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SCRIPTURES

- Matthew 14-15
- Acts 5:12-16
- Acts 8:9-25
- Acts 19:11-20

MAY I BORROW YOUR HANDKERCHIEF?

- Wash
- Rinse
- Repeat

First you listen and learn; then you watch what you've learned in action; then you do it with the person from whom you've learned it; then you do it alone while you are watched by the person who taught you; then you do it alone without being watched; then you teach while someone else listens and learns; then they watch you do what they learned from you; then they do what they learned with you; then they do alone what they learned while you watch; then they do alone what they learned without being watched; then they teach what they learned to the next person who will listen.

Paul says it concisely: "The things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." Wash, rinse, repeat—it should be that simple. Nevertheless, there are a few diagnoses that describe why

this does not happen nearly as often as it ought: “daft-disciple-disorder,” “self-serving-syndrome,” and “greedy-gain-gangrene.”

These illnesses can be found on two sides of the same counterfeit coin. One side... they just don't get it. The other side... they do get it, but want it just to serve their own selfish desires. Yes, they sit on either side of the same counterfeit coin, separated only by the thin margin that makes the coin's edge. And in the end, they all point in the same direction; go back to square one—back to where you started, because clearly no progress has been made.

As children, we played the game Red-Light-Green-Light 1-2-3. The objective of the game is to reach the finish line without any movement being detected. From the starting line, you move forward only when the arbiter over the participants is facing away. As he calls out the game's name, you strategically advance and when the last “eeee” of the number “three” loses its audible sound, he whips his head around to catch all those trying to squeeze in one last step. If busted for moving while in his field of vision, you must go back to square one, back to the starting line, while everyone who has adhered to the rules of the game continues forward.

Paul tells us to imitate him as he imitates Christ. You imitate me as I imitate Him and others will imitate you: wash, rinse, repeat. Christ gave lesson after lesson, demonstration after demonstration. He was in the boat with them and calmed the storm; He asked

them to feed thousands of hungry people and then showed them how. He sent them on the boat without Him, and then walked out on the sea to meet them, and again calmed the storm. He presented a second occasion to feed the multitudes and yet they still asked, “Where would we get enough food in this remote wilderness to feed such a huge crowd?” And throughout it all, He healed the masses of every imaginable disease and promised us we’d do greater things one day!

If you are flipping a coin and it keeps coming up: heads you lose—tails... you lose, then you are suffering from an undiagnosed disease. I suggest you take a look at Y’shua’s playbook and learn from Him. And start living on the edge of the coin. That is where, although narrow, the seas become calm, bread forms out of thin air, and the masses are healed by simply touching your garment or the handkerchief you once held, or maybe even because they passed through your shadow. It will happen as long as you lose your daftness and stop making it all about you!

PROPHETIC SEED:

“When the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were sick, and begged Him that **they might only touch the hem of His**

garment. And as many as touched it were made perfectly well."

Matthew 14:35-36 NKJV

"The multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; **and they glorified the God of Israel."** Matthew 15:31 NKJV

PROPHETIC FRUIT:

"And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, **that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.** Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and **they were all healed."** Acts 5:14-16 NKJV

"Now God worked **unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,** so that **even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick,** and **the diseases left them** and **the evil spirits went out of them."** Acts 19:11-12 NKJV

Let's Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

Introduction

Last week in [All That Will Be Already Is!](#) we entered the third discourse in the Gospel of Matthew, the Parabolic Discourse of Matthew 13. It is thought by some to parallel the nature of the Book of Leviticus. Leviticus provides instructions, guidelines and the job description for the priesthood of God and provides critical details about the Word of God. It's not just laws; it's the heart of God.

Matthew does the same as he introduces the many-sided dimensions of God's heart, as expressed through the Kingdom of Heaven. Might we even see Christians as His Royal Priesthood, fulfilling our priestly duties as explorers of the mysteries of the kingdom, who uncover secrets and bear exponential fruit.

We are called to discern counterfeits and how they are separated from the real. We are anointed to understand how God's Word spreads, to appreciate its immeasurable value, and how we must amalgamate both what is old and what is new in order to really understand the kingdom.

We explored the following parables: The Sower and Soil; The Wheat and Tares; The Mustard Seed; The Leaven; The Hidden Treasure, The Pearl of Great Price; and The Dragnet. We learned about the purpose of parables; prophecy and parables; and how

Y'shua was rejected in His own country! "A prophet is not without honor except in his own country and in his own house."

But most importantly, that the sermon itself was what it looks like to be a participant, a human initiative partner, in what it means to solve the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. Contained within the words of that message was the secret God had wished to reveal to all His people—and now is the time! We saw the crazy connection between Jonah, and Peter, and fish; and between being fished and being a fisherman; and between Joseph and fabricating bread out of thin air.

This week John gets beheaded, Y'shua feeds 5000 men, plus women and children, and does so again at the end of the narrative feeding 4000, by doing exactly that—fabricating bread out of thin air. He walks on water as Peter's faith is tested to the max, and multitudes are healed by simply touching His garment.

Then He openly exposes the hypocrisy and false doctrines of religious leaders, who teach and often substitute the traditions of men for the commandments of God. He follows up by contrasting the genuine faith of a Gentile woman with the religion being practiced by the scribes and Pharisees, and the manmade doctrine to which they insist others adhere. Y'shua continues from there to heal thousands. For an excellent understanding of manmade doctrine and legalism see [Religionship or Relationship](#).

Matthew 14

John the Baptizer Beheaded

1. Reports of Y'shua's power and ministry reached Herod, who recently had John executed. He thought it possible that Y'shua was actually the resurrected John.
2. Previously, Herod imprisoned John for publicly rebuking him over his marriage to his brother Philip's wife Herodias.
3. Herod had wanted to execute him, but held off in fear of the large number of people who considered John a prophet.
4. He eventually does anyway because of a promise to his spoiled stepdaughter.

The Feeding of the Five Thousand

5. After Y'shua heard the news about John, He went off to be alone, but the crowd found Him in a deserted place.
6. His compassion moved Him to heal their sick.
7. That night, His disciples became concerned over the logistics of feeding so many people (an estimated 5000 plus women and children).
8. They were in a desolate spot and it was late.
9. The only way to get this crowd fed was to send them off to the nearest towns to fend for themselves.
10. But, Y'shua challenged them: "Don't send them away. You give them something to eat."

11. Then He shows them how it's done by turning five loaves and two fish into enough food for the masses with plenty left over.

Y'shua Walks on the Sea

12. Then Y'shua sent His disciples back past Capernaum toward Gennesaret by way of the sea and He sent away the people He just fed.

13. He went up on the mountain alone to pray alone.

14. By then the boat was stuck in a storm in the middle of the sea, being tossed by the waves, with an impossible headwind.

15. As it approached dawn (between 3:00 and 6:00 am), Y'shua walked out on the sea toward their embattled boat and they thought He was a ghost—they cried out in fear.

16. Immediately Y'shua identified Himself: "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."

17. Peter's reaction to Y'shua's calming affirmation was to "test the waters" by getting out of the boat

18. Y'shua brings Peter back into the boat and the wind ceases.

Many Touch Him and are Made Well

19. They came ashore near Gennesaret (south of Capernaum).

20. Those who recognized Him notified everyone in the region.

21. They brought Him all who were sick, and "begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment.

22. All who touched it were made perfectly well."

Matthew 15

Defilement Comes from Within

23. More conflict with religious leaders (it's becoming all too common...
24. The scribes and Pharisees again challenge Y'shua...
25. Then Y'shua uses the Law to prove their hypocrisy...
26. Then Y'shua applies prophecy...Isaiah was prophesying about you when he said: Their worship is all vanity because what they are really teaching others are the doctrines the commandments of men!
27. Then Y'shua blasts the scribes and Pharisees assertion that... there is something wrong with "not washing their hands when they eat bread." And He uses it to expose their hypocrisy!
28. He addresses the people in front of the religious leaders to expose their errors.
29. The disciples notice that the religious leaders are offended by Y'shua's rebuke and they inform Him.
30. Y'shua's response... Leave them to implode on their own; just don't be influenced by their errors, lest you suffer with them.
31. Peter still wants a further explanation. He know Y'shua teaches in parables, so he believes he is missing the underlying lesson.
32. Y'shua accommodates him with a further explanation.

