

“He is Able”
Preparing For a Miracle

I. Introduction

II. What you can expect in this giving campaign

- A. This campaign will be conducted with absolute integrity.
- B. To see some miracles through this campaign.
- C. To be hassled by Satan.
- D. To grow spiritually during this campaign.
- E. There will be a tone of joy and celebration during this campaign.

III. Preparing for a miracle

- A. God’s miracles begin with our awareness of need.
 - 1. John 6:3-5 (NLT) ³*Then Jesus went up into the hills and sat down with his disciples around him. ⁴(It was nearly time for the annual Passover celebration.) ⁵Jesus soon saw a great crowd of people climbing the hill, looking for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Philip, where can we buy bread to feed all these people?”*
- B. God’s miracles often involve a major test of faith.
 - 1. John 6:5-6 (NLT) ⁵*Jesus soon saw a great crowd of people climbing the hill, looking for him. Turning to Philip, he asked, “Philip, where can we buy bread to feed all these people?” ⁶He was testing Philip, for he already knew what he was going to do.*
 - (a) The test of continuing to trust God when we encounter difficulty.
 - (b) The “Attractive Alternative” Test
 - (c) The test of Faith

- C. God's miracles are based on very different "mathematical calculations" than ours.
1. John 6:7-9 (NLT) ⁷Philip replied, "It would take a small fortune to feed them!" ⁸Then Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up. ⁹"There's a young boy here with five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that with this huge crowd?"
- D. God's miracles often require our participation.
1. Mark 6:41 (NLT) Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, looked up toward heaven, and asked God's blessing on the food. Breaking the loaves into pieces, he kept giving the bread and fish to the disciples to give to the people.
 3. Jesus will multiply whatever we give Him!

IV. Conclusion

Upcoming weekend messages for "He Is Able"

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| Oct. 1-2 | Blessed to Be a Blessing |
| Oct. 8-9 | What Is God Doing on the Earth Today? |
| Oct. 15-16 | Great Reasons to Fast |
| Oct. 22-23 | A Risk-Taking Church |
| Oct. 29-30 | The "Big Message" of Jesus |
| Nov. 5-6 | Myths About Giving |
| Nov. 12-13 | The Best is Yet to Come (1 Service held at the Glendale Arena) |
| Nov. 19-20 | The Kind of Church God Builds |
| Nov. 26-27 | What I Learned From our Building Campaign |

(Unless otherwise indicated all Scripture verses are in the New American Standard version.)