



Learning to Lean | John 6:1-21

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As Jesus performed two dramatic miracles –feeding the 5,000 and walking on the water – He taught His disciples a lesson in dependence. Those who are trusting in Jesus must continually learn to rely on Him, to rest in Him, and to depend on Him for everything we need.

Background

Jesus Tells His Disciples to Feed a Hungry Crowd (6:1-9)

Jesus Directs His Disciples to Take a Boat Across the Lake (6:16-18)

Common Threads in the Two Miracles

- 1. Jesus arranged both sets of circumstances...**

2. ...to place His disciples...

3. ...in hopeless situations.

The Effect of the Two Miracles

Questions to Consider

- 1.** Read Proverbs 30:7-9. What are some traps we can fall into when we base our happiness and contentment on our circumstances?
- 2.** In John 6:5, Jesus asked His disciples to feed the crowd. Why did that seem impossible? Have you seen God work through what seemed like impossible circumstances in your own life?
- 3.** The disciples showed exasperation and fear as they faced circumstances apart from Jesus. What are some wrong tendencies you have in responding to painful circumstances?
- 4.** Read Paul's testimony in 2 Corinthians 12:7-10. How did he learn to view weaknesses, hardships, persecutions, etc.?
- 5.** What may have the disciples failed to do when they were at rock bottom in both situations?
- 6.** Read John 6:60-69. What had the disciples learned that caused them to abide with Jesus even when many other followers were leaving Jesus?