**SERMON OUTLINE**

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1. INTRODUCTION
	1. We believe in a miracle-working God.
		1. If someone believes the Bible, then he will have no difficulty believing in miracles.
		2. If you can get past Genesis 1:1, then you will have no problem with miracles.
	2. The miracle we are studying today is the feeding of the five thousand.
		1. Actually, it was many more than five thousand because the Bible only gives the number of men present.
			1. This didn’t include the women and children.
		2. Jesus had been healing many people, and the crowds were following Him because of the miracles that He did.
			1. John 6:2
		3. John 6:5
			1. Jesus was not asking for information.
				1. He already knew what He would do.
		4. The Lord took a little boy’s lunch of five loaves and a two fish, and He fed the multitude.
			1. Jesus performed a miracle of feeding physical bodies.
	3. We need to look beyond the miracle and on to Jesus.
		1. Jesus didn’t come to feed us physically.
		2. Jesus didn’t come to heal us physically.
		3. Jesus didn’t come to solve all of our physical and material problems.
		4. He is the Savior.
			1. He came to save us from our sins.
				1. Believe in miracles, but trust in Jesus.
	4. Down in our hearts, in the deepest part of our beings, there is a hunger that God alone can satisfy.
		1. It has been said that in every man’s heart, there is a God-shaped vacuum that God alone can fill through His Son, Jesus Christ.
		2. There comes a time in our lives when the things of this world do not satisfy.
			1. We want something more because there is a deeper hunger.
	5. John 6:1-14
		1. Two hundred pennyworth would almost be a year’s wage of a laboring man.
			1. A man could work all year long and not earn enough money to feed all these people.
		2. They were to eat until they were perfectly satisfied.
			1. Jesus didn’t say to eat a little, but to eat as much as you want.
			2. Jesus then instructed the disciples to gather all the leftover food, filling twelve baskets.
	6. You are hungry for more than fish and bread.
		1. You are hungry for Jesus, whether you know it or not.
	7. Jesus is life’s hidden hunger.
		1. The only thing that will satisfy the deepest longing of your heart and soul is Jesus Christ.
	8. In today’s message, will look at the hunger that Jesus alone can satisfy.
2. there is never a problem too big for jesus to solve (john 6:5-7)
	1. John 6:5-7
	2. The Lord saw the multitude, and there was a problem.
	3. He asked Philip how they would feed this multitude of people.
		1. Jesus was not seeking advice.
			1. Jesus already knew what He would do.
			2. Corrie ten Boom said that there is no panic in Heaven, only plans.
				1. This world is not out of control.
				2. Nothing takes God by surprise.
		2. Jesus didn’t ask Philip this question to learn something about Philip.
			1. He already knew about Philip.
			2. John 2:25
		3. He asked Philip this question because He wanted Philip to learn something about Philip.
	4. John 6:7
		1. Philip knew exactly how much it would take to feed the multitude, and he was correct except for one thing.
			1. He left Jesus out of the equation.
			2. Any atheist could have given the same answer that Philip gave.
		2. Philip gave a good answer but a bad answer, because He left Jesus out of the equation.
	5. Almost every committee meeting in the church is composed of three categories of people:
		1. The figurers
			1. They are like Philip.
				1. They just figure out what they can and cannot do.
				2. They leave God out of the equation.
		2. The feelers
			1. They “feel” like they can do this or that.
			2. Both the figurers and the feelers are wrong.
		3. The faithers
			1. They get a word from God.
			2. They believe if God wants them to do it, then they can do it.
				1. There was no reason to send the multitudes away.
				2. The commission from the Heavenly Father was to give them the bread of life.

If He has commanded us to do it, then He will enable us to do it.

