

# Journey CHURCH

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## Raising the Bar on “Blessings”

Luke 5:1-11, NKJV

- I. Anticipation + Participation = Expectations (Met) (Matthew 14:17-20, NKJV)**
  1. They had to obey Jesus.
  2. Jesus had to bless it.
  3. They had to give it away (Share it)
  4. Everyone was filled, blessed, and enjoyed it.
- II. Important insights to Blessings:**
  1. Right before a great blessing, God will ask you to do something that totally contradicts what you believe.
  2. Jesus is trying to prove to us that His way is always better than our way.
    - i. It's not what Jesus wants from us it's what Jesus wants for us.
  3. God's blessings don't come because of what we know but what we do.
  4. One of the main reasons Jesus blesses us is where we can be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2-3, NKJV)
  5. The goodness of the Lord is to cause us to see how sinful we are. (Romans 2:4, NKJV)
  6. Doing things God's way will not only astonish us but those closest to us.
  7. God astonishes us to increase our faith not fear.
  8. The disciples used the money from selling the fish to finance their ministry...Peter took care of his family. (Matthew 8:14-15, NKJV; 1 Timothy 5:8, TLB)
- III. Raise the Bar on your Blessings.**
  1. Obey God even when your feelings contradict what God's Word tells you.
  2. Remember one of the reasons Jesus blesses us is where we will be a blessing.
  3. God wants to astonish us by blessing us and those closest to us.