A Gentiles Shows Her Faith

33. Then He moved on from there and encountered a woman of Canaan (a Gentile). She begged Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed."
34. At first, Y'shua ignores her and His disciples urged Him to send her away.
35. Y'shua reminds them, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
36. The woman insists on help as she worships Him and her faith moves Him.

Y'shua Heals Great Multitudes

37. He moved on from there around the Sea of Galilee and up on the mountain and a great many people sought Him.
38. He healed every type of sickness and infirmity in the multitudes and they glorified the God of Israel.

Feeding the Four Thousand

39. He was there for three days and again the people had no food.
40. Again He does not want to send them away hungry, so He directs His disciples to feed them.
41. You'd think they would respond differently, but they are apparently very dense... "Where could we get enough bread to fill such a great multitude?" So, He shows them again!
42. He then sends them away fed and leaves in a boat for Magdala.

WASH

1. Teach & Demonstrate (experiential learning is most effective!)

A. John the Baptizer Beheaded

(1) Master Conductor

(a) It was time!

1. “At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus and said to his servants, “This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him.” **For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias**, his brother Philip’s wife. Because John had said to him, “It is not lawful for you to have her.” And although he wanted to put him to death, **he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet**. But when Herod’s birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod. Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, “Give me John the Baptist’s head here on a platter.” And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded it to be given to her. **So he**

sent and had John beheaded in prison. And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. Then his disciples came and took away the body **and buried it, and went and told Jesus.**" Matthew 14:1-12 NKJV

- a) Reports of Y'shua's power and ministry reached Herod, who recently had John executed.
- b) He thought it possible that Y'shua was actually the resurrected John.
- c) Previously, Herod imprisoned John for publicly rebuking him over his marriage to his brother Philip's wife Herodias.
- d) Herod had wanted to execute him, but held off in fear of the large number of people who considered John a prophet.
- e) All that changed at Herod's birthday party when he made a promise to his spoiled stepdaughter
 - 1) Herodias (his illegitimate wife) had her daughter dance for Herod and he liked it.
 - 2) He promised her any gift she'd like.
 - 3) With her mother's advice, she chose "John's head on a platter."

- 4) King Herod regretted his impetuous offer, but made good anyway and had John beheaded.
- 5) John's disciples buried John.

(2) A decrease with a purpose!

(a) He must increase, but I must decrease.

1. "John answered and said, "**A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven.** You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, 'I am not the Christ,' but, 'I have been sent before Him.' He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. {30} **He must increase, but I must decrease.** He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all." John 3:27-31 NKJV

a) A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven and nothing can happen to a man unless it is permitted by heaven.

- 1) "You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relatives and friends; **and they will put some of you to death.** And you will be hated by

all for My name's sake. **But not a hair of your head shall be lost.** By your patience possess your souls." Luke 21:16-19 NKJV

- 2) In other words, you may die, but you are still in God's hands!
- 3) In John's case, his death was needed for his complete decrease! But fear not...
- 4) "We know that **all things work together for good** to those who love God, to those who are the **called according to His purpose.**" Romans 8:28 NKJV

B. The Feeding of the Five Thousand

(1) Master Strategist

(a) Experiential Learning

1. "When Jesus heard it, He departed from there by boat to a deserted place by Himself. But when the multitudes heard it, they followed Him on foot from the cities. And when Jesus went out He saw a great multitude; and He was moved with compassion for them, and healed their sick. When it was evening, His disciples came to Him, saying, "**This is a deserted place, and the hour is already late. Send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages**

and buy themselves food.” But Jesus said to them, **“They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”** And they said to Him, **“We have here only five loaves and two fish.”** He said, **“Bring them here to Me.”** Then He commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass. And **He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed** and broke and gave the loaves to the disciples; and **the disciples gave to the multitudes. So they all ate and were filled,** and they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments that remained. Now those who had eaten were about **five thousand men, besides women and children.”**

Matthew 14:13-21 NKJV

- a) Y’shua puts His disciples in an incubator to teach them critical lessons.
- b) “They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.”
- c) By the way, you don’t know this yet, but just keep this in the back of your mind for later... *“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.*

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.” John 14:12-14 NKJV

(2) Detailed Analysis—Feeding of the Five Thousand

(a) After Y’shua heard the news about John, He went off to be alone, but the crowd found Him in a deserted place.

1. Symbolic of the wilderness

- a) The wilderness is a place of supernatural provision
 - 1) His compassion moved Him to heal their sick.
 - 2) That night, His disciples became concerned over the logistics of feeding so many people (an estimated 5000 plus women and children).
 - 3) They were in a desolate spot and it was late.
 - 4) The only way to get this crowd fed was to send them off to the nearest towns to fend for themselves—or so they thought!

(b) But, Y’shua challenged them: “Don’t send them away. You give them something to eat.”

1. John helps us better see what Y’shua was teaching!

- a) “Then Jesus lifted up His eyes, and seeing a great multitude coming toward Him, He said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread, that these may eat?”

But **this He said to test him, for He Himself knew what He would do.**" John 6:5-6 NKJV

- 1) He was testing His disciples, or maybe better understood, He was showing them what they would need to do in the future when facing this type of circumstance.
 - 2) See last week's sermon to extract the prophetic significance of this feeding incident: [All That Will Be Already Is!](#)
2. A few reminders from that message...
- a) In Matthew 24:45-47, Y'shua refers to Joseph (son of Jacob), who was placed in charge of Egypt, as the end-of-the-age model who saved the world (and Israel) in the time of famine.
 - b) But here in the Gospels, Y'shua is showing us a different approach. Sure, we have the same mandate as Joseph (wise, faithful, servants, rulers), but we will use a different way of procuring the food.
 - c) Joseph used the planting, growing, harvesting and storing method, and we must learn to **look up to** heaven, bless, feed the multitudes, and have extra left over.

d) In other words, we must learn to bypass the sowing and reaping process and go right to the reaping where we have not sown privilege.

1) *““But his Lord answered and said to him, ‘You wicked and lazy servant, **you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed.**” Matthew 25:26 NKJV*

(c) Gathering where you have not scattered seed!

1. Changing Realms

- a) They had access to five loaves and two fish.
- b) He has them all sit down (symbolic of faith—
“Relax, I got this!”)
- c) Y’shua took them and offered them up to heaven in a blessing.
- d) He gave the loaves to the disciples who then fed every person until their hunger was satisfied.
- e) They ended with abundantly more bread than that with which they began... in Ephesians 3:20 fashion.)

C. Defilement Comes from Within

(1) Master Litigator

- (a) Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?

1. “Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, **“Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.”** He answered and said to them, **“Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?** For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God”— then he need not honor his father or mother.’ Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. **Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you,** saying: ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. **And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.**’ ” When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear and understand: **Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.**” Then His disciples came and said to Him, **“Do**

You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" But He answered and said, **"Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.** Let them alone. **They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."** Then Peter answered and said to Him, "Explain this parable to us." So Jesus said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not yet understand that **whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and is eliminated? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart,** and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies. **These are the things which defile a man, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile a man."**" Matthew 15:1-20 NKJV

- (2) Detailed Analysis—Defilement Comes from Within
 - (a) More conflict with religious leaders (it's becoming all too common...
 1. Refer to what you learned about the Sabbath from Matthew 12 in [Religionship or Relationship](#).

2. And then again what you learned about the law from Matthew 5 in [On Collision Course](#) and from Matthew 7 in [Six Degrees of Separation](#).
- (b) The scribes and Pharisees again challenge Y'shua...
1. Why do Your disciples violate our religious traditions by not washing their hands before they eat?
 2. Y'shua masterfully sums up the entirety of their hypocrisy with one question. "Why do you transgress God's laws because of the way you insist your traditions be adhered to as if they are God's laws?"
 - a) As we have learned thus far in our study of Matthew's Gospel, Y'shua was not against tradition, but He was vehemently opposed to man enforcing tradition as if it had the weight of Law.
 - b) He is, however, against tradition, if it in any way causes a violation of God's Law.
 - c) See [Religionship or Relationship](#)
- (c) Then Y'shua uses the Law itself to prove their hypocrisy...
1. Commandments:
 - a) Honor your father and your mother. (Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16)

b) He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death. (Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9)

2. Violation:

a) You teach your followers to dishonor their parents by advising them to make them less of a priority in their giving than what you gift to God.