* + - 1. We need faithers.
	1. There is nothing wrong with figuring and feeling, but there is much wrong if we leave out faith.
	2. Philip thought it was an impossibility.
		1. Many times, we try to solve a problem using only our strength, but we have a Heavenly Father who is ready to help us.
	3. What is there about your life that is unexplainable?
		1. We can explain Philip.
			1. Philip worked on the realm of the natural.
		2. If our lives can be explained apart from Jesus Christ, then we don’t have any right to ask someone to believe in the God we serve.
		3. When the unexplainable is obvious in our lives, then people will believe the Gospel.
		4. What makes you different from your neighbor?
			1. Philip just gave an answer that anyone could have given that day.
				1. He left Jesus Christ out of the calculation.
	4. There is no problem too big for Him to solve.
1. there is no person too small for jesus to use (john 6:8-11)
	1. John 6:8-9
		1. They were not even big fish, and barley loaves were the poorest of bread.
		2. The little boy had a lunch that was meager in quality and quantity.
			1. Yet, when he left home that day, he had enough food to feed more than five thousand people.
	2. What was the recipe for this miracle?
		1. It was transferred to Jesus Christ.
			1. The boy gave all that he had to Jesus.
			2. Do you want God to use you?
				1. Give everything to Jesus Christ.

Give all that you have, all that you are, your family, friends, and reputation to Jesus.

Some will say, “Well, a person has to live.”

No, a person has to die and face the Lord.

Some are afraid that if they give everything to Jesus, then they will lose out.

But that is the only way they will gain.

Matthew 16:25

* + - 1. If Jesus is Lord at all, then He must be Lord of all.
		1. It was taken by Christ.
			1. Offer it to Him sincerely and completely.
		2. It was touched by Jesus Christ.
			1. Jesus Christ will do far more with it than we could ever do with it.
		3. It was transformed by Jesus Christ.
			1. A little lad’s lunch fed everyone.
			2. It is amazing what Jesus will do with little if we will simply give it to Him.
			3. Did this little boy lose his lunch?
				1. He had more to eat than he would have had had he not given it to Jesus.

There was food leftover, and they all ate as much as they wanted.

* 1. Do not insult God by saying that He cannot use you.
		1. It was not Simon Peter or Andrew whom He used.
			1. It was a little boy.
	2. God specializes in using ordinary people in extraordinary ways.
		1. 1 Corinthians 1:26-27
	3. God will use us wonderfully if we will give all that we have to the Lord Jesus Christ.
		1. It is not our ability; it is our availability.
		2. It is not our fame; it is our faith.
		3. It is not who we are; it is whose we are that counts.
			1. Do you know the Lord Jesus?
			2. Have you given it all to the Lord Jesus?
	4. God specializes in using the little people of this world.
		1. You may be too big for God to use, but you will never be too small for God to use.
	5. When we study the history of the Bible, we find those who have made a mark on the world.
		1. Mary had an alabaster box of ointment.
			1. She bathed the feet of the Lord Jesus with the ointment and with her tears.
			2. The fragrance of what Mary did has filled the world to this day.
				1. Matthew 26:7-13
		2. David was just a boy, and Goliath was a giant of over nine feet tall.
			1. God took David, a little boy with a sling, and went out against the mighty Goliath who blasphemed the God of Israel.
			2. A little lad used what he had, and God used it to give victory to the Israelites.
				1. 1 Samuel 17:1-51
		3. A widow put her widow’s mite (less than two cents) in the offering plate.
			1. There were many rich people there that day, but the Bible says that this woman gave more than all of them.
				1. Not more than any of them, but more than all of them.
				2. Mark 12:41-44
			2. What she gave that day has been used to feed multitudes because literally millions and billions have been given to the cause of Christ because of the influence of this woman.
	6. Don’t say that God cannot use you.
		1. God wants you.
		2. He will use you.
		3. There is no person too small for God to use.
1. there is no hunger too deep for jesus to satisfy (John 6:25-29)
	1. Jesus did not come to feed people physical bread.
		1. He came to save souls and to give everlasting life.
	2. We need to look beyond the miracle and on to Jesus.
		1. This miracle literally happened, but it is an illustration of a much greater truth.
		2. Believe in miracles, but trust in Jesus.
	3. John 6:25-29
		1. Jesus knew that the only reason they sought Him was for more bread.
	4. Jesus is spiritual bread.
		1. They looked for food that would perish.
			1. They would eat it, and in a few hours, they would be hungry again.
		2. Jesus is to our spirit what bread is to our bodies.
		3. They followed Jesus because He fed them.
			1. What buttered their bread determined their devotion.
				1. This is what we call today the social gospel.

