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Title: Multiplication in Thanksgiving

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Well receive all my hugs and kisses, mwah. So glory to God, we get to do this, right? Glory to God, we get to do this. I'm thrilled with the opportunity, and this is kind of weird and awkward. But God is good, and He's faithful and He's true. So I'm going to pray and welcome the presence of the Lord. I just bless each and every one of you, and more and more will come, I promise. More and more will come.

Father God, we thank you for this amazing opportunity to gather in your name Jesus. Thank you for your wisdom that has prevailed over all the schemes of the evil one. Lord, thank you that your wisdom has the preeminence in your gatherings, Father. We give you all glory, honor and praise this morning as we gathered together individually and in homes and corporately, Lord. We thank you, God, that we have this blessing. We thank you for everything that we have. You have been so good to us, Lord, and I thank you that you will always hear praises. You will always hear thanksgiving. You will always hear your Church giving you glory and honor. The glory and honor and blessing and praise that belongs to you, no matter what our circumstance or where we find ourselves standing. So Father, we just invite you. We invite you to come Lord. *That* you would have the preeminence in these gatherings. As we bring the word, as we prophesy, and as we encourage one another this morning, that Holy Spirit, you will lead us. That you will direct our thoughts and our hearts towards you. That Lord you'll be glorified in everything that is brought and said and done this morning. I thank you for the communion that was taken this morning. I thank you for the fellowship. I thank you, Father God, for the worship and the prayers, the prayers of the saints. I thank you and give you all glory, honor, and praise. We love you, Jesus, and we yield ourselves to you completely and totally, nothing different. It's always the same with you, Lord. You are faithful and true. Thank you that your love never fails us, never forsakes us. Until we step into your presence, Lord, we expect by faith, you to move on every heart. I thank you for healing everybody that needs to be healed this morning. I thank you for releasing your tangible miracles, signs and wonders. I thank you for lifting off discouragement right now. We bind all fear and anxiousness and stress and worry. We just command it all to leave your saints. In the name of Jesus, we have a greater hope and a greater King. Jesus, you are King of kings, Lord of lords and we will applaud and worship you forever for that. So come Lord Jesus, come. Come Lord Jesus, come. Come and be glorified this morning in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

Grant

Good morning, everybody. I'm very encouraged. It's encouraging to see all of you and the Holy Spirit's never going to stop encouraging us. So let's just receive His encouragement. We know that the joy of the Lord is our strength. We know that laughter and being around people who love to laugh gives us good medicine. Let's laugh today, shall we. I'm just so thankful. I am thankful.

Colossians 2:6-10
This is an encouragement to me, if you read in verse five, it's what we're doing today. “For though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith.” Then he jumps into it, “as you therefore have received Christ Jesus as the Lord, so walk in Him.” I think the encouragement that he hit, “first out of the bat" for me today, is that no matter where I am, we are going to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus.

At the beginning of the year, those of you who *were* at the January conference, the theme of that conference, and the word that He gave us was, “Heed wisdom. Really live don't just survive.” And we have come upon a moment in our history where the world is telling us to just survive. Just survive the next two weeks. Just survive the next month. Just survive, just get through it, till we come out over it. Yet Holy Spirit told us almost three months ago, to “really live, don’t just survive.”

Colossians 2:7
So what I heard this morning is that “there is multiplication with thanksgiving.” If you want to write that down, “there is multiplication in thanksgiving.” *We have, every single one of us, been taught, and then, taught and built you guys up, so we can meet this way* and you have taken hold of Christ Jesus as your firm foundation, rooted and grounded in Him, continuing on in the steadfast faith. You're like, “I don't want to stop discipling. I don't want to stop feeding the sheep. I don't want to stop having people in my home and being hospitable, and practicing hospitality.” That's where we are. So, the abounding in it comes with thanksgiving. The abounding and never stopping comes with thanksgiving. The abounding comes in encouragement. The hope keeps coming in gratefulness and gratitude.

At the meeting that we had in the conference that was at the beginning of January. For those of you who don't know, we had a Garden family conference here in San Angelo just for our house. *Basically, the theme was* “Heed wisdom, really live, don't just survive.” How prophetic was that? How prophetic was that? And it's continuing to unfold and unveil itself throughout 2020. But the other thing that really jumps out is, “what concerns you? What concerns others? What concerns God?” And we have been taught since that conference to learn how to discern what really needs to be taking our time, our thoughts, our energy. What really needs to be taking our “abiding” and our devotion. What concerns me, what concerns others, and what concerns God? That is especially true even now. In everything that we read, and everything that we listen to, everything that we sing, and everything that we do, we have a choice and He's refining. He's refining what is actually on my agenda to concern me. Because now, we have all the time in the world to consume whatever we want. We always did. It just seemed like we had more distractions.

