Him the Father, God, has set His seal."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. verse 35

and

"I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

verse 51

So Jesus said to them, "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. John 6.53

Jesus was saying, you've seen and experienced the manifestation of my power and eaten this buffet lunch that I created. But I'm offering you something much greater.the Eternal Life of God.

Natural man without the revelation of the Holy Spirit tends to seek only the outward results of Jesus's miracles. We enjoy the fruit that His presence creates, but we tend to chase after the experience and not after the life in Him.

He came so that we would have the same life in us.

His intention for doing the miraculous was to open our eyes to His presence and invite us into a supernatural relationship with the source of that life.

It was the same way with the woman at the well in John 4.10.

Jesus said to her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, 'Give Me a drink,' you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water."

"Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life." verse 14

Eating the bread of life and drinking the living water has within it everything necessary to create the supernatural flow of His eternal life in us.

It also creates the flow of His life through us to others.

In John 7, at the great feast, Jesus said whoever is thirsty, let him come on to Me and drink and out of his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.

God is determined for His eternal life to pour into us, and flow out of us to this entire world.

Let me give you one last example of Moses before I close.

The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a blazing fire from the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, yet the bush was not consumed. So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Exodus 3.2

The burning bush was an exceptional manifestation of God's presence. It drew Moses into a supernatural relationship with the living God.

God had to overcome Moses' natural excuses for not wanting to go to Egypt, but Moses received God's word, did what He said, and God empowered him to do the miraculous, and bring deliverance for His people.

In the years past, we have seen some supernatural manifestations of God's presence and in the future, and I'm sure that we will see even more and even greater manifestations of His presence in this world.

I experienced a supernatural manifestation of God's presence quite a few years ago.

Afterwards, I wrestled with my faith, asking the Holy Spirit, is this really you? And what is it all about?

The Holy Spirit said to me, "I just want to let you know that I am present in your life.

I said, "what do you want me to do?" He said, just keep believing and walking with me, trusting me like a little kid, because I'm with you, and I will be the expression of His life in you.

The manifestations of God's life in our world are totally supernatural.

He does them to lead us into a covenant relationship with the source - the God of heaven and Earth who loves us more than we can even comprehend.

God bless you.

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