

God Provides
Matthew 14:13-32

INTRODUCTION: Today we're going to take a look at two events in the Gospels that talk about _____ and _____.

A. The first lesson is the story of the feeding of the _____.

I. He is a God of _____.

A. I love this word because it's an _____ word.

B. Our God is a God with _____. He is a God who cares.

II. He's a God of _____.

A. Some have said that the feeding of the 5,000 was an "_____ miracle."

B. It wasn't a miracle of crowd _____; it was a miracle of _____.

III. He's a God of _____.

A. When God provides, there's _____ than _____ to go around.

That was Lesson 1 here is Lesson 2

A. This account in the gospel of Matthew is where Peter learned to do the _____: he walked on water.

I. **Express to God your _____ to take a step.**

A. *To begin living by faith, you have to take the _____.*

B. *What was it that got Peter ready to take such a step all of a sudden? It was _____.*

II. **When you get the go-ahead, _____.**

A. *The problem is that many of us don't do it that way. We try _____ on that theme that simply don't work.*

1. *Variation #1. Sometimes, we don't _____ at all for the "go ahead" from God.*

2. *Variation #2. Sometimes we say, "Lord, tell me what to do and we don't _____"*

3. *Variation #3. Sometimes we say, "Lord tell me what to do." And we want a _____.*

B. *The question is: How do you _____ the go-ahead?*

1. *About 95% of the time, I get the go-ahead from the _____.*

2. *The other 5% of the time God speaks to me through _____.*

III. **If you start to sink, _____ for _____.**

A. *The mini-lesson here is don't take your eyes off Jesus. But if you do...ask for help _____.*

1. *If you step out in faith and you suddenly begin to sink, the solution is not to admit _____ and swim back to the boat. The solution is to immediately cry out to Jesus for help.*

CONCLUSION: *This event was not a _____ defeat for Peter. It was a _____ success.*

A. *None of the other disciples even _____.*

1. *He wants you to take that risk of faith, to live your life at such a level that the only way you can succeed is to be sustained by his _____.*