So now that we have this opportunity, at least in the United States of America and those of our family in California who are sheltered in place, you have to know what Holy Spirit is asking you to read, listen to, write, study, eat, walk, play, work, don't work, sleep. Everything now is as we've always wanted it to be. Holy Spirit, lead me. Holy Spirit, let me walk in your ways. Jesus did nothing of His own authority. Jesus said what the Father said. He did what the Father did. We are refining that process even today? What concerns me? What am I supposed to be reading that might concern me more than it ought to? What is in my watching that concerns me more than it ought to, because Holy Spirit says, “No, just do whatever I tell you.” *That alone is what should concern you.*

For those of you that don't know, we come and pray early in the morning and *this has been one theme.* Then when I've been meeting, this feeding of the 5000 has come up multiple times this week. So I know that there is new life on it today. Fresh “bread” on it today, literally.

Matthew 14:13-14
I just see so much prophecy there. We are secluding ourselves by obedience to our governments. Yet there is a call and a cry for the world, to come to Jesus, to be saved, to be multiplied into Him, and to be healed of all diseases.

Matthew 14:15-21
We've heard this miracle before. During the week, while we were praying and asking the Holy Spirit what was an option that we could do to meet, Holy Spirit gave one of our leaders the word “to ask, “what is in your hand?” No different than what Jesus asked His disciples in this instance. We need to do this. We need to go and feed the sheep. We need to go and feed this flock. We need to go and heal them. But yet we're in a deserted place. The Lord asked His disciples, “What's in your hands? What is in your hands?”

Luke 9:10-14
If you've been in this Garden house, you know, that we have already in place when the limitations go up to groups of fifty, what we are going to do. He knows how to feed 5000, and He knows how to feed 50, and He knows how to feed 12, and He knows how to feed three. If you were to break down the groups that Jesus walked with on the mountain of the transfiguration, there were only three other people, yet they saw Him glorified. They saw the full revelation of Jesus Christ. They were witnesses of it, right? Peter says, “we were witnesses of the glory.” Then John says in his gospel, “we were witnesses of the Son of God, full of grace and truth.” He went to the 12. Here you see the 12, and He teaches them, we're going to feed these people, and it's going to go to all 5000. But you have to focus on the 50’s. You have to focus on the grouping, so you have to focus on the smaller groups. He knows how to administrate.

Luke 9:15-17
The multiplication came through the thanksgiving of Jesus. The multiplication came through the thanksgiving of Jesus. How do I know that? The multiplication of the bread … when He asked the disciples, “what is in your hand?” They said, “well, we have five loaves, two fish.” *He said, s*eparate the people into 50s. Focus on the groups of 50 and feed those groups out of your thanksgiving. He looked up to heaven, and He thanked God for what He did have and that multiplied. The sacrifice of thanksgiving comes from Leviticus.

Leviticus 7:12-14
So when somebody was to come and bring a peace offering unto the Lord, there was an animal or livestock or something that they would bring that was going to shed its blood. But as a representation of the thanksgiving, they were required to give some sort of bread. So, when you see the multiplication of the bread, give us this day our daily bread, or give me this day my daily bread, even in the Old Testament, part of the sacrifice of the priest’s offering was to bring a sacrifice of thanksgiving to multiply the love that covers a multitude of sins. It was in gratitude and thanksgiving that as He is my daily bread, I will give my daily bread and it's anointed with oil. It's anointed, set apart, consecrated unto God. But it's also the anointing that keeps you refreshed, moving into His spirit. Do you see it there? It's the bread of thanksgiving. It's the daily sacrifice. The multiplication came because Jesus said “thank you” for such an opportunity that I had 5000 people in front of me. I have broken them up in 50s, and I'm going to feed them all by Your word.

