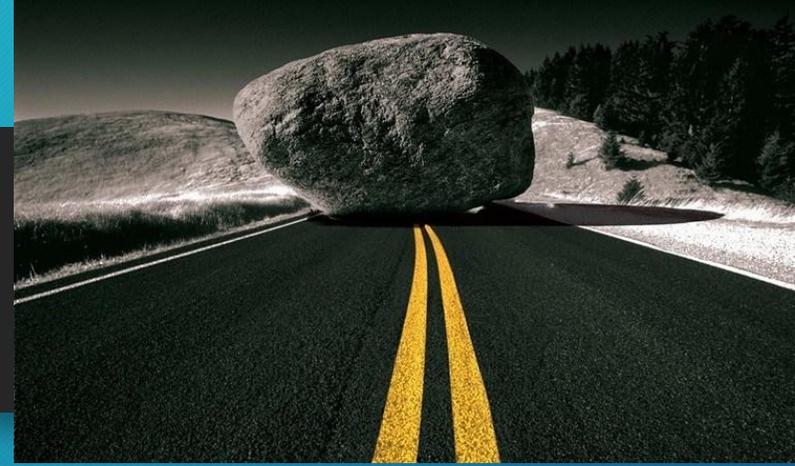


Jesus Fed the Five Thousands

John 6:1-14

Big Obstacles in Our Lives



- In life we face obstacles (we do not live in a perfect world)
- Sometimes our obstacle can be huge (i.e. feeding 5000)
- Jesus was using this obstacle as an opportunity to teach His disciples (have you ever experience that?)
- As we study the respond of these disciples we can learn something about ourselves
- Moreover, Jesus was setting an example for us to follow with this opportunity

Some People Are Like Philip



- So many people fix their eye on the huge obstacles and see nothing else (ill: addition), and give up before even try
- Note: often money (or other external resources) becomes the logical excuse. Since there will be little or no personal responsibility (i.e. 200 denarii)
- (Psalm 121:1) In stead our eyes should fix on the Lord (and He was right there that day!
- With God all things are possible (Job 42:2; Luke 18:27)

Some People Are Like Andrew

- Some people fix their eyes on their inadequacy
- Either the lunch is too small or too late or some other reasons...so they sink into despair or even depression
- Inadequacy is actually a blessing from God (2 Cor. 12:8-10)
- The lunch is indeed small compare to the huge hungry crowd. Nevertheless, our God is in the business to use our seemingly small sacrifices for Him to impact greatly the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 1:26-29)



How Jesus Faced the Obstacle



- Jesus went to the mountain to pray and rest (v.3)
 - Do you also take time to rest physically and spiritually?
- Jesus assessed the problem (v.10)
 - “sit down” is much better than freaking out
- Jesus gave thanks for our small gift (v.11)
 - This was difficult, since we often only give thanks to big blessings. God sees value in small things



How Jesus Faced the Obstacle

- Jesus broke the small gift to even smaller pieces (Matt 14:19)
 - We say we belong to God but do we let him “break” us for the sake of others? Do we let God be God?
- Jesus pass the small gift to others (v.11)
 - God bless us to be a blessing to others though Him (Zec. 8:13)
- Jesus provision is always filling (v.12)
 - These is no such thing as an half-hearted blessing from God (2 Peter 1:3)

What makes the different?



- Remember: God is still a miracle working God
- Philip and Andrew could not see that. (can you?) All they could see was the lack of external or internal recourses (i.e. business plan)
- Today Jesus will still give thanks to the Father for the small sacrifice to give back to God
- Some time God needs to break us for our good (i.e. Gideon)
- He can use our small gift to bear much fruits. He can still do that today...But will you allow God to do that?