



THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

## SERMON NOTES

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A SACK LUNCH IN THE HANDS OF GOD

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### JOHN 6:1-14 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup>After this, Jesus crossed over to the far side of the Sea of Galilee, also known as the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup>A huge crowd kept following him wherever he went, because they saw his miraculous signs as he healed the sick. <sup>3</sup>Then Jesus climbed a hill and sat down with his disciples around him. <sup>4</sup>(It was nearly time for the Jewish Passover celebration.) <sup>5</sup>Jesus soon saw a huge crowd of people coming to look for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, "Where can we buy bread to feed all these people?" <sup>6</sup>He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup>Philip replied, "Even if we worked for months, we wouldn't have enough money to feed them!" <sup>8</sup>Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. <sup>9</sup>"There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?" <sup>10</sup>"Tell everyone to sit down," Jesus said. So they all sat down on the grassy slopes. (The men alone numbered about 5,000.) <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks to God, and distributed them to the people. Afterward he did the same with the fish. And they all ate as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup>After everyone was full, Jesus told his disciples, "Now gather the leftovers, so that nothing is wasted." <sup>13</sup>So they picked up the pieces and filled twelve baskets with scraps left by the people who had eaten from the five barley loaves. <sup>14</sup>When the people saw him do this miraculous sign, they exclaimed, "Surely, he is the Prophet we have been expecting!"

### 3 THINGS WE LEARN FROM THIS STORY:

#### #1. JESUS SAW THE PROBLEM BEFORE THE DISCIPLES DID!

Verses 1-2, 5 (NLT)

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#### HEBREWS 4:13 (NLT)

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God...

#### PSALM 147:5 (NCV)

Our Lord is great and very powerful. There is no limit to what he knows.

#### MATTHEW 6:26-32 (NLT)

<sup>26</sup>"Look at the birds. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren't you far more valuable to him than they are? <sup>27</sup>Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? <sup>28</sup>And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, <sup>29</sup>yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. <sup>30</sup>And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? <sup>31</sup>So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup>These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs."

#### #2. JESUS INCLUDED THE DISCIPLES IN FINDING THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM!

Verses 5-7 (NLT)

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#### #3. JESUS TAKES WHATEVER WE GIVE HIM AND THEN HE DOES THE REST! (Do whatever you can do with whatever you've got!)

Verses 8-11 (NLT)

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