

## Stepping out in Faith

John 6:1-13

We've been talking a lot about faith here lately and I hope you are beginning to see God build your faith.

I believe God has been trying to get a message to our people here.

I have had several tell me how God has been using Sunday School lessons, the Beth Moore study, and my recent sermons to say the same things – we have to have faith.

But faith sometime is slow to come.

As we move forward in our capital campaign let us remember these truths:

### **1. When Jesus asks you to do something, He already knows the plan.**

Isn't it great to know that there are no surprises with God.

He knows everything so nothing surprises Him.

In our passage this morning, we have one of the greatest stories from Jesus' ministry.

Even in this passage, we see that Jesus wasn't surprised.

When Jesus fed the 5,000, He already knew how He was going to do it. **Vs – 5-6**

He knew what was going to be used and He knew who was going to bring the food.

Jesus knows more than we will ever know in our lives.

We have a great opportunity with the Eyes of Faith campaign to see God work because He has a plan for our church.

One thing that gets in the way of many is fear – fear of the unknown.

But we don't have to fear, Jesus already knows what He is going to do in our lives and in the Eyes of Faith campaign. We don't have to be afraid because Jesus knows what He is going to do.

### **2. Jesus is able to make a way when others can't see.**

Not only does Jesus know the plan, He is able to make it work when others can't see.

Jesus asks Philip how they were going to feed the crowd.

What did Philip say to Jesus?

“Eight months wages wouldn't be enough to even give the people a bite of food.”

Was Philip a doubter?

Maybe.

I think that Philip looked more at the problem than he did the solution.

What was the problem?

The people were in need of food.

What was the solution?

Jesus feeding the people in a supernatural way.

But did the people eat?

Yes.

Jesus was able to the feeding happen, even when others couldn't see it.

### **3. Jesus is able to do more than we can even imagine.**

It is amazing what God can do through surrendered people.

I don't believe there is a limit to what Jesus can do through His people who are surrendered and obedient to Him in faith.

But we have to believe it.

In this passage, a young boy surrendered his lunch so others could be blessed.

There wasn't much too it – 5 barley loafs and 2 fish, but God took what was offered in faith and multiplied it.

I have no doubt Philip was just expecting the people to get a bite of food, maybe a pinch of bread.

But Jesus fed the 5000 men and there was even food left over.

There was 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish that were offered and there was 12 baskets of food left over.

Not only did everyone eat, they ate as much as they wanted.

### **Vs – 11**

Jesus wanted to feed the people and He got it done with what was given to Him.

When we think about our relocation project or anything else in our lives, we would do well to keep this passage in mind.

Jesus can do great things when we give Him everything.

Could this young man have said “No?”

The young boy brought a small offering and thousands were blessed.

Our re-location is going to work but we have to do our part.

We have to be willing to bring our loaves and fish to Jesus for Him to us.

### **How is this project going to happen?**

#### **Faith**

Obviously God is going to have to do it.

But the good news is that He can use you and I to help as we step out with faith in Him.

Is this going to be a big project?

But how big is our God?

### **Sacrifice and wise stewardship**

This project is going to take sacrifice on all of our parts.

We are going to have to make sacrifices in order for God to use us.

Many of us may have to alter our lifestyle in order to give sacrificially over and above our tithes.

#### **What can I do?**

Find a way to cut back on expenses.

Sell what you own in order to give.

Stock

Land

Jewelry

Extra vehicle

Take on an extra job

Everyone won't be able to give the same amount but we can all make an equal sacrifice to help build God's kingdom.

### **3-Fold purpose to our re-location project:**

#### **1. To build a new building that can better house our congregation and its ministries.**

We need a bigger building to fit all that we do.

We need larger classrooms and hallways to get around in.

Awana, Sunday School

We need better access into the sanctuary.

#### **2. To reach more people.**

A larger building will allow us to seat more people because we expect to continue to grow through outreach.

Every member needs to catch this concept – “I am a missionary for God.”

I believe this project will create excitement in our community which will open doors for us to share the gospel more and invite more people to come worship with us.

What is the vision of Trinity Baptist Church?

Our vision for Trinity Baptist Church is to reach our community with the life-changing gospel of Jesus Christ. We believe that God has called us to be a Lighthouse of Hope to those who are hurting in our community and surrounding area. We believe this will happen with every believer growing in spiritual maturity through active worship, humble service to God and others, and committed discipleship.

**3. To know God better and to grow in our faith.**

The number one goal of this project should be that you and I will get to know and experience God in a way that we haven't before.

God is going to have to do this and it is my prayer that as He builds this building, He builds our faith in the process.

I believe that if we go through this project and don't grow in our faith and knowledge of God, then we will have failed.