

Faith in Jesus' Power



MEMORY VERSE: "Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."
Isaiah 41:10



MARK 6:30-40 Sheep Without A Shepherd

1. Read verses 30-34. Jesus and his disciples needed rest from the constant crowds but how did Jesus feel about the crowd that followed them? v. 34 How does it make you feel to know Jesus has compassion on those who follow Him?
2. Read verses 33-34. Jesus compares the people to sheep without a shepherd. In what ways is Jesus a shepherd?
3. Read verses 35-40. What did the disciples want to do with the crowd? What instructions did Jesus give the disciples? How many fish and loaves did they have?



MARK 6:41-46 Power to Provide

4. How many people did Jesus end of feeding?
5. What observations do you have about the miracle Jesus performed? What does the fact that there were leftovers tell you about God?
6. Does this miracle surprise you? Do you expect God to be this powerful in YOUR life too?

7. What does Jesus do in verse 46? Why is this so important?



MARK 6:47-56 Power to Protect

8. Read verses 47-48. Where was Jesus, and where were the disciples when the wind came? Why do you think Jesus waited some time before going to them?

9. Read verses 50-51. Why are Jesus' words in verse 50 so comforting? These words apply to you too, why is that so important to remember?

10. Read verses 53-56. How did Jesus reveal His power in Gennesaret?

BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God can do ANYTHING! Could it be that we miss out on experiencing God's power because, like the disciples, we either think we have the best plan, or perhaps our "hearts are too hard to take it in?" (v. 52) When we give our loaves and fishes to God, He is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think! (from Ephesians 3:20) Jesus' words are for you too, "Don't be afraid. Take courage! I am here!" Mark 6:50

PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear Jesus, from the miracles we studied in this lesson, I see that You have the power to provide for me and that You are stronger than any storm. Remind me to call out to You so that I don't have to be afraid. Thank you for providing for me. Amen.

WALK IN TRUTH



The disciples were close to Jesus and saw Him perform miracle after miracle, but they couldn't fully understand the full greatness of Jesus and His power. Are there any areas in your life where you need to just trust in God's power?



Mark 6:30-56 (NLT)

30 The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. 31 Then Jesus said, “Let’s go off by ourselves to a quiet place and rest awhile.” He said this because there were so many people coming and going that Jesus and his apostles didn’t even have time to eat. 32 So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. 33 But many people recognized them and saw them leaving, and people from many towns ran ahead along the shore and got there ahead of them. 34 Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. 35 Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, “This is a remote place, and it’s already getting late. 36 Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat.” 37 But Jesus said, “You feed them.” “With what?” they asked. “We’d have to work for months to earn enough money to buy food for all these people!” 38 “How much bread do you have?” he asked. “Go and find out.” They came back and reported, “We have five loaves of bread and two fish.” 39 Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass. 40 So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred.

41 Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and blessed them. Then, breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread to the disciples so they could distribute it to the people. He also divided the fish for everyone to share. 42 They all ate as much as they wanted, 43 and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish. 44 A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed. 45 Immediately after this, Jesus insisted that his disciples get back into the boat and head across the lake to Bethsaida, while he sent the people home. 46 After telling everyone good-bye, he went up into the hills by himself to pray.

47 Late that night, the disciples were in their boat in the middle of the lake, and Jesus was alone on land. 48 He saw that they were in serious trouble, rowing hard and struggling against the wind and waves. About three o’clock in the morning Jesus came toward them, walking on the water. He intended to go past them, 49 but when they saw him walking on the water, they cried out in terror, thinking he was a ghost. 50 They were all terrified when they saw him. But Jesus spoke to them at once. “Don’t be afraid,” he said. “Take courage! I am here!” 51 Then he climbed into the boat, and the wind stopped. They were totally amazed, 52 for they still didn’t understand the significance of the miracle of the loaves. Their hearts were too hard to take it in. 53 After they had crossed the lake, they landed at Gennesaret. They brought the boat to shore 54 and climbed out. The people recognized Jesus at once, 55 and they ran throughout the whole area, carrying sick people on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 Wherever he went — in villages, cities, or the countryside — they brought the sick out to the marketplaces. They begged him to let the sick touch at least the fringe of his robe, and all who touched him were healed.

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