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"Debilitating Negativity"

John 6:1-9

New International Version (NIV)

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

⁶ Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages^[a] to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, ⁹ "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

Footnotes:

a. [John 6:7](#) Greek take two hundred denarii



Sermon Notes:

Background Notes: _____

Main Idea: Unless we conquer **debilitating negativity**, we can't thrive through desperate times. Every challenge in our lives is an opportunity to allow the power of Jesus to breakthrough, turning our negativity into hope in all things. This is the true mark of a disciple of Jesus. We never lose hope in the one who conquered sin and death for us and has given His entire self to us on the cross. We are prayerful optimists because we know how it all ends!

When we understand this then:

1. We will _____ trust in Him in all circumstances.
2. _____ and enjoy the new feast is getting a complete holistic picture of a Kingdom gospel where Christ is the glorious ruler and Lord of all!
3. This _____ us to see God's hand in every area of our lives....and allows us to enjoy Him even more.
4. Enable us to more _____ connect with our culture in which we live daily.

More than just filling the tummies of a massive crowd Jesus was trying to reveal their greatest fundamental needs and how He was their greatest need. He was also trying to show them that a new kingdom has come with Christ as its true King, and that all the world belonged to Him.

How has God been trying to show you this? _____

"We live in an increasingly negative culture and it's easy to be dragged down with all the discouraging and depressing events that flood our hearts and overwhelm our minds. I believe Christians have a huge opportunity to be counter-cultural missionaries in this dark day by demonstrating the positive power of the Gospel in their lives. "- David Murray

There is an element of truth to this. The Apostle Paul warns, "Bad company ruins good morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33), while Solomon counsels, "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm" (Proverbs 13:20). We are responsible to guard ourselves against certain negative influences. But even a brief analysis shows that the Bible's warnings do not concern people who may put us into "a negative space" or keep us from soaring like eagles, but people determined to lead us into sin. If we do not have the convictions or maturity to stand firm against temptation, we need to avoid situations and even people who may tempt us into sin."

-Tim Challies

Notes: _____

6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. He said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"

How would you have responded? Why is this a true test and what does it reveal? _____

Three ways negativity can manifest itself in your life:

1. Impossibility. "It's not possible!"

Notes: _____

2. Indifference. "It's not my problem!"

Notes: _____

3. Inadequacy.

Notes: _____

CHURCH CHAT QUESTIONS:

1. Are you generally a positive or negative person? _____

2. What are some things that pull you down into negativity?

3. How does Jesus transform our negativity into true hope?

Draw - It!



What's for Lunch?

Read the story of the boy who gave his lunch away that's found in John 6. Then make a picture of that lunch by coloring the Y spaces yellow and the B spaces brown. You may color the leftover spaces with your favorite color.