Spiritual multiplication comes through thanksgiving. Our daily bread, we multiply spiritually what the Lord has given us through thanksgiving. We multiply spiritually what the Lord has given to us through thanksgiving. Like when we started at the beginning, “you have been rooted and established and grounded. But now I want you to abound in it with thanksgiving.” All that we have given to you, all that has been entrusted of the kingdom, cleanse lepers, raise the dead, heal the sick. Go, freely you have been given, now freely give. Go, don't stop going. Well, how can I keep going? Spiritually multiply yourself through thanksgiving, abounding in it. Don't let anyone cheat you out of your inheritance. The multiplication is the growth in spiritual sustenance. It's the growth in the spiritual sustenance. It's exercising your faith and walking in Christ.

The multiplication is growth. But you are saying, “we are all split up, how are we multiplying ourselves?” I truly believe that Jesus, as He separated Himself, as He went to a deserted place, as we have been finding ourselves in deserted places, there is going to be a cry to find Jesus in those individuals. Because now you cannot hide in the background. There's nobody in the background. You now have to have that one on one, right? Everybody's in their living room. You know if you're worshiping or not. You know if you're worshiping or not. You know if *you're engaged with the Holy Spirit or not.* You have to have that hunger. You have to have that abounding. You have to have that river. You have to have God. Those that are hungry for God, Jesus says, “Come, eat, drink of me.”

Those that are hungry are going to look for the ones that have that river in the deserted places, one on one, two by twos, three by threes. When the Lord says now or when the government says, now you can go into *groups of* 50, thank goodness, I can go into *groups of* 50, but I can still multiply myself. There's an encouragement here, not to be discouraged. There's an encouragement here that He's still talking about multiplying. He's still talking about the mission that He's been giving us since the beginning.

1 Timothy 4:7-11
Starting at the beginning, we have a lot of opportunity to exercise a lot of different ways, and Paul acknowledges bodily exercise is a good thing. But if you exercise godliness, you partake in the inheritance of the divine nature of Christ Jesus today and in the future to come. If you practice and exercise godliness, which is profitable for all things, having the promise of life and life abundantly today and also for that which is to come. Eternal life starts today. Jesus says, “I have come that you may have life and life abundantly.” Overflowing, Overflowing. Overflowing. We are in an exercise of faith. It's an exercise of faith. Exercising, it's not fun, but it is profitable. Exercising is not fun, but is profitable. Slothfulness is easy, but yields no fruit.

Job 3:25-26
There are two themes *in* Job. The *main* one is self righteousness and pride. Ultimately it was satan's door to enter and wreak havoc upon Job personally. But, the second one is that he lost all of his kids. If you read the the episode in the first chapter of Job, he was giving sacrifices on their behalf because he thought that *if* they are sinning before God, I must redeem them. I must reconcile them before God or else I'm going to lose them. That very thing, “the thing that I have greatly feared has come upon me.” *(He* lost all of *his* children.) And “what I dreaded has happened to me.” *We are in a time where there is a* strong voice that wants you to fear and dread something that's going to happen to you. The only way that you give it an opportunity to lodge, is if you agree with it.

But yet, if we are exercising our faith, we empower the Holy Ghost to keep us, to bless us, to give us confidence and assurance. I know the facts. I know what is happening. I know that there are people perishing. I'm not in denial. But I'm also not full of dread. Because if I empower that, I am opening the door for the enemy to wreak havoc, to torment me, to torment my daily walk. If I'm being tormented in bondage, I am not being able to multiply and grow. Because what is the call? It's an upward call into Christ Jesus, from faith to faith, glory to glory.

If I go to fear, there is a way to go from fear to fear, dread to dread, consumed to consumed. Versus being baptized in the Holy Spirit, marinated in the truth. *Not letting* that thing that is intimidating itself, a giant that will come before you to intimidate your mind, bombard your mind. No, I'm called to the upward call of Christ Jesus. He has slain those devils through His blood, and through the sacrifice that He has *made*.

I think that was just for someone. I hope that you're encouraged. You can now see that *with* everything that has happened or will happen, there is encouragement in the word. There is truth in the word. There is understanding of the battles that go on in our mind. There is understanding of the battles that go on with words and taking every thought captive. Understanding how to discern what concerns me, what concerns others, and what concerns God.

Prioritizing the abiding in the Holy Spirit is what He's exercising here today. Exercising faith to faith, multiplication by thanksgiving. If I sacrifice thanksgiving, I'm going to reap joy. I'm going to reap blessing. I'm going to reap honor. I'm going to reap multiplication of the Spirit. I've been asking for souls. Now, I have no understanding on how those souls will come into the house of God. Yet if I am thankful that they're coming, if I am thankful for how He *has* provided, if I'm thankful for the opportunities that there are 10 people in my house, then we will reap another 10 people. Amen?

