

MSG: THAT'S CAP

SCRIPTURE: Mark 6:30-44 NLT

BREAK 2: GIVE WITH JESUS

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"The apostles returned to Jesus from their ministry tour and told him all they had done and taught. 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. So they left by boat for a quiet place, where they could be alone. 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. 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. Late in the afternoon his disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away so they can go to the nearby farms and villages and buy something to eat." 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!" "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." Then Jesus told the disciples to have the people sit down in groups on the green grass. So they sat down in groups of fifty or a hundred. 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. They all ate as much as they wanted, and afterward, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of leftover bread and fish. A total of 5,000 men and their families were fed."

INTRO:

I believe that we have the opportunity to vibrantly and emphatically walk with Jesus and in every aspect of our lives should reflect that Walk with Him. A walk with Jesus

that lead us to our destiny in Him, and along the way we get the privilege and the opportunity to not only truly know ourselves, But to know Him and then to honestly be known by others.

As we've learned this year to live in love with Jesus, yes we must first learn how to walk with Jesus, but then as you walk with Jesus, you understand that the privilege is not simply in the walking, but it is in the giving with Jesus, that we really find true meaning of what it means to be like Jesus.. It's in our giving that we find our living...

But so much of our giving with Jesus has to do with our capacity in which we have to give. Because if your capacity is small, then your giving will be small. I didn't say your giving will be small because you do or don't have money.

Your capacity of what you have to give is going to determine and define your ability. Your capacity to give out of the abundance in which you're experiencing in Christ will dictate what you're able to give out.

You see when we can embrace the idea that there is a capacity in which we have and God wants to expand that capacity to meet the needs of others and to give in a way that will bless our community and encourage our families and improve our quality of living for people that we love and that we care for.

Then we will begin to understand what it truly means to Live in Love. With Jesus.

And as we look at this text, I believe that the writer of the gospel of Mark helps us to understand that giving with Jesus has more to do with our capacity and less to do with His ability.

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MARK 6 CONTEXT:

A LOT HAS HAPPENED

-Jesus has been rejected in His home town Nazareth

- Jesus sent His disciples on their first missionary trip preaching Repentance, casting out demons, healing sick people.
- Jesus cousin and friend John The Baptist was killed.
- Apostles gather back to tell Jesus all that had happened.

1. YOUR CAPACITY EXPANDS AS YOUR SOLITUDE WITH GOD EXPANDS

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JESUS UNDERSTOOD THE VALUE OF BEING ALONE AFTER FRUITFUL SEASONS

JESUS HAD UNLIMITED POWER BUT UNDERSTOOD LIMITED CAPACITY

-YOUR CAPACITY HAS TO DO WITH GOD ABILITY AND YOUR VULNERABILITY!

I MUST DECREASE SO HE CAN INCREASE!

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

John 3:30 NASB

THE disciples were excited about the power of the ministry. Jesus understood the necessity to go away alone and rest

THE MORE YOU GO UP, THE MORE YOU MUST GO AWAY.

Isaiah 30:15 NLT

"This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "Only in returning to me and resting in me will you be saved. In quietness and confidence is your strength. But you would have none of it."

-JESUS emphasized a retreating, a getting away the more popular, the more "success" the more "clout" the more He went away.

-Get your rest and solitude with Jesus to know Him and increase more of Him in your life!

2. YOUR CAPACITY EXPANDS AS YOUR HUNGER FOR TRUTH EXPANDS

Mark 6:34 NLT

"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."

WHEN YOU ARE HUNGRY FOR TRUTH, YOU CAN TASTE A LIE.

-We must embrace teaching, instruction and training from Jesus in order to Give with Jesus!

-HE WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION, SO HE BEGAN TO TEACH....

3. WHO IS TEACHING YOU?

4. WHAT ARE YOU BEING TAUGHT?

5. WHO ARE YOU TEACHING?

TEACH WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN TAUGHT

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6. YOUR CAPACITY EXPANDS AS YOUR COMPASSION FOR OTHERS EXPANDS

-HE BROKE THE BREAD!

-IF YOU DON'T GIVE OUT THE BREAD WHY WOULD GOD CONTINUE TO GIVE YOU BREAD

-Notice they didn't go on a fish and bread (10x) scale your bread . How to grow your bread, multiply the bread, how to grow

PROVISION IS GOD'S JOB, DISTRIBUTION IS YOUR JOB!

IS YOUR GREATER CAPACITY GOING TO MEET A GREATER NEED?

-THE WASN'T MOVED TO COMPASSION THEN STARTED FIGURING OUT HOW TO GET RICH AND MAKE MONEY OFF THE NEED!

YOUR CAPITAL IS CONNECTED TO YOUR COMPASSION

EXPLOITATION IS AN ABOMINATION

Proverbs 6:16-19 NLT

"There are six things the Lord hates— no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord in a family."

-WHEN YOU BEGIN TO VIEW YOUR GAIN AS A WAY UP, TO MONETIZE AND CAPITALIZE OFF OF THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE! THAT IS WRONG!

-HE WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION.

-WHAT ARE YOU MOVED WITH COMPASSION FOR!?

-What stirs you, what provokes you, what makes you cry, what breaks your heart?

Nehemiah 1:3-4 NLT

"They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire." When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven."

**YOUR EXPANDED CAPACITY IS FOUND
IN YOUR EXPANDED COMPASSION!**