3. Hypocrisy:

a) By doing so, your tradition has made the above commandments of God of no effect!

(d) Then Y'shua applies prophecy...Isaiah (29:13) was prophesying about you when he said:

1. These people talk about how close they are to Me...
2. These people talk about how to honor Me...
3. But it's all talk; their hearts are not Mine...
4. Their worship is all vanity because what they are really teaching others are the doctrines the commandments of men!

(e) Then Y'shua blasts the scribes and Pharisees assertion that...there is something wrong with "not washing their hands when they eat bread." And He uses it to expose their hypocrisy!

1. Again—is He asking us to break or ignore the Law?
2. Of course not! Why?

3. Because there is NO LAW that commands the washing of hand before a meal!
4. It is a “tradition of the elders” which, when insisted upon, is what Isaiah calls...“the doctrines the commandments of men.”
5. And those doctrines and commandments of men are what Y’shua says...“makes the commandment of God of no effect.”
 - a) Again see [Religionship or Relationship](#).
- (f) He addresses the people in front of the religious leaders to expose their errors. Listen and obey this truth...
 1. You are not defiled by putting food in your mouth without having washed your hands.
 2. You are defiled by the words that comes out of your mouth that are inconsistent with God’s word!
- (g) The disciples notice that the religious leaders are offended by Y’shua’s rebuke and they inform Him.
- (h) Y’shua’s response...
 1. Don’t concern yourself for those NOT of My Father; they will all be removed eventually.
 2. It’s quite comical, they are in their own club in which they all teach each other wrong doctrine and then propagate it amongst themselves.

3. Leave them to implode on their own; just don't be influenced by their errors, lest you suffer along with them.
- (i) Peter still wants a further explanation. He knows Y'shua teaches in parables, so he believes he is missing the underlying lesson.
 - (j) Y'shua further explains...
 1. When you eat with unwashed hands, the food enters the mouth, gets digested, and comes out the other end.
 2. It does not defile you! Do you understand this now?
 3. And remember what you learned from Me previously, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." (Matthew 12:34-37)
 4. Therefore, it is the evil, lies, hypocrisy and false doctrines (traditions of men enforced as if Law) that actually defile a man, not eating with unwashed hands.

RINSE

2. Impart & Practice (repetition is the mother of learning!)

A. Y'shua Walks on the Sea

- (1) A Prophetic Perspective

(a) We've seen this before!

1. "Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. **But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary.** Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" **And they cried out for fear.** But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, **"Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid."** And Peter answered Him and said, **"Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water."** So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, **he walked on the water to go to Jesus.** But when **he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"** And **immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him,** and said to him, **"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"** And when

they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God." Matthew 14:22-33 NKJV

(2) Detailed Explanation

(a) How did the disciples react to the second opportunity they had when they faced some rough waters?

1. Remember in Matthew 8:23-27, Y'shua was in the boat with them when they encountered the storm.
2. This time Y'shua sent His disciples on ahead of Him, across the Galilee past Capernaum toward Gennesaret and He sent away the people He just fed.
3. He goes up on the mountain by to pray alone, and no doubt His prayers include what He knows is about to happen.
4. The boat gets stuck in a storm in the middle of the sea, being tossed by the waves, with an impossible headwind.
5. As it approached dawn (between 3:00 and 6:00 am), Y'shua walked out on the sea toward their embattled boat and they thought He was a ghost—they cried out in fear.

(b) Peter's reaction to Y'shua's calming affirmation was to "test the waters."

1. "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Y'shua releases his faith and says, "Come."
2. Peter left the boat and walked on the water toward Y'shua.
3. But, the stormy conditions fought for his attention to take his eyes off His Savior and he begins to sink!
4. Peter begs the Lord to save him and immediately Y'shua pulled him from the sea. "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
5. So many pastoral lessons here... *"He walked on the water **to go to Jesus**. But when **when he saw that the wind was boisterous**, he was afraid; and beginning to sink..." Matthew 14:29-30*
 - a) Don't take you eyes off the Lord!
 - 1) "Fix your eyes on Y'shua, the author and finisher of our faith." Hebrews 12:2
 - b) Don't look back at your past!
 - 1) "But one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind** and **reaching forward to those things which are ahead**," Philippians 3:13
NKJV

2) “But his [Lot] **wife looked back** behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.” Genesis 19:26
NKJV

c) Don’t consider your old way of being!

1) “For we have spent **enough of our past lifetime** in doing the will of the Gentiles...” I Peter 4:3
NKJV

d) Don’t be distracted by the things around you!

1) “Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, **and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches** choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.” Matthew 13:22 NKJV

e) Don’t want the things of this world!

1) “**Do not love the world** or the things in the world...” I John 2:15 NKJV

(c) But there is another message here, a deeper prophetic message...

1. Y’shua brings Peter back into the boat and that is when wind ceases.
2. It was as Y’shua stayed in the boat in the previous storm incident in Matthew 8:23-27 that the storm was calmed as opposed to when Jonah was tossed from

the boat: *“So they picked up Jonah and **threw him into the sea**, and the sea **ceased from its raging.**”*

Jonah 1:15 NKJV

3. The storm ceasing, as they reenter the boat, is the prophetic correction of Jonah’s error. He should have stayed in the boat and turned it back toward Nineveh—and that too would have calmed the storm.
4. As it were, he had to be picked up by a fish and deposited in Nineveh anyway.
5. Peter could have stayed in the boat and calmed the storm like he previously learned from His Lord!
6. And to be clear, it was NOT Y’shua’s idea for Peter to leave the boat; it was Peter’s idea. Y’shua was simply accommodating Peter’s ways!
7. Again, you can study the depth of this prophetic significance in: [All That Will Be Already Is!](#)

B. Many Touch Him and are Made Well

(1) The Hem of His Garment

(a) Another trip through the rinse cycle!

1. “When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret. And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out into all that surrounding region, brought to Him all who were

sick, and begged Him that **they might only touch the hem of His garment.** And **as many as touched it were made perfectly well.**” Matthew 14:34-36 NKJV

- a) They came ashore south of Capernaum.
- b) Those who recognized Him notified everyone in the region.
- c) They brought Him all who were sick, and “begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment.
- d) All who touched it were made perfectly well.
- e) We have seen this before when the woman with the issue of blood pressed through the crowd to touch Y’shua in Matthew 9.
- f) *“If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.”*
 - 1) “And suddenly, a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years **came from behind and touched the hem of His garment.** For she said to herself, **“If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well.”** But Jesus turned around, and when He saw her He said, “Be of good cheer, daughter; **your faith has made you well.**”

And the woman was made well from that hour.”

Matthew 9:20-22 NKJV

2) See: [Let the Dead Bury the Dead](#) & [The Reason](#)

- (b) Y’shua keeps repeating His lesson over and over to offer His disciples true experiential leaning. He gives them two storm experiences, two touch Garment experiences, and as we will soon see—two feed the masses experiences.
- (c) Why? Because He knows there are a few possible diagnoses in play: “daft-disciple-disorder,” “self-serving-syndrome,” “greedy-gain-gangrene.”

C. A Gentile Shows Her Faith

(1) Another Lesson about Gentiles

(a) This Gentile woman knows something. She called him the “Son of David!”

1. “Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, **a woman of Canaan** came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, **“Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.”** But He answered her not a word. **And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.”** But He answered and said, **“I was not**

sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” But He answered and said, “It is not good to take **the children’s bread** and throw it to the little **dogs.**” And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet **even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.**” Then Jesus answered and said to her, “**O woman, great is your faith!** Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.” Matthew 15:21-28 NKJV

(2) A Gentile Shows Her Faith Explanation

(a) A woman of Canaan (a Gentile) begged Him to “Have mercy, O Lord, Son of David!” She wants her demon-possessed daughter made whole.

1. We have seen this reference to the Gentiles coming to the faith multiple other times thus far. It is clear that Y’shua keeps washing these messages over His disciples, rinses them out and then does it again, all in preparation for one day needing to do it on their own when He is gone!

a) See “Son of David” teaching from the two blind men in [Let the Dead Bury the Dead](#).

b) See how Y'shua sends His disciples on an initial practice run in [Practicum](#).