1 Thessalonians 5:4-10
God has not appointed us to wrath, to outbreak, to pandemic, but to obtain salvation through one, the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us that whether we wake or sleep we should live together with Him. Right? Heed wisdom, really live, don't just survive. That doesn't say that we should survive together with Him. We can get through this. Or, we can get through it with Jesus. No. He says, no, no, no. He died so that in this day, this hour, you could “really live” in Christ Jesus with Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:11-13
Be at peace among yourselves. Let the Holy Spirit settle it and bring you a peace that passes understanding.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-15
That’s part of what we are doing in submitting to what our authorities say. Because we understand, and we are pursuing what is good both for ourselves and for all. They haven't said that we cannot worship the name of Jesus. They haven't said that we cannot gather in His name. They are suggesting and giving guidelines and prohibitions for the good of others and for the good of all. Jesus laid down His life for those that He called His friends, but also for those that spit in His face.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18
I will have multiplication in thanksgiving if I rejoice always. Pray without ceasing and in everything, give thanks. Jesus looked into heaven with the loaves that He had, and He gave thanks. He blessed the bread, and He multiplied it. In everything, give thanks. In everything, give thanks, for this is the will of God, in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:19
Amen? He will surely do it. He will surely keep us. He will surely sanctify us. He will surely multiply when in everything we do, we give thanks. Multiply us Lord. Multiply our faith, multiply our truth, multiply our revelation, multiply the word, multiply your presence, multiply the glory, multiply the unity of the Spirit in this Garden family. But, it comes through thanksgiving. So I just want to encourage you in that.

Holy Spirit, we honor the work of your hands. We give you glory, for how you can multiply in the deserted places. You can multiply yourself with rivers of living water where there is no water. You have shown us, Lord, that You are the rock. The spring comes forth and never runs dry. I thank you God that you give us our daily bread. I ask that we would give you a sacrifice of thanksgiving. It does, it cost something to be thankful, God. It takes a choice to be thankful

and to be gracious, and to be grateful for all that you have done. I am choosing God. I thank you for your provision. I thank you for your multiplication even in these times. I thank you for your growth in businesses, in life, in creative ideas, opportunities for finances, opportunities for families, opportunities for spiritual families, and opportunities for the gospel of the kingdom to save the souls. I thank you Jesus. I am so thankful. I'm so honored that you've called us your children to go and administer the kingdom. No matter what, we are going from faith to faith, faith to faith, the upward call of Christ Jesus. I pray God, that you would instruct us what concerns us, what concerns you, and what concerns others. Give us the discernment of spirits, testing all spirits, testing all prophecy, and understanding the voice of the Lord. In all things, renew our minds in Christ Jesus. We bless you God. We thank you for the blood of Jesus, that allows us to live and truly live in this hour and this time. In Jesus name I pray, amen.

Brandy

Amen. Good word. We receive it, Lord. I was one of those that had heard the passages of the feedings of the 5000 and the 4000. I want to share a testimony. We've all read this passage in scripture and we've always been amazed at it throughout our spiritual journeys. But I was in a little, small, white airplane with Lauren and some other ministers there in Turkana, Africa. We were flying to Turkana, a new place, and *it was a* first time for me to be there. We were up there *in the* atmosphere flying and all of a sudden, the Spirit of God fell on me. I'm in a little plane, *and* I don't like little planes. But I was flying in this plane to get there, and He filled that plane up, and I just started shaking in the power of God. I turned and looked to the ministers there and Lauren, and the Spirit of God just started prophesying through me to say these very passages from the feedings of the 5000 and 4000. And Jesus said, “I know how to feed the thousands.”

That sounds like very simple and simplistic, but it is. Jesus said, “I know how to feed the thousands.” Because the heart of this was, Lord, we were just going to go and we're going to just do this. But then it got really big, really fast. All of a sudden, the numbers went beyond what everyone thought that we could contain, or feed, or handle, or minister to. “I know how to feed the thousands.” It came into such a beautiful revelation to me again of the Father's faithfulness of every saint a minister.

