

Access to Supernatural Resources Through Spirit-Led Prayer (Jn 14:16)

I. REVIEW: JESUS' COMMAND NOT TO LET TROUBLE DOMINATE OUR HEART

- A. Jesus commanded the disciples not to let trouble dominate their hearts (14:1).

1 “Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God [a fact], believe also in Me.” 27 My peace I give to you... Let not your heart be troubled... (Jn. 14:1, 27)

- B. John 13-17 tells how to engage our troubled hearts to overcome grief, fear, shame, and betrayal.

- C. ***7 reasons why they were troubled: Trouble #1—Death of their beloved leader and friend: (Jn. 13:36-38) Trouble #2—Personal failure: (Mt. 26:31; Jn. 13:38). Trouble #3—Bitterness of betrayal: (Jn 13:21) Trouble #4—Crisis in the culture: Pressures disrupted the social order (Mt. 24:4-12) Trouble #5—Persecution: (Mt 24:9) Trouble #6—National destruction: Jerusalem and the temple destroyed (Mt 24:2) Trouble #7—Delay of God’s promises:***

- D. ***8 truths that He told them to believe*** to equip them to not be troubled. ***Truth #1—Belief in the truth about Jesus— (Jn 14:1) Truth #2—Jesus promised to return to be with us in the Father's house forever (14:2-3) Truth #3—We can engage in a deep relationship with God in this age. (14:20,23) Truth #4—He supernaturally empowers us by the indwelling Spirit (Jn. 14:16, 26) Truth #5—God’s love for God and His people— (15:9, 17:23) Truth #6—Access to supernatural resources through Spirit-led prayer.. (Jn 14:13) Truth #7—How Jesus responded to the apostles when they stumbled. (Jn 21:17) Truth #8—The joy of eternal rewards related to being faithful to Jesus (2 Cor 4:17)***

- E. Today will look at ***truth #6: Access to supernatural resources through Spirit led prayer.*** In Matthew 24, Jesus highlights crises in the culture which include wars, rumors of wars, earthquakes, and ***famines... etc.*** Part of the Lord’s strategy during famines is supernatural resources through Spirit led prayer. The Lord has done this multiple times in the Old and New Testament, He has done this through church history, and will do it the future.

- F. In John 14, we are promised that we will do *greater works* as we ask in His name. Included in the works that He did was feeding the 5,000. Often the ‘greater works’ passage it used in context to healing miracles. Healing the sick is included in the greater works promised but the greater works are not limited to healing but also include the multiplication of food.

12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do... 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. (Jn 14:12-14)

11 Give us this day our daily bread. (Mt 6:11)

- G. God promises that His future acts of deliverance will be so extraordinary that they will remind His people of the account in Exodus. In Micah 7:14–20, the prophet prays for God to shepherd His people and fulfill His covenant promises. Verse 15 is God's response, promising that ***He will act for His people again with power and wonder. “As in the days when you came out of the land of Egypt.”*** This points back to the Exodus, the greatest act of deliverance in Israel's history. God rescued His people from slavery through miraculous signs: The ten plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, the destruction of Pharaoh's army and *God's provision in the wilderness.*

15 As in the days when you came out...of Egypt, I will show them wonders. (Micah 7:15)

II. OT - EXAMPLES OF SUPERNATURAL PROVISION OF FOOD

- A. ***Bitter water made sweet:*** Exodus 15:22-27
- B. ***Manna and Quail in the Wilderness:*** Exodus 16
- C. ***Water from the Rock:*** Exodus 17:1–7
- D. ***Elijah Fed by Ravens:*** 1 Kings 17:1–6
- E. ***The Widow's Flour and Oil:*** 1 Kings 17:8–16
- F. ***Poisonous Stew Made Safe:*** 2 Kings 4:38–41
- G. ***Food for a Hundred Prophets:*** 2 Kings 4:42–44

III. NT - EXAMPLES OF SUPERNATURAL PROVISION OF FOOD

- A. ***Feeding the 5,000:*** Matthew 14:13–21; Mark 6:30–44; Luke 9:10–17; John 6:1–14 Jesus multiplied: Five loaves Two fish to feed over five thousand men plus women and children.
- B. ***Miraculous Catch of Fish:*** (Beginning of Jesus' Ministry). Luke 5:1–11 After toiling all night and catching nothing Jesus instructed the fishermen to let down their nets. The catch was so large that the boat began to sink and the net began to break. The primary point in the passage is not provision of food but rather calling men to discipleship. Nevertheless, we see the Lord of all creation at work bringing forth provision when previously there was none.
- C. ***Another Miraculous Catch of Fish:*** (After the Resurrection) John 21:1–14 The disciples caught nothing all night. Jesus directed them where to cast their net resulting in 153 large fish.
- D. ***Coin in the Fish's Mouth:*** Matthew 17:24–27 God supernaturally provided through a fish containing a coin that paid the temple tax.

IV. JOSEPH - HOLY SPIRIT LED STRATEGIC PROVISION

- A. In addition to the supernatural multiplication of food to provide during famine the Lord has additional strategies for provision. The Lord intended to use a mistreated young man to feed a nation. He does this by giving dreams to highlight the drought that is coming. They are able to make plans in the natural to store up grain for the coming crises.
- B. Joseph's story begins when his brothers sell him into slavery out of jealousy. Even though he was taken far from his family and faced many hardships Joseph trusted God. Over time, God gave him wisdom and favor and Joseph eventually became a leader in Egypt under Pharaoh.
- C. God revealed through Joseph that a severe famine was coming. Joseph wisely stored grain during seven years of plenty so that Egypt would be prepared for the seven years of famine. When the famine arrived, people from many lands came to Egypt for food, including Joseph's own family.
- D. When Joseph's brothers came seeking grain Joseph forgave them for the wrong they had done to him. He provided food and protection for his father, brothers, and their families, bringing them to live safely in Egypt. Through Joseph God preserved His people and showed that He can use difficult circumstances to accomplish His good purposes. (*Gen 45*)
- E. We want to pursue and believe for both the *supernatural multiplication of food* and the *supernatural leadership of the Holy Spirit for divine strategies* in the coming famines.

V. HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS OF SUPERNATURAL PROVISION OF FOOD

- A. **The Orphanages of George Müller (1805–1898)** - Müller cared for thousands of orphans in Bristol. He refused to ask people for money, choosing instead to pray. On multiple occasions there was no food for breakfast. One well-known account tells of children seated at the table with no food available so Müller prayed and shortly afterward a baker arrived saying God had impressed him during the night to bake bread for the orphanage. In addition, a milk wagon broke down nearby, and the driver donated the milk before it spoiled. Müller recorded thousands of answers to prayer over his lifetime.
- B. **The Hebrides Revival (1949–1953)** - The revival on the islands of Hebrides under the ministry of Duncan Campbell included numerous testimonies of God's provision. Meetings often continued late into the night and for weeks at a time. Families opened homes to visitors. Farmers and fishermen reported unexpected provisions and resources arriving when large numbers of people gathered. Campbell frequently emphasized that God supplied practical needs as well as spiritual ones during the awakening.

- C. **The Welsh Revival (1904–1905)** - Led largely through the ministry of Evan Roberts. Communities were transformed and many people neglected ordinary schedules to attend prayer meetings. Churches and homes shared food extensively. *Numerous reports describe households that had little but found their supplies lasting longer than expected as they cared for others.* Participants often testified to extraordinary provision during the revival.
- D. **The Shantung Revival in China (1930s)** - Among missionaries and Chinese believers in Shandong. During seasons of repentance and prayer believers reported remarkable answers to prayer. Mission compounds facing shortages during war and economic hardship sometimes received unexpected food supplies just as provisions ran out. These accounts were recorded by missionaries such as John Sung and others involved in the revival.
- E. **The Korean Revivals (1907 onward)** - Revival spread amid poverty and political instability. Churches frequently cared for widows, orphans, and the poor. *Testimonies tell of rice supplies appearing through unexpected gifts immediately after prayer meetings.*

VI. PROPHETIC WORD - BREAD BASKET

- A. **From Bob Jones' words:** "The Lord said, 'I want you to go back to touch a few young leaders of a coming movement in Kansas City who will reveal Me to the nations. I will raise up many young people across the nations who will be faithful to Me to the end. There is coming a **third world war** that will wake up many. I will bring over a billion souls to Myself at this time.'"
- B. Bob said, "At that time, I had an open vision of a **great explosion of God's light and glory** coming from Kansas City. It was like crystal light traveling at the speed of light to the nations.
- C. Bob said, "An angel showed me that **God will send great finances to Kansas City**, and that it will be a city where people will form a partnership with God and let Him do with His money as He chooses. Great famines will be seen around the earth. Kansas City will be a **world shipping center for grain. It will export both natural and spiritual bread.**"
- D. Bob asked the Lord how this could be, and He said, "It will be because those that pray will receive from My hand. Intercession will release rain in times of drought and great mercy."

VII. CONCLUSION

- A. We are to not be troubled (*Jn 14:1*) with the coming famine (*Mt 24:7*). The Lord has promised that whatever we ask in his name will happen (*Jn 14:13*) and the Lord will show the same wonders again as he did in the exodus account (*Mi 7:15*) like providing manna from heaven. The Lord will also provide Holy Spirit strategies to different ones, to plan in the natural, for the coming crises (*Joseph story*). The Lord has told us that Kansas City will be center for grain and it will export both natural and spiritual grain.