- 1) At first, Y'shua ignores her and His disciples urged Him to send her away.
- 2) Y'shua reminds them, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

(b) This Gentile woman insists that Y'shua help her as she worships Him.

1. Y'shua again rebuffs her...and the exchange is yet another "parable."
2. "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."
3. "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."
4. "O woman, **great is your faith!** Let it be to you as you desire."
5. Because of her faith, He healed her daughter.

(c) Think about it... He never intended to reject her, only test her faith! This is THE ONGOING MESSAGE. It is not about your bloodline but your faithline!

1. He is doing this to show everyone what true faith looks like.

- (3) This woman's heart was already changed, or she could never have sought Him in the first place.
- (a) I chose you, you did not choose Me.
1. **"You did not choose Me, but I chose you** and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you." John 15:16 NKJV
- (b) Unless He love you first you could not love Him
1. "We love Him **because He first loved us.**" I John 4:19 NKJV
- (c) Like the centurion (a Gentile) who had faith:
1. "When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, **"Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"** Matthew 8:10 NKJV
- (d) And still, even much later, Peter suffers with "daft-disciple-disorder..."
1. ...so much so that God had to give him prophetic visions so he would obey and go to the house of a certain Gentile man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion..." Acts 10:1 NKJV

- (e) Look at what Peter believes, even after all he saw with Y'shua and the Gentiles! And He only gets this after his vision! (Read all of Acts 10)
1. "Then he said to them, "**You know how unlawful it is for a Jewish man to keep company with or go to one of another nation.** But **God has shown me** that I should not call any man common or unclean." Acts 10:28 NKJV
 - a) Note to self: It is NOT unlawful to keep company with a Gentile! It was, however, against their manmade traditions!
- (f) And even later—Peter still needs to be rebuked by Paul for getting it wrong!
1. "Now **when Peter** had come to Antioch, **I withstood him to his face**, because he was to be blamed; for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision. **And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him**, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy." Galatians 2:11-13 NKJV

(g) Eventually it clicked for Peter...as testified to by James!

But this is not until Acts 15! Can you imagine how difficult it is to overcome “daft-disciple-disorder?”

Wash-Rinse-Wash-Rinse-Wash-Rinse-Wash-Rinse!

1. “And after they had become silent, **James answered, saying,** “Men and brethren, listen to me: **Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. And with this the words of the prophets agree,** just as it is written: ‘After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; **So that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, Even all the Gentiles** who are called by My name, Says the Lord who does all these things.’” Acts 15:13-17 NKJV

D. Y’shua Heals Great Multitudes

(1) Another Lesson on Healing

(a) *...and they glorified the God of Israel...*

1. “Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there. Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus’ feet, **and**

He healed them. So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; **and they glorified the God of Israel.**” Matthew 15:29-31 NKJV

- a) Y’shua Heals Great Multitudes—AGAIN
- b) He moved on from their around the Sea of Galilee and up on the mountain and a great many people sought Him.
- c) He healed every type of sickness and infirmity in the multitudes and they glorified the God of Israel.

E. Feeding the Four Thousand

(1) He Feeds the Masses Again!

(a) Will the Disciple know what to do this time?

1. “Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, “I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. **And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.**” Then His disciples said to Him, **“Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?”** Jesus said to them, “How many loaves do you have?” And they said, “Seven, and a few little

fish." So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. And **He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks**, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude. **So they all ate and were filled**, and they took up seven large **baskets full of the fragments that were left**. Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. And He sent away the multitude, got into the boat, and came to the region of Magdala." Matthew 15:32-39 NKJV

- a) Notice the question? *"Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?"*

(2) Feeding the Four Thousand

(a) Lesson—Test—Do Over

1. He was there for three days and like before the people had no food.
 - a) Again He does not want to send them away hungry, so He directs His disciples to feed them.
 - b) You'd think they would respond differently, but they are apparently very dense...
 - c) Not long before, they were in the same situation and when they were told to feed the masses they

balked. They had no point of reference to do such a thing. We even learn that Y'shua was testing them when He told them to do so, even though He knew in advance they would fail.

- d) Now they are here again, in the same circumstance.
- e) This time Y'shua leads the witness: "They have been with Me three days and have had nothing to eat. I don't want to send them away hungry or they will pass out..." Hint hint hint! You saw what I did the last time! So...
- f) And their reaction! *"Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?"*
 - 1) Are you kidding? Same test—same outcome!
 - 2) What does this teach us?

(3) Wash-Rinse-Wash-Rinse-Wash-Rinse, etc.

- (a) Back to square one—back to where we started—it's apparent that no progress has been made.

1. "Daft-Disciple-Disorder"

- a) Asleep in the boat—the disciples panic!
- b) 5000+ to feed—the disciples panic!

- c) Out in the boat without Him—the disciples panic!
(And Peter jumps in the water like Jonah!)
- d) 4000+ to feed—the disciples panic!
- e) Prophetic Time-Out
 - 1) The feeding of the 4000+ appears only here in Matthew and in Mark 8:1-10, and in both accounts it specially says the people were there for **three days**. (Matthew 15:32 and Mark 8:2)
 - 2) This SECONG OPPORTUNITY to feed the people makes inference to a “Post Resurrection Era.” In other words, after My “death-burial-resurrection” you will be presented with this opportunity to feed the people in the wilderness and THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT!
 - 3) This is the question Y’shua will ask at the end-of-the-age: *“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, **to give them food in due season?** [at the proper time? NIV]”* Matthew 24:45 NKJV
 - 4) This is a reference to Joseph in Egypt who had a practical plan to plant, harvest and store the grain!

- 5) Here He says..." *And I do not want to send them away hungry [after three days], lest they faint on the way.*" In other words, "who will feed them at the proper time?"
 - 6) This time He wants them to duplicate what He did with the feeding of the 5000. Yes, be Joseph, but do it without all the planting, harvesting and storing!
 - 7) Again the disciples get it wrong (Red Light Green Light 1-2-3)... *"How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?"* Mark 8:4 NKJV
 - 8) It's like the feeding of the 5000 is in the "first coming era" and the feeding of the 4000+ is the "post resurrection era."
 - 9) And getting it right is what is needed before His second coming!
- (4) "Daft-Disciple-Disorder"
- (a) Dense—thickheaded, fat-headed, thick-skulled, boneheaded, lame-brained, birdbrained, pea-brained, slow on the uptake, soft in the head, brain-dead, dead from the neck up; *British informal* daft.

1. "Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and **slow of heart** to believe in all that the prophets have spoken!" Luke 24:25 NKJV
 - a) [Slow] metaphorically, dull, inactive, in mind; stupid, slow to apprehend or believe
2. "He answered him and said, "**O faithless generation,** how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me."" Mark 9:19 NKJV
 - a) "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."" Mark 9:29 NKJV

REPEAT

3. Repeat (duplicate Christ OR start all over?)

A. Emulate or Iterate

(1) Multi-Level-Disciplining

(a) Emulate

1. ""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. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:12-14 NKJV

- a) The ultimate promise—we will do the works of Christ and we will do them in a wider capacity!

(b) Emulate

1. **“Imitate me**, just as I also **imitate Christ.**” I

Corinthians 11:1 NKJV

- a) Paul says: I am duplicating what Christ did; you should duplicate precisely what I am doing, thereby also replicating Christ exactly!

2. “You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And **the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men** who will be able to **teach others also.**” II

Timothy 2:1-2 NKJV

- a) Paul says: all the things you heard from me and watched me do, implant them in others, who will do the same for others, and so on...

3. “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, **“Here am I! Send me.”**” Isaiah 6:8 NKJV

- a) Who will do this?

- b) And what is the message?

4. “And He said, **“Go, and tell this people:** ‘Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive.’ “Make the heart of this people dull,

And their ears heavy, And shut their eyes; **Lest they see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And return and be healed.**”” Isaiah 6:9-10 NKJV

- a) No understanding, no perception, deaf ears, and a dull heart—then what?
- b) Do over...return, repent, try again!