You know, I had spoken through our emails sometime *in* the past couple weeks, and I had spoken that I might not have a TV live stream going here at the Garden yet, but I have every saint a minister. I have been speaking that, praying that, and decreeing that because that's what we labor to do. You have the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, and teacher, yes. You have helps and administrators, yes. But the goal is that every saint, all of us, is a minister where the fresh fire of the Lord falls and flows through us.

I may not have a live TV streaming, but I have every saint a minister. I want you to see yourself as that river, the fire of God flowing through you, with Jesus saying all along, listen. I’m going to put what you have in your hand. I'm going to give this to you, and you're going to bless it. You're going to be thankful for what you've been given. And you're going to go and you're going to give what you've got. God sometimes has a way of just doing these things. It's really glorious. To where the reality is, oh my gosh, you weren't kidding, Lord. Every saint a minister to those that we’re ministering to, *so* that they will catch a fresh fire, that they will catch your love, and your passion, and your faith for Jesus. They will receive the word that you give them.

There's going to be such a multiplication and abundance on the words that are being brought by the body of Christ right now. It's been prophesied for a really long time, which cracks me up because of this has been going on since Jesus walked the earth. But, you know what, God is really going to use the common people. From the oldest to the youngest, we're doing that. We're raising up, we're raising up, we're faithful to His commission to make disciples to equip, to empower, to teach, to love, to sow. Without love, it profits us nothing.

So, I want to exhort you. He really does know how to do this. God is enthroned. He knows exactly what's going down. I will always exalt Him and give Him the preeminence in all things. You have to give Him the preeminence in every area of your life spiritually, physically, financially, emotionally. Don't be distraught, don't be carried away by the threats or the fears or the realities, because you have God. He's our Father. He knows all things, and the greater good and glory through this *is* as a Father, He wants to provide for His sheep.

I've also been hearing the passage, John 10, "My sheep hear My voice." That was on me very strong. I just encourage you and exhort you. "My sheep hear My voice." You will hear His voice. You will hear Him say, "give this." Now this is your battle line here. "Well, God, I've only got three rolls of toilet paper left, bless the Lord, and my neighbor needs one. Well, that'll just leave me with two." What am I going to do? Well, you've just got five fish, and two bread. What are you going to do with it? But, when you give it, it's going to feed the thousands? Well, I really don't know what to give my aunt, who's worried, and you start prophesying. You know something's going to happen. Jesus is going to bless that.

When you are in ministry, and you've been serving, and all of a sudden there's a change to the ministry and what it looked like. You ask Holy Ghost where to go, what to do, how to give. When you do that, it will be multiplied, every saint a minister, and we do with thanksgiving and praise.

The other thing I exhort you in is, I had said earlier the Lord told me this year, my word was "the joy of the Lord is my strength." I woke up, I guess it's a few days ago. I don't know what day it was. I woke up and I felt I was tangibly in that word. Remember, it's not the joy. It's not like my joy, haha, in Jesus. It's the "joy of the Lord." It's Jesus's joy. It's His passion. It's His oil. It's the mantle of oil and gladness that He walks in continuously.

He is not sad. He was "a man acquainted with sorrows and carried much grief." He bore our sin and sickness on the cross. He was crucified for us. He understands this. That's why He can be our great high priest, an apostle of our faith. He has identified with human flesh, but His joy now is in the Lord God forever. He's not carrying that grief. No, He's not carrying that grief. He already did that.

So the joy of the Lord is us. The joy of the Lord is the inheritance. The joy The Lord is His kingdom on earth through those who call upon His name to see the Father glorified, and to bear much fruit for Father. His joy is that we will complete this "baby" in our watch, in our time. It isn't over till it's over. This is just a trial run. We're just getting started guys. We're just getting started and everything that God has always thought that we would walk in is here and coming and will continue to come. So it's the joy of the Lord is our strength. We will literally soar in this time.

That's where others will also see that you're soaring, that you have hope, that you have faith and not condemnation and not fear. I told you before, I'll say it again. I smell the fear rat a mile away. I used to be completely bound to *fear.* I understand all of that. But, God has given us something greater. It is perfect love, and He casts all that fear out of us. Now, it is a choice

every morning. You can wake up to fear, or you can wake up to choose perfect love. So choose the joy of the Lord. Ask for that, because that's what I'm walking in right now, and I know it,

He is going to be faithful with wisdom to tell us what to do, when to do it, how to do it, how to gather, how to meet, how to prophesy, how to bring the words, how to teach, how to go, how to minister, how to give. I know Grant didn't *mention it t*his morning, but we've been saying this all week, practice hospitality. I was born and raised when I got saved in the homes, and and it multiplied out of that because I was just faithful. I was in John 17 when I was walking and praying this week. I was just praying that whole passage when I broke in tears. I was like, Jesus, I have given to those that you've given me. I started on my chair, started on my couches, wherever I am. Father, I have given to those that you've given me. All that you gave me, I've given them your word. Now you can hear the heartbeat of Jesus praying through all of John 17. It looks like that, as every saint, you're receiving from Christ, you freely give to your family, to your loved ones, to those God gives you, and He multiplies it.