When a church is built, it is inevitable that someone will ask why the money wasn’t used to feed the poor instead.

If we could give everyone on Earth a portion of food, then in several more hours, they would be hungry again.

What man needs is salvation.

We should feed the hungry and take care of the poor, but what difference does it make if we feed a man and he dies and goes to Hell?

Most people today are just interested in making the world a better place to go to Hell from.

* + 1. What our Lord Jesus Christ is talking about is everlasting life, getting a person saved.
			1. What a shame that some that day missed the significance.
		2. When Jesus Christ began to talk about spiritual reality and about eating His flesh and drinking His blood (that is, partaking of Himself), they left Him.
			1. John 6:51-66
			2. We will have programs at church that will get people to come, but if that is all we give them and we don’t give them Jesus, then we have missed the whole thing.
				1. What we keep them with is what we catch them with.
				2. What we catch them with is what we have to keep them with.

There is no substitute for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Christ came as the Bread of Life so that people could be saved.

Many churches miss this today.

* 1. Jesus is supernatural bread.
		1. John 6:30
			1. Jesus had just fed the 5,000, but now they were asking for another sign.
				1. This is the problem with miracles.

Miracles never satisfy.

They never meet the deepest need of a person’s life.

* + - * 1. Matthew 12:39
		1. John 6:31-36
			1. It wasn’t Moses who gave them the bread from Heaven.
				1. God gave it to them.

And today, God is giving you that true bread, the supernatural bread.

* + - 1. Jesus is the Bread of Life.
				1. This is the meaning of the miracle and the significance of the sign.
			2. They did not understand that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God and God the Son.
			3. John 3:2
				1. Jesus was more than a teacher come from God.

He was God come to teach.

He was the one who came down from Heaven.

* + 1. The manna in the Old Testament that Moses gave the people pictured the Lord Jesus Christ.
			1. All of the Bible is about Jesus.
			2. It came down from Heaven like Jesus came down from Heaven.
			3. It lay upon the ground, which spoke of the humility and the humanity of the Lord Jesus.
			4. It was round, which spoke of His eternity.
			5. It was white, which spoke of His purity.
			6. It had the taste of honey, which spoke of the sweetness of His life.
			7. It had the taste of oil, which spoke of the Holy Spirit that was upon Him.
			8. It had to be reached down and taken up, which showed that Jesus must be appropriated and fed upon.
			9. It sustained them physically just as Jesus sustains us spiritually.
				1. All of that in the Old Testament was an illustration of the Lord Jesus Christ.
		2. It is Jesus we need.
			1. He is Heaven’s bread.
			2. He was bruised for us.
			3. He was baked for us.
			4. He was broken for us.
			5. We need to feed upon Jesus, the Bread of Life.
	1. Jesus is satisfying bread.
		1. John 6:35
			1. He didn’t speak of physical hunger.
		2. Jesus is what we need.
			1. The thing that we hunger for and that our souls desire is Jesus.
			2. He alone can satisfy the deepest longing of our hearts.
		3. People search everywhere for satisfaction.
			1. They will never find it until they find it in the Lord Jesus.
		4. Why did God create us?
			1. Some say that God created us to serve Him.
				1. This is not so.
				2. If He wanted someone to serve Him, then He could get someone better than us.

He could get the angels.

