

JESUS IN THE MIDDLE

John 6:1-21

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When Jesus in the middle of our problems ...

I. JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND. (John 6:1-15)

John 6:1-4 Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias),
2 and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick.
3 Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. 4 The Jewish Passover Feast was near.

A. He provides by showing us our _____ . (5-9)

John 6:5-9 When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, 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!"
8 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?"

Where do you feel inadequate?

B. He provides when we allow him to _____ . (10-11)

John 6:10-11 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.

Where do you feel insignificant?

C. He provides with overflowing _____ . (12-15)

John 6:12-15 When they had all had enough to eat, 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.
14 After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."
15 Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

Where do you feel impoverished?

II. JESUS WALKS ON WATER. (John 6:16-21)

A. Life is _____ without Jesus in the middle! (16-20)

John 6:16-20 When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake,
17 where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them.
18 A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough.
19 When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified.

B. Jesus in the middle will calm the _____ . (20-21)

John 6:20-21 But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid."
21 Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

Matthew 14:27 "Take courage; it is I; do not be afraid."

III. CONCLUSION

A. When you feel *sandwiched* in by storms and fears put _____ in the MIDDLE. It will change everything