He will bring the increase so much that probably we're not going to be able to contain it. But He said, "don't worry, I know how to feed the thousands." Because like right now if I look in this sanctuary, every chair is empty but the sound booth. It's just me and Grant up here today. It would look like, "well, is it all over?" Absolutely not. As a matter of fact, He already gave us the wisdom on how to hold the harvest. If every saint, I've told you guys, I've gone to cell to cell to cell, and I told you, "life is in the cells." I told every one of you, "you too, your house is going to be full. You too, your house is going to be full. You too, your house is going to be full." You see what I'm saying?

So whether we're sent to preach to masses, whether we're sent to go multiply ourselves somewhere else, you have to understand what this looks like. When you really lay hold of this, because the devil is a liar and he tells you, "Oh no, that's just for pastors." No, every saint a minister, that's the live stream. That's the fresh fire. You'll hear it from me until I go see Jesus. It's the truth. He said make disciples to the end, to the end of the age. We'll continue to glorify God where we are with what we have and watch some little boy walk up and go, "Well here I have this, does this matter?"

With thanksgiving and praise, please keep practicing hospitality. The blood of Jesus is over your house. The blood of Jesus is over your body. When you go out and about, I'm not going to go out in fear. I'm not going to live shell shocked. I'll go out expecting the blood of Jesus to be over me, a heavenly perspective around me, a Kingdom radius around me. The days of reading about John G Lake and the anointing on his hand and how it consumed diseases, that's over. You need to get a hold of "that same anointing is on you." We have to walk in that anointing. You know what? "I've prayed and they haven't gotten healed." Well you know, you don't stop believing. You have to press into God. The same anointing that could literally destroy and dissolve a disease in the hand of a man of God is in us. Greater is He that's in us than he that is in the world. We need to apply our faith now. You don't stop. You don't back up. You just keep going.

I heard a preacher say this last week. "I'm gonna still keep putting my hands on someone praying for them to be healed. Because this is what I was talking *about* to Grant I think. I just, I had a fit for just a minute. I was like… "Jesus touched lepers. Jesus touched lepers. Jesus touched lepers. He knew they were lepers. He touched them. The law said don't even touch lepers. Something greater was there, Jesus." The anointing in you is greater. So I want you to heed wisdom, but recognize this. Really live. The Holy Ghost is in you. Jesus is in you.

Those who are overseas who serve faithfully, you see signs, miracles, wonders, healings. You understand the power of God, but you have to understand that it comes to each one of us. So don't back off. Press in. Keep praying for souls, praying for our nation, and blessing our leaders. I mean God is granting repentance. He's doing the deal. He's going to do whatever it took to do. He is going. He is doing it. He's shaking everything that can be shaken.

You know what? God is going to be glorified through His saints. Here we are sitting in this house, expecting Him to move, ready to be used for His glory. How can I hold the harvest? I've also been telling our leaders for years. “Oh, we're just in preparation, because we're not even ready yet for what He is bringing. Because the church is called to host the glory of the Lord. We don’t even know what that looks like yet. So we're just being prepared and our hearts are being tested and purified, no doubt. But, we are called to carry the glory of the Lord. What did these disciples think when they took those baskets? They were probably like Jesus, you're crazy. There's five fish and two pieces of bread. But you understand? This is Jesus's work. That's what He does.

He is not afraid. He knows how to feed the thousands and He'll take care of us in our home. He will take care of us and our families. The blood of Jesus *is* over our households. He will keep us in perfect peace. Practice hospitality. Give freely. Don't stop giving. Keep sowing. Keep blessing because as you give, it’s given back to you pressed down, shaken together, running over in your lap, and you continue to give, freely. Amen? So I just bless you with that encouragement, and the joy of the Lord is really your strength. Please ask Him for that this week. There'll be more prayer, and there'll be more word coming up this week.