(c) Iterate or Iteration:

1. **“Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.”** For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, To whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing”; Yet they would not hear. But the word of the Lord was to them, **“Precept upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little,”** That they might go and fall backward, and be broken And snared and caught.” Isaiah 28:9-13 NKJV

- a) Iterate or Iteration: the repetition of a process, utterance or procedure applied to a previous result as a means of obtaining a more successful outcome (a closer approximation to the solution).
- b) ...for precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.

B. Milk vs. Solid Food

(1) Reverse engineer Isaiah—don't do it wrong again!

(a) Precept upon precept!

1. "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; **and you have come to need milk and not solid food.** For **everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness,** for he is a babe. But **solid food belongs to those who are of full age,** that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV

a) Iterate: don't get it wrong like we see in Isaiah!

Don't get caught in a snare of missing the message and NOT obtaining the knowledge.

(b) That they might not fall backward!

1. “Therefore, **leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection**, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits.” Hebrews 6:1-3 NKJV
 - a) Leave the immaturity behind!
 - b) What might that look like?

C. Acts 5

(1) Emulate

(a) Peter has begun to emulate Christ

1. “And **through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people**. And they were **all with one accord** in Solomon’s Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And **believers were increasingly added** to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that **they brought the sick out into the streets** and laid them on beds and couches, that at **least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them**. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people

and those who were tormented by unclean spirits,
and **they were all healed.**" Acts 5:12-16 NKJV

- a) God's people are in unity
- b) They are multiplying in numbers
- c) Miracles abound to such a degree that even Peter's shadow heals people.
 - 1) This is a far cry from the Son of Jonah version of Peter!

D. Acts 8

(1) Emulate

(a) Philip preaches things concerning the kingdom of God as did Christ!

1. "But there was a certain man called **Simon, who previously practiced sorcery** in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "**This man is the great power of God.**" And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. **But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. Then Simon himself also believed;** and

when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done." Acts 8:9-13 NKJV

a) Even Simon the sorcerer is converted!

(2) "Greedy-Gain-Gangrene."

(a) Men inserting themselves where God belongs!

1. "Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, **prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit.** For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. **And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."** But Peter said to him, **"Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!** You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. **Repent** therefore of this your

wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.”” Acts 8:14-23 NKJV

- a) Simon witnesses the Holy Spirit in action and WANTS some of that power.
 - b) His sorcery past has lured him back into selfish desires!
 - c) Peter, who on a number of occasions in his “Son of Jonah” capacity, had gotten it dreadfully wrong himself (he rebuked Y’shua in Matthew 16:22 and denied Him in Matthew 26:69-75) is now spot on!
 - 1) *“Your money will perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased! Repent!”*
- (b) Men inserting their own pleasures where God belongs!
- 1. “Where do wars and fights come from among you? **Do they not come from your desires for pleasure** that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. **Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask**

amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”

James 4:1-3 NKJV

- a) You ask amiss for your own Greedy-Gain-Gangrene!

E. Acts 19

(1) Emulate

(a) Healing with Garments!

- 1. “Now God worked **unusual miracles by the hands of Paul**, so that **even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick**, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.” Acts 19:11-12 NKJV

- a) We already saw this with Christ when He healed the woman with the issue of blood in Matthew 9:20-22 and again here in Matthew 14:34-36 when all those who touched the hem of His garment were made perfectly well.
- b) We know this was a fulfillment of prophecy: “*But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness **shall arise With healing in His wings** [the hem of His garment]; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves.*” Malachi 4:2 NKJV

c) And now we see the same happening via Paul:

“Imitate me, as I imitate Christ.” I Cor. 11:1

(2) “Self-Serving-Syndrome”

(a) I like that handkerchief or apron trick!

1. **“Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” Also there were seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, who did so. And the evil spirit answered and said, **“Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?”** Then the man in whom the evil spirit was **leaped on them, overpowered them,** and prevailed against them, so that they **fled out of that house naked and wounded.**” Acts 19:13-16 NKJV**

a) I can use what Paul did (as he emulated what Christ did) to my own advantage!

b) I think all I need to do is plug into Paul’s formula...
“We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.”

c) Unfortunately self-serving and serving Christ are not the same; they don’t mix! You must stop making it all about you!

- d) It is required that you have your own personal relationship with Y'shua to participate in the benefits of that relationship.
- e) You can't get those benefits from anyone else. They must be from God alone!
 - 1) "Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. **Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights,** with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures." James 1:16-18 NKJV

(3) Testimony!

- (a) A good o'fashioned whooping can be a very powerful witness!
 - 1. "This became known both to all Jews and Greeks dwelling in Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. **And many who had believed came confessing and telling their deeds. Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all.** And they counted up the value of

them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.”

Acts 19:17-20 NKJV

- a) Confessions and repentances abounds!
- b) Leaving the old life behind abounds!

F. What it looks like to get it right (when Daft-Disciple-Disorder; Self-Serving-Syndrome; and Greedy-Gain-Gangrene are cured!)

(1) The grace given to me by God!

(a) I passed on what I did BECAUSE OF GOD!

1. “Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. Nevertheless, brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, **as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God, that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles,** ministering the gospel of God, that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:14-16 NKJV

- a) It’s God’s grace, not me!
- b) It’s for the Gentiles too, not just Jews!

(b) And I give God ALL the Credit

1. **“Therefore I have reason to glory in Christ Jesus in the things which pertain to God. For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed [notice: this is how discipling is done!], to make the Gentiles obedient— in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God,** so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. And so **I have made it my aim to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build on another man’s foundation,** but as it is written: “To whom He was not announced, they shall see; And those who have not heard shall understand.”” Romans 15:17-21 NKJV
 - a) I won’t dare take credit for what **MUST** be credited to Yahweh!
 - b) If Christ has not done it through me, I’m not even interested in talking about it.
 - c) I won’t even attempt to ride the back and shoulders of another person, so there will never be a reason to give anyone credit other than God.

(2) Pride Blockers

- (a) If I am going to boast in anything...

1. “But **God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.”

Galatians 6:14 NKJV

- a) ...it will be in Christ
- (b) Get over yourself!

1. “For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, **that no flesh should glory in His presence**. But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— that, as it is written, **“He who glories, let him glory in the Lord.”**” I Corinthians 1:26-31

NKJV

- a) ...if anything or anyone is going to be glorified, it's going to be credited to the lord.

(c) Stop commending yourself!

1. “For **we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves.** But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. **We, however, will not boast beyond measure, but within the limits of the sphere which God appointed us**—a sphere which especially includes you. **For we are not overextending ourselves** (as though our authority did not extend to you), for it was to you that we came with the gospel of Christ; not boasting of things beyond measure, that is, in other men’s labors, but having hope, that as your faith is increased, we shall be greatly enlarged by you in our sphere, to preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man’s sphere of accomplishment. **But “he who glories, let him glory in the Lord.” For not he who commends himself is approved, but whom the Lord commends.”** II

Corinthians 10:12-18 NKJV

- a) We can only ever be boastful within the limits of what God has assigned for us.

- b) Do not overextend that for what you've been assigned.
 - c) If you're going to glorify anything, glory in the Lord.
 - d) If you're going to be commended by anyone, be commended by the Lord.
- (d) But let him who glories glory in this...
1. "Thus says the Lord: **"Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches;** But let him who glories glory in this, **That he understands and knows Me,** That I am the Lord, exercising **lovingkindness, judgment,** and **righteousness** in the earth. For in **these I delight,"** says the Lord." Jeremiah 9:23-24 NKJV
 - a) No wisdom, no power, no strength, no authority and no wealth will bring any real glory.
 - b) The only true glory comes from knowing the Lord.
 - c) What God truly delights in is tenderness and consideration toward others: justice, and righteousness.
- (e) Stop trusting in yourself!

1. “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But **we will remember the name of the Lord our God.**”

Psalms 20:7 NKJV

- (f) Your entire boast should be in God!

1. Pray together: *“I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.”* Psalms 34:1-3 NKJV

G. Wash—Rinse—Repeat

- (1) Wash

- (a) Let’s get in the boat together and I’ll sleep while you panic—and then I’ll show you what to do.
- (b) Then I will be in the wilderness with you when there is no food for thousands of people and I will watch you panic when I ask you to feed them—and then I will show you what to do.