They have abilities, and they obey in ways that we don’t.

* + - 1. God made us to love Him.
				1. God is love.

What good is love if it is not shown and received?

* + - 1. God made us that He might have fellowship with us and love us.
				1. God doesn’t love us because we are valuable.

We are valuable because God loves us.

* + - 1. God made us to know Him, to love Him, and to worship Him.
				1. Until we do, we will be like a bird in the sea and a fish in the sky.

We will be out of our element.

Our element is Jesus.

In Him we live, move, and have our being.

* + - * 1. Until we do, we will have an emptiness in our lives.

We need the Lord Jesus as our personal Savior and Lord.

* + 1. Matthew 5:6
		2. John 6:27
			1. We are to seek food that endures to everlasting life.
		3. How should we seek the Lord?
			1. We are to seek Him preeminently.
				1. The natural man wants fame, fortune, friends, fashion, and fitness.

Matthew 6:32

We look for satisfaction in the wrong places.

None of these are wrong, but they must be second place.

Matthew 6:33

* + - * 1. Matthew 5:6

Most people hunger and thirst after blessedness.

We need to stop seeking a blessing and start seeking righteousness.

* + - * 1. Christ is our righteousness.

We are to seek the Lord Jesus as a hungry man would seek bread.

Seek Him first.

* + - * 1. Anyone who tries to be happy, to have joy and fulfillment, will never find it.

He will be like a dog chasing his tail; he will never catch it.

The most miserable people are the people who try to be blessed and satisfied.

The dissatisfaction that we have is a symptom of a sickness, which is sin.

The answer to that sickness is righteousness.

When we feed upon the Lord Jesus, we will be blessed.

Happiness, joy, blessingness, and satisfaction are never something that we find by searching for them.

We stumble over them when we serve the Lord Jesus.

The second blessing is discovering what we received in the first blessing. And he third blessing is discovering that we did not discover it all in the second blessing.

We will never go beyond Jesus.

* + - 1. We are to seek Him purposefully.
				1. John 6:27
				2. When someone is hungry physically, he seeks bread (food).

Someone who gets critical and finds fault with a meal is not hungry.

You can go to church and to any Sunday school class and find fault.

A hungry person is a humble person.

His soul must be fed.

* + - * 1. The problem with many of us is that we are stuffed so full of the bread of this world that we have no appetite for the Lord Jesus.

John 6:26-27

* + - * 1. We are to seek Jesus with all of our heart, soul, and with as much as is in us.
			1. We are to seek Him perpetually.
				1. Matthew 5:6
				2. When Jesus fed the 5,000, they were filled.

They had all they wanted.

But they got hungry again.

* + - * 1. When we feed on the Lord Jesus Christ, that does not mean that we eat one meal and stop.
				2. God has given us a perpetual appetite that we might be perpetually satisfied.

In the physical realm, if we have no appetite, then it is because we have either already eaten, we are sick, or because we are dead.

In the spiritual realm, our appetite shows our health spiritually.

* + - * 1. We are to feed on the Lord Jesus continually.

God has made us with an appetite that we might be continually satisfied.

How do we stay happy in Jesus?

We feed on Him and keep feeding on the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. CONCLUSION
	1. Look beyond the miracle.
		1. Look beyond the physical bread and onto Jesus.
	2. The only way you will find satisfaction is to find it in the Lord Jesus Christ.
		1. He alone is God’s answer to your deepest hunger.
		2. Jesus alone can take the pain out of life, the sting out of sin, the gloom out of the grave, and give a hope that is steadfast and sure.
		3. Not only is Jesus necessary, but He is also enough.
		4. Not only is He enough, but He is also more than enough.
		5. You will never be satisfied until you know Jesus, Heaven’s Bread.
	3. Acts 16:31
	4. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
	5. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
		1. Romans 3:23
		2. Romans 10:9-10
		3. Romans 10:13
		4. John 3:16