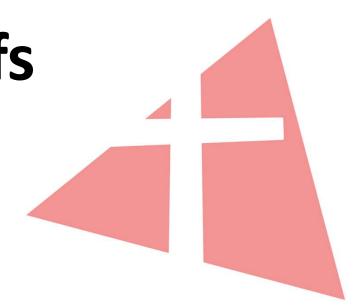
Prayer: Offer Your Loafs

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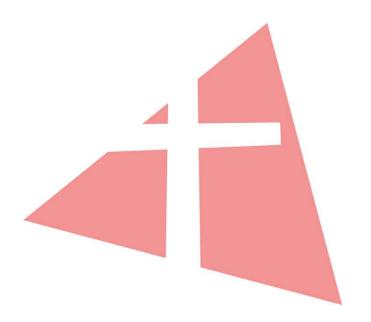


Our Series: Prayer

- Prayer is for God's Glory
- Biblical Prayer is about "praying God's Will"

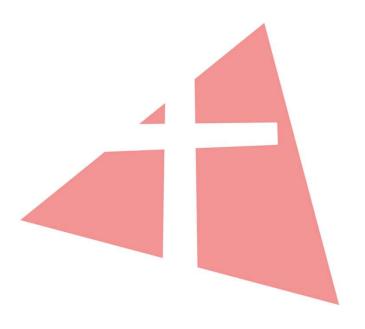
Prayer is telling God what He tells us to tell Him

Discerning



Today's Focus

o Give God your loafs



The Feeding of the 5000

John 6:1-13 After these things Jesus went over the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. And a great multitude followed him, because they saw his miracles which he did on them that were diseased. And Jesus went up into a mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. And the passover, a feast of the Jews, was near. When Jesus then lifted up his eyes, and saw a great company come unto him, he said unto Philip, Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat? And this he said to test him: for he himself knew what he would do. Philip answered him, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may take a little. One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said unto him, There is a lad here, who has five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many? And Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when he had given thanks, he distributed to the disciples, and the disciples to them that were sat down; and likewise of the fishes as much as they would. When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost. Therefore they gathered them together, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above unto them that had eaten.

In a Nutshell

- Everybody saw the impossibility of the task
- But the disciples responded very differently to these challenges

Philip

- Philip only saw the that he wasn't able to feed everyone
- As a result, he did nothing

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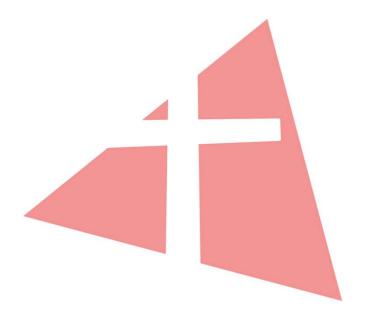
Andrew

Andrew however did a small contribution to the bigger goal

John 6:8-9 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said unto him, There is a lad here, who has five barley loaves, and two small fishes: but what are they among so many?

The Boy

- We don't know what the boy was doing or thinking
- But he definitely never forgot what happened on that day



Philip's Unbelief

- Philip was paralyzed by the great task he could never fulfill
- As a result, he simply did nothing
- o If it wasn't for Andrew, he might never have seen the miracle that Jesus performed

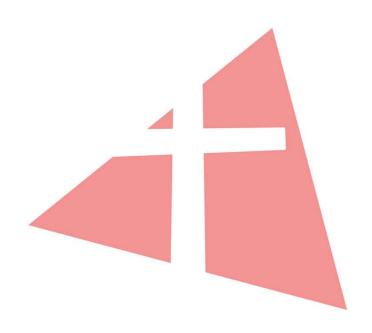
Andrew's Trust in God

- Andrew didn't feel the responsibility to "feed everybody"
 - He knew that Jesus' job
- But Andrew did feel the responsibility to contribute his small part

Examples

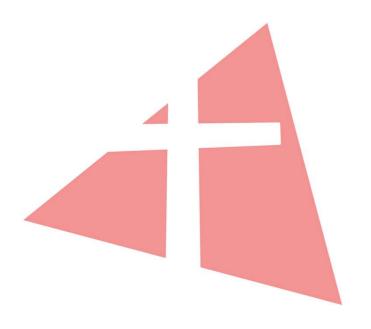
- Moses had to hold up his arms
- Elijah had to go to the widow
- David had to walk up to Goliath
- Nehemiah had to ask the king for permission to leave
- Esther had to go into the king's presence
- Daniel had to fast

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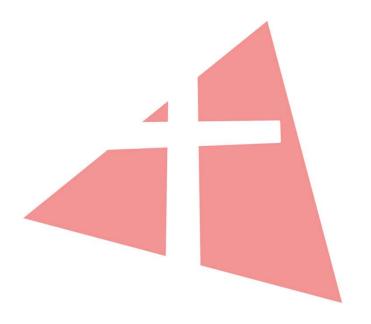
Example Prayers

- Hannah prayed for a child
- Jonah prayed and got a second chance
- Hezekiah prayed for his life



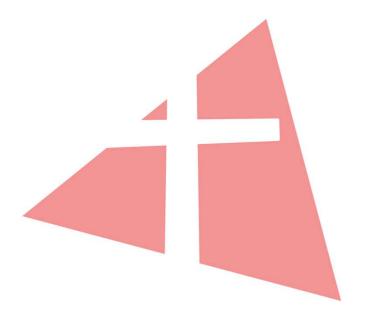
Our Part <-> God's Part

- They all did a small part
- And God did a great miracle through their obedience



Application

- We are not responsible to change the world
- But we are responsible to do our small part



The Principle

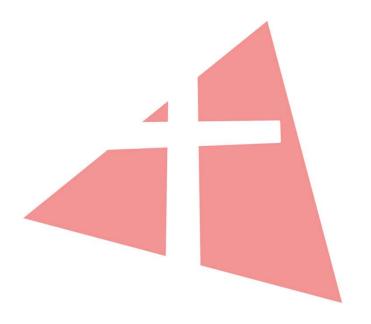
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What About Us?

- Our Prayers are the starting point
- Through our prayers, God might lead us to act in our small way

A Testimony

- We simply offered to "stay where we were"
- God provided for all our needs within a couple of weeks



In Conclusion

- Big miracles often happen after our small actions in obedience to God
- What "small thing" is God asking us to do right now?

