

I Want To Do A Miracle Like That! Mark 6.30-44, 8.14.16

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Introduction:

1. I don't think it is any coincidence that Cliff's message from July 17 and my messages are intertwining. There is a new reality of Kingdom life that God wants us to experience now that affects our relationships, prayer life, finances, health, and spiritual growth
 - a. Cliff's July 17 message summary..
2. Stephanie & I trying to live this with our finances & God providing supernaturally.
 - a. The car – sowing for it in Leif Hetland's ministry
 - b. Paying our taxes – sowing for it in Pure VN
 - c.
3. Mark 6.30-44
 - a. **Mark 6.30-44.** The disciples thought on an earthbound level – we would have to work for months to have enough money to buy the food needed; they're becoming frantic.
 - b. Mark 6.37 – is the mindset and response we have to so many things.

Most people operate under an earth cursed mindset rather than a Kingdom mindset – Mark 6.37

- The earth cursed mindset starts in Gen.3.17-19. You will have to work and toil to make a living. It will grind you up.
 - What was it supposed to be like? Gen.2 – there was abundance and they were to steward it. There was no lack or struggle; there was no fear about scarcity and having to store for the future.
- How the “earth cursed mindset” manifests itself among us:
 - In prayer – Mt.6.7. It is all about begging and pleading. There is a constant gnawing in our spirit. We can't rest or let it go. It is sweating, striving and barrenness. You cannot let it go.
 - In our finances – Mt.6.31f. It is the constant concern of whether you will have enough. Will God meet our needs? Etc.
 - Fret, worry and despair are key markers that we have not released it into God's hands.
 - With Aaron and his job, I begin to second guess, and I try to figure out the answer to everything.
 - Summary: This is how those who do not understand how the Kingdom of God operates live. It is not solely a matter of making enough money, but believing that what you submit to Him that He will multiply.

Examples of the Kingdom Economy

- The disciples obey Jesus. They do what he tells them and they submit it to Him. This is critical in understanding how God's Kingdom economy works. You have to listen, obey and submit and act on his instruction. You have to trust Him with what He says to do.
 - Jesus takes the very small amount and puts it under His Kingdom authority by blessing it and it multiplies. When things come under His dominion then he can multiply it. When He blesses something it moves from natural provision to supernatural provision. The one seed becomes many seeds.
 - He cannot bless it until you submit it to Him.
 - This wasn't just a miracle. It was a miracle that came from a Kingdom of God principle. Jesus is saying, "You put everything under my authority and I will multiply it like you cannot believe."
 - Too many of us think miracles are arbitrary and there is mystery about them. They can't be explained but many are coming from this Kingdom principle of submitting everything to him.
 - I have heard too many stories of the same thing happening even in our day:
 - Mowing my parent's yard in Keller with push mower on one tank of gas.
 - Paul Keith Davis story of clothing distribution in Africa
 - Show Mercy Int'l video. Planned to feed 50, but ended up feeding over 200 - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l9_cdt7bfJs
 - I am not suggesting it will always look like miracle provision; it may be that supplies come in at just the right time, the problem has an easy solution, through honest dialogue that the contention is quickly resolved,
- **Luke 5.1-7.** After listening to Jesus teach and probably being convinced that he was the Messiah, they obeyed him and submitted their business to Him and He multiplied their work. *This wasn't just a miracle, but it was also a Kingdom principle. This is a principle you can apply today!
 - They trusted the King with their time, skill and business assets. They changed governments from this earth cursed system to the King's domain and it became "On earth as it is in Heaven." There was abundance.
 - Whenever and whatever I submit to Him, it opens up the resources of heaven. The resources may be a healing, restoration of my brokenness, finances, stronger relationships...I can draw upon the resources in that wallet.
- In Both stories:
 - In this story and Mark 6, God does more than enough. There are left overs and incredible blessings for everyone.
 - They had important parts to play –
 - They had to get out of their comfort zones and take a risk. Look dumb going back out to fish after nothing; collecting the first loaves and fish.
 - They had to submit it to Him with no guarantee.
 - They had to work it.
 - Stephanie & I with our gift to Pure VN. We didn't have excess to give from. We had to give sacrificially above our regular tithes and offerings. Then I had to respond to the prompting of the HS to check my escrow account.

How the Kingdom operates:

1. It overthrows the earth cursed system – poverty, sickness, sin, lostness, division, unforgiveness – with the Kingdom system that A&E lived under – health, vitality, peace, purpose, unity. It breaks the old mental model of a harsh, law abiding Judge with a forgiving, grace filled Father. This is the new reality that we have access to as believers in Jesus. We can live from a place of rest and dominion.
2. In Prayer – Mt.6.8-15
 - a. Confident, short, precise with the understanding that the Father wants to answer.
 - b. It is releasing everything and putting it under His control.
 - c. Cliff's message from Phil.4.
 - d. Forgiveness is a huge key to seeing our prayers answered.
3. In Finances – Mt.6.33
 - a. Know that God is for you and He will take care of your needs. He's not arbitrary. If there isn't an answer, it is not b/c He lacks the love or power.
 - b. Put everything under His dominion. Look for those things you are holding onto – past hurts, sins, jealousies, ungodly emotions, finances, children, relationships, etc – and put under His complete control and see what He does.
 - c. Live a righteous life. A life devoted to Him and His Kingdom.
4. In general
 - a. You have to get out of their comfort zones and take a risk. Look dumb going back out to fish after nothing; collecting the first loaves and fish.
 - b. You have to submit it to Him with no strings.
 - c. You have to work it. Do the things he tells you to do in His timing.

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Resources:

- The Blessed Life by Robert Morris
- The Treasure Principle by Randy Alcorn
- Total Money Makeover by Dave Ramsey
- Financial Revolution dvd set by Gary Kesse

Benediction:

May God Almighty (EL Shaddai) bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, that you may become a company of peoples. May He also give you the blessing of Abraham, to you and to your descendants with you, that you may possess the land of your sojournings, which God gave to Abraham. (Gen 28:3-4)