- (2) Rinse

- (a) Then I will send you in a boat without Me and you will face the challenge alone, and you will panic again, and once more I will show you what to do.
- (b) Then I will be in the wilderness with you again, and again there will be no food for thousands of people, and

again I will present you with the challenge to feed all the people, and again I will watch you panic—and again I will show you what to do.

(3) Repeat

(a) ...another iteration until you get it right? Or, Imitate me as I imitate Christ!

1. “Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. **And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” So he gave them his attention,** expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, **“Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.”** And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, **and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.** So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. **And all the people saw**

him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; **and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.**” Acts 3:1-10 NKJV

- a) No, not doing it wrong with yet another chance to do it right! But, this time doing it right!
- b) What I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth!
- c) All the people saw him walking and praising God
- d) They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him!

(4) *“Tell your testimony and God will give you more testimonies to tell!” DJH*

- (a) I want to tell you a testimony. The downloads I have been getting from heaven for the past four years have been beyond anything I could imagine, and none greater than since I started teaching through the Gospel of Matthew. It’s hard to explain in words. Let me go back a bit before we get to the present!
- (b) Over the last six plus years, I have had this ongoing right hip problem, probably stemming from a hip injury from long ago. It would resurface here and there—

medically, probably a torn labrum (think of the labrum like an o-ring).

- (c) I remember when my mother was sick in 2017 and I was going back-and-forth to New York. I had an episode when I was staying at her apartment while she was in the hospital, and I literally could not sit down or lay down. I couldn't walk; I couldn't do anything. My hip was so outrageously painful and stuck. And only by prayer did it subside on that trip, so I could take care of my mother.
- (d) However, over the past years as I played tennis weekly, I developed more and more of a problem and eventually the extreme pain of a torn labrum grew into a severe limitation in the internal rotation movement of the right hip joint and then more recently into severe tendinitis. It had become quite debilitating. I could run and play tennis with little difficulty, but it was afterwards that it would be just agony, ruining my sleep altogether. I could not sit or lay down AT ALL, even for a few minutes, with a deep tooth-ache like throbbing in my hip. It was so intractable that I had to stand for 10-14 hours per day over the past month when studying and writing sermons.

- (e) But, through it all, I knew that Yahweh was up to something. I had a vision the other day that He was speaking to me like Jacob, who was left with a permanent hip problem as a reminder! And suddenly it dawned on me why I had this issue over all these years. I realized that the hip problem was going to be there until I arrived in a certain place in my mind about what God was doing and what He was revealing.
- (f) During the preparation of last weeks sermon, which was probably the most important sermon I've ever taught to date (see: [All That Will Be Already Is!](#)) with its 127 pages of study notes), I had an inordinate number of prophetic downloads.
- (g) But, it was while I was marching around on the dock and praying one morning, thinking about the sermon itself, that I had the sense that God wanted me to remove the custom orthotics from my shoes. Now, I've been wearing orthotics in my shoes since I was 19 years old (38 years) because my feet are as flat as flippers. For the past 38 years I have not been able to walk for more than a few minutes without knee and ankle pain, if I am not wearing shoes with orthotic inserts or custom-made sandals with built-in orthotics.

- (h) Well, I removed the orthotics that day for the first time in 38 years (which as of March 1, 2023, is 9 days ago), and not only have I not needed orthotics to prevent pain, but my feet are completely straight when I walk. They no longer collapse inward as do all flat feet.
- (i) And... my hip started healing, and every day has gotten better and better. I can sleep normally now, and I can sit without the agonizing toothache-like pain in my hip.
- (j) And on 02/28/2023 Yahweh spoke to me... With what's coming and how the messages of KEM need to go to the world, and for protection against the very thing that I (Jeff) fear most—men taking the credit for where credit is due to Yahweh, He showed me this; "As long as you stay on My path your feet will be straight and your hip will be well, but you will know when you're off track when your feet start collapsing inward and your hip begins hurting. In other words, "Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "**This is the way, walk in it,**" Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left." (Isaiah 30:21)
- (k) He also impressed upon my heart that He is reverse engineering Jacob (Genesis 32:22-32)... Jacob wrestled with God until he received his blessing and was left

with a permanent hip ailment as a reminder! I must wrestle with Him until I have all that He wants to give me and then my hip healing will be permanent!

(l) I accepted that offer from Yahweh that morning and I'm preparing for a move of the spirit on the earth like never before—a harvest and righteousness.

(m) It's a simple formula: "I must decrease so He can increase." (John 3:30) And I'd prefer to do that, if possible, without needing my head cut off!

Summary: WASH

1. Teach & Demonstrate (experiential learning is most effective!)

A. John the Baptizer Beheaded

(1) Master Conductor

(a) It was time!

1. Reports of Y'shua's power and ministry reached Herod, who recently had John executed.
2. He thought it possible that Y'shua was actually the resurrected John.
3. Previously, Herod imprisoned John for publicly rebuking him over his marriage to his brother Philip's wife Herodias.

4. Herod had wanted to execute him, but held off in fear of the large number of people who considered John a prophet.
 5. All that changed at Herod's birthday party when he made a promise to his spoiled stepdaughter
 - 1) Herodias (his illegitimate wife) had her daughter dance for Herod and he liked it.
 - 2) He promised her any gift she'd like.
 - 3) With her mother's advice, she chose "John's head on a platter."
 - 4) King Herod regretted his impetuous offer, but made good anyway and had John beheaded.
 - 5) John's disciples buried John.
- (2) A decrease with a purpose!
- (a) He must increase, but I must decrease.
 1. A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven and nothing can happen to a man unless it is permitted by heaven.
 2. You may die, but you are still in God's hands!
 3. In John's case, his death was needed for his complete decrease! But fear not...

B. The Feeding of the Five Thousand

- (1) Master Strategist

(a) Experiential Learning

1. Y'shua puts His disciples in an incubator to teach them critical lessons.

2. "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

a) By the way, you don't know this yet, but just keep this in the back of your mind for later... "**and greater works than these he will do...**"

(2) Detailed Analysis—Feeding of the Five Thousand

(a) After Y'shua heard the news about John, He went off to be alone, but the crowd found Him in a deserted place.

1. Symbolic of the wilderness

a) The wilderness is a place of supernatural provision

1) His compassion moved Him to heal their sick.

2) That night, His disciples became concerned over the logistics of feeding so many people (an estimated 5000 plus women and children).

3) They were in a desolate spot and it was late.

4) The only way to get this crowd fed was to send them off to the nearest towns to fend for themselves—or so they thought!

(b) But, Y'shua challenged them: "Don't send them away. You give them something to eat."

1. John helps us better see what Y'shua was teaching!
 - a) He was testing His disciples, or maybe better understood, He was showing them what they would need to do in the future when facing this type of circumstance.
 - b) See last week's sermon to extract the prophetic significance of this feeding incident: [All That Will Be Already Is!](#)
2. A few reminders from that message...
 - a) In Matthew 24:45-47, Y'shua refers to Joseph (son of Jacob), who was placed in charge of Egypt, as the end-of-the-age model who saved the world (and Israel) in the time of famine.
 - b) But here in the Gospels, Y'shua is showing us a different approach. Sure, we have the same mandate as Joseph (wise, faithful, servants, rulers), but we will use a different way of procuring the food.
 - c) Joseph used the planting, growing, harvesting and storing method, and we must learn to **look up to** heaven, bless, feed the multitudes, and have extra left over.

- d) In other words, we must learn to bypass the sowing and reaping process and go right to the reaping where we have not sown privilege.
- (c) Gathering where you have not scattered seed!
 - 1. Changing Realms
 - a) They had access to five loaves and two fish.
 - b) He has them all sit down (symbolic of faith—“Relax, I got this!”)
 - c) Y’shua took them and offered them up to heaven in a blessing.
 - d) He gave the loaves to the disciples who then fed every person until their hunger was satisfied.
 - e) They ended with abundantly more bread than that with which they began... in Ephesians 3:20 fashion.)

C. Defilement Comes from Within

- (1) Master Litigator
 - (a) Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?
- (2) Detailed Analysis—Defilement Comes from Within
 - (a) More conflict with religious leaders (it’s becoming all too common...

1. Refer to what you learned about the Sabbath from Matthew 12 in [Religionship or Relationship](#).
 2. And then again what you learned about the law from Matthew 5 in [On Collision Course](#) and from Matthew 7 in [Six Degrees of Separation](#).
- (b) The scribes and Pharisees again challenge Y'shua...
1. Why do Your disciples violate our religious traditions by not washing their hands before they eat?
 2. Y'shua masterfully sums up the entirety of their hypocrisy with one question. "Why do you transgress God's laws because of the way you insist your traditions be adhered to as if they are God's laws?"
 - a) As we have learned thus far in our study of Matthew's Gospel, Y'shua was not against tradition, but He was vehemently opposed to man enforcing tradition as if it had the weight of Law.
 - b) He is, however, against tradition, if it in any way causes a violation of God's Law.
 - c) See [Religionship or Relationship](#)
- (c) Then Y'shua uses the Law itself to prove their hypocrisy...
1. Commandments:

- a) Honor your father and your mother. (Ex. 20:12; Deut. 5:16)
- b) He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death. (Ex. 21:17; Lev. 20:9)

2. Violation:

- a) You teach your followers to dishonor their parents by advising them to make them less of a priority in their giving than what you gift to God.

3. Hypocrisy:

- a) By doing so, your tradition has made the above commandments of God of no effect!

(d) Then Y'shua applies prophecy...Isaiah (29:13) was prophesying about you when he said:

1. These people talk about how close they are to Me...
2. These people talk about how to honor Me...
3. But it's all talk; their hearts are not Mine...
4. Their worship is all vanity because what they are really teaching others are the doctrines the commandments of men!

(e) Then Y'shua blasts the scribes and Pharisees assertion that...there is something wrong with "not washing their hands when they eat bread." And He uses it to expose their hypocrisy!

1. Again—is He asking us to break or ignore the Law?
2. Of course not! Why?
3. Because there is NO LAW that commands the washing of hand before a meal!
4. It is a “tradition of the elders” which, when insisted upon, is what Isaiah calls...“the doctrines the commandments of men.”
5. And those doctrines and commandments of men are what Y’shua says...“makes the commandment of God of no effect.”
 - a) Again see [Religionship or Relationship](#).
- (f) He addresses the people in front of the religious leaders to expose their errors. Listen and obey this truth...
 1. You are not defiled by putting food in your mouth without having washed your hands.
 2. You are defiled by the words that comes out of your mouth that are inconsistent with God’s word!
- (g) The disciples notice that the religious leaders are offended by Y’shua’s rebuke and they inform Him.
- (h) Y’shua’s response...
 1. Don’t concern yourself for those NOT of My Father; they will all be removed eventually.

2. It's quite comical, they are in their own club in which they all teach each other wrong doctrine and then propagate it amongst themselves.
 3. Leave them to implode on their own; just don't be influenced by their errors, lest you suffer along with them.
- (i) Peter still wants a further explanation. He knows Y'shua teaches in parables, so he believes he is missing the underlying lesson.
- (j) Y'shua further explains...
1. When you eat with unwashed hands, the food enters the mouth, gets digested, and comes out the other end.
 2. It does not defile you! Do you understand this now?
 3. And remember what you learned from Me previously, "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." (Matthew 12:34-37)
 4. Therefore, it is the evil, lies, hypocrisy and false doctrines (traditions of men enforced as if Law) that actually defile a man, not eating with unwashed hands.

Summary: RINSE

2. Impart & Practice (repetition is the mother of learning!)

A. Y'shua Walks on the Sea

(1) A Prophetic Perspective

(a) We've seen this before!

(b) How did the disciples react to the second opportunity they had when they faced some rough waters?

1. Remember in Matthew 8:23-27, Y'shua was in the boat with them when they encountered the storm.
2. This time Y'shua sent His disciples on ahead of Him, across the Galilee past Capernaum toward Gennesaret and He sent away the people He just fed.
3. He goes up on the mountain by to pray alone, and no doubt His prayers include what He knows is about to happen.
4. The boat gets stuck in a storm in the middle of the sea, being tossed by the waves, with an impossible headwind.
5. As it approached dawn (between 3:00 and 6:00 am), Y'shua walked out on the sea toward their embattled boat and they thought He was a ghost—they cried out in fear.

(c) Peter's reaction to Y'shua's calming affirmation was to "test the waters."

1. "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." Y'shua releases his faith and says, "Come."
2. Peter left the boat and walked on the water toward Y'shua.
3. But, the stormy conditions fought for his attention to take his eyes off His Savior and he begins to sink!
4. Peter begs the Lord to save him and immediately Y'shua pulled him from the sea. "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"
5. So many pastoral lessons here...
 - a) Don't take your eyes off the Lord!
 - b) Don't look back at your past!
 - c) Don't consider your old way of being!
 - d) Don't be distracted by the things around you!
 - e) Don't want the things of this world!

(d) But there is another message here, a deeper prophetic message...

1. Y'shua brings Peter back into the boat and that is when wind ceases.
2. It was as Y'shua stayed in the boat in the previous storm incident in Matthew 8:23-27 that the storm was

calmed as opposed to when Jonah was tossed from the boat: *the sea **ceased from its raging***.

3. The storm ceasing, as they reenter the boat, is the prophetic correction of Jonah's error. He should have stayed in the boat and turned it back toward Nineveh—and that too would have calmed the storm.
4. As it were, he had to be picked up by a fish and deposited in Nineveh anyway.
5. Peter could have stayed in the boat and calmed the storm like he previously learned from His Lord!
6. And to be clear, it was NOT Y'shua's idea for Peter to leave the boat; it was Peter's idea. Y'shua was simply accommodating Peter's ways!
7. Again, you can study the depth of this prophetic significance in: [All That Will Be Already Is!](#)

B. Many Touch Him and are Made Well

(1) The Hem of His Garment

(a) Another trip through the rinse cycle!

1. They came ashore south of Capernaum.
2. Those who recognized Him notified everyone in the region. \They brought Him all who were sick, and "begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment.

3. All who touched it were made perfectly well.
4. We have seen this before when the woman with the issue of blood pressed through the crowd to touch Y'shua in Matthew 9.
5. *"If only I may touch His garment, I shall be made well."*

1) See: [Let the Dead Bury the Dead](#) & [The Reason](#)

- (b) Y'shua keeps repeating His lesson over and over to offer His disciples true experiential leaning. He gives them two storm experiences, two touch Garment experiences, and as we will soon see—two feed the masses experiences.
- (c) Why? Because He knows there are a few possible diagnoses in play: "daft-disciple-disorder," "self-serving-syndrome," "greedy-gain-gangrene."

C. A Gentile Shows Her Faith

- (1) Another Lesson about Gentiles
 - (a) This Gentile woman knows something. She called him the "Son of David!"
- (2) A Gentile Shows Her Faith Explanation
 - (a) A woman of Canaan (a Gentile) begged Him to "Have mercy, O Lord, Son of David!" She wants her demon-possessed daughter made whole.

1. We have seen this reference to the Gentiles coming to the faith multiple other times thus far. It is clear that Y'shua keeps washing these messages over His disciples, rinses them out and then does it again, all in preparation for one day needing to do it on their own when He is gone!
 - a) See "Son of David" teaching from the two blind men in [Let the Dead Bury the Dead](#).
 - b) See how Y'shua sends His disciples on an initial practice run in [Practicum](#).
 - 1) At first, Y'shua ignores her and His disciples urged Him to send her away.
 - 2) Y'shua reminds them, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
- (b) This Gentile woman insists that Y'shua help her as she worships Him.
 1. Y'shua again rebuffs her...and the exchange is yet another "parable."
 2. "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs."
 3. "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

4. "O woman, **great is your faith!** Let it be to you as you desire."
 5. Because of her faith, He healed her daughter.
- (c) Think about it... He never intended to reject her, only test her faith! This is THE ONGOING MESSAGE. It is not about your bloodline but your faithline!
1. He is doing this to show everyone what true faith looks like.
- (3) This woman's heart was already changed, or she could never have sought Him in the first place.
- (a) I chose you, you did not choose Me.
 - (b) Unless He love you first you could not love Him
 - (c) Like the centurion (a Gentile) who had faith:
 - (d) And still, even much later, Peter suffers with "daft-disciple-disorder..."
 - (e) Look at what Peter believes, even after all he saw with Y'shua and the Gentiles! And He only gets this after his vision! (Read all of Acts 10)
 - (f) Note to self: It is NOT unlawful to keep company with a Gentile! It was, however, against their manmade traditions!
 - (g) And even later—Peter still needs to be rebuked by Paul for getting it wrong!

