

The Greatest Show On Earth - Can You See Him?

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I. Introduction

A. Genesis 28:16

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it."

B. Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

II. How to Miss Jesus?

A. See each day as typical and not remarkable

1. John 6:2

And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick.

- a. Habituation: The idea is that when a new object or stimulus is introduced to our environment, we are intensely aware of it, but the awareness fades over time.
- b. One of the greatest challenges in life is fighting what might be called spiritual habituation.

2. John 6:3-5

Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Phillip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?"

3. John 6:7

Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little."

B. View the day through the lens of scarcity not abundance

1. You know you have a scarcity mentality when.

- a. You have a difficult time sharing recognition.
- b. You have a hard time being genuinely happy for the success of others.
- c. You're a constant counter.
- d. You're a worrier.
- e. You're a cheap skate

C. Approach problems as impossible not solvable

1. John 6:8-9

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?"

III. Seizing the day with Jesus

A. Being to see each day as remarkable not typical

1. *Psalm 118:24*

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2. *John 6:5-6*

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B. Change your focus

1. *John 6:10-11*

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated.

C. View situations as solvable not impossible

1. *John 6:11-13*

Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

IV. Conclusion