- (h) Eventually it clicked for Peter...as testified to by James!
But this is not until Acts 15! Can you imagine how difficult it is to overcome “daft-disciple-disorder?”
Wash-Rinse-Wash-Rinse-Wash-Rinse-Wash-Rinse!

D. Y’shua Heals Great Multitudes

(1) Another Lesson on Healing

(a) *...and they glorified the God of Israel...*

1. Y’shua Heals Great Multitudes—AGAIN
2. He moved on from their around the Sea of Galilee and up on the mountain and a great many people sought Him.
3. He healed every type of sickness and infirmity in the multitudes and they glorified the God of Israel.

E. Feeding the Four Thousand

(1) He Feeds the Masses Again!

(a) Will the Disciple know what to do this time?

1. Notice the question? *“Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?”*

(2) Feeding the Four Thousand

(a) Lesson—Test—Do Over

1. He was there for three days and like before the people had no food.

- a) Again He does not want to send them away hungry, so He directs His disciples to feed them.
- b) You'd think they would respond differently, but they are apparently very dense...
- c) Not long before, they were in the same situation and when they were told to feed the masses they balked. They had no point of reference to do such a thing. We even learn that Y'shua was testing them when He told them to do so, even though He knew in advance they would fail.
- d) Now they are here again, in the same circumstance.
- e) This time Y'shua leads the witness: "They have been with Me three days and have had nothing to eat. I don't want to send them away hungry or they will pass out..." Hint hint hint! You saw what I did the last time! So...
- f) And their reaction! *"Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?"*
 - 1) Are you kidding? Same test—same outcome!
 - 2) What does this teach us?

(3) Wash-Rinse-Wash-Rinse-Wash-Rinse, etc.

- (a) Back to square one—back to where we started—it’s apparent that no progress has been made.
1. “Daft-Disciple-Disorder”
 - a) Asleep in the boat—the disciples panic!
 - b) 5000+ to feed—the disciples panic!
 - c) Out in the boat without Him—the disciples panic!
(And Peter jumps in the water like Jonah!)
 - d) 4000+ to feed—the disciples panic!
 - e) Prophetic Time-Out
 - 1) The feeding of the 4000+ appears only here in Matthew and in Mark 8:1-10, and in both accounts it specially says the people were there for **three days**. (Matthew 15:32 and Mark 8:2)
 - 2) This SECONG OPPORTUNITY to feed the people makes inference to a “Post Resurrection Era.” In other words, after My “death-burial-resurrection” you will be presented with this opportunity to feed the people in the wilderness and THIS IS HOW YOU DO IT!
 - 3) This is the question Y’shua will ask at the end-of-the-age: *“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his*

household, to give them food in due season? [at the proper time? NIV]" Matthew 24:45 NKJV

- 4) This is a reference to Joseph in Egypt who had a practical plan to plant, harvest and store the grain!
- 5) Here He says..." *And I do not want to send them away hungry [after three days], lest they faint on the way.*" In other words, "who will feed them at the proper time?"
- 6) This time He wants them to duplicate what He did with the feeding of the 5000. Yes, be Joseph, but do it without all the planting, harvesting and storing!
- 7) Again the disciples get it wrong (Red Light Green Light 1-2-3)... *"How can one satisfy these people with bread here in the wilderness?"* Mark 8:4 NKJV
- 8) It's like the feeding of the 5000 is in the "first coming era" and the feeding of the 4000+ is the "post resurrection era."
- 9) And getting it right is what is needed before His second coming!

(4) "Daft-Disciple-Disorder"

- (a) Dense—thickheaded, fat-headed, thick-skulled, boneheaded, lame-brained, birdbrained, pea-brained, slow on the uptake, soft in the head, brain-dead, dead from the neck up; *British informal* daft.
 - 1. [Slow] metaphorically, dull, inactive, in mind; stupid, slow to apprehend or believe
 - 2. “This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.” Mark 9:29 NKJV

Summary: REPEAT

3. Repeat (duplicate Christ OR start all over?)

A. Emulate or Iterate

(1) Multi-Level-Discipling

(a) Emulate

- 1. The ultimate promise—we will do the works of Christ and we will do them in a wider capacity!

(b) Emulate

- 1. Paul says: I am duplicating what Christ did; you should duplicate precisely what I am doing, thereby also replicating Christ exactly!
- 2. Paul says: all the things you heard from me and watched me do, implant them in others, who will do the same for others, and so on...

3. Who will do this? And what is the message?
 4. No understanding, no perception, deaf ears, and a dull heart—then what?
 5. Do over...return, repent, try again!
- (c) Iterate or Iteration:
1. Iterate or Iteration: the repetition of a process, utterance or procedure applied to a previous result as a means of obtaining a more successful outcome (a closer approximation to the solution).
 2. ...for precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little.

B. Milk vs. Solid Food

- (1) Reverse engineer Isaiah—don't do it wrong again!
 - (a) Precept upon precept!
 1. Iterate: don't get it wrong like we see in Isaiah! Don't get caught in a snare of missing the message and NOT obtaining the knowledge.
 - (b) That they might not fall backward!
 1. Leave the immaturity behind! What might that look like?

C. Acts 5

- (1) Emulate

- (a) Peter has begun to emulate Christ
 - 1. God's people are in unity
 - 2. They are multiplying in numbers
 - 3. Miracles abound to such a degree that even Peter's shadow heals people.
 - 4. This is a far cry from the Son of Jonah version of Peter!

D. Acts 8

(1) Emulate

- (a) Philip preaches things concerning the kingdom of God as did Christ!

- 1. Even Simon the sorcerer is converted!

(2) "Greedy-Gain-Gangrene."

- (a) Men inserting themselves where God belongs!

- 1. Simon witnesses the Holy Spirit in action and WANTS some of that power.
 - 2. His sorcery past has lured him back into selfish desires!
 - 3. Peter, who on a number of occasions in his "Son of Jonah" capacity, had gotten it dreadfully wrong himself (he rebuked Y'shua in Matthew 16:22 and denied Him in Matthew 26:69-75) is now spot on!

4. "Your money will perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased! Repent!"

(b) Men inserting their own pleasures where God belongs!

1. You ask amiss for your own Greedy-Gain-Gangrene!

E. Acts 19

(1) Emulate

(a) Healing with Garments!

1. We already saw this with Christ when He healed the woman with the issue of blood in Matthew 9:20-22 and again here in Matthew 14:34-36 when all those who touched the hem of His garment were made perfectly well.

2. We know this was a fulfillment of prophecy.

3. And now we see the same happening via Paul:

"Imitate me, as I imitate Christ."

(2) "Self-Serving-Syndrome"

(a) I like that handkerchief or apron trick!

1. I can use what Paul did (as he emulated what Christ did) to my own advantage!

2. I think all I need to do is plug into Paul's formula...

"We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches."

3. Unfortunately self-serving and serving Christ are not the same; they don't mix! You must stop making it all about you!
4. It is required that you have your own personal relationship with Y'shua to participate in the benefits of that relationship.
5. You can't get those benefits from anyone else. They must be from God alone!

(3) Testimony!

(a) A good o'fashioned whooping can be a very powerful witness!

1. Confessions and repentances abounds!
2. Leaving the old life behind abounds!

F. What it looks like to get it right (when Daft-Disciple-Disorder; Self-Serving-Syndrome; and Greedy-Gain-Gangrene are cured!)

(1) The grace given to me by God!

(a) I passed on what I did BECAUSE OF GOD!

1. It's God's grace, not me!
2. It's for the Gentiles too, not just Jews!

(b) And I give God ALL the Credit

1. I won't dare take credit for what MUST be credited to Yahweh!

2. If Christ has not done it through me, I'm not even interested in talking about it.
3. I won't even attempt to ride the back and shoulders of another person, so there will never be a reason to give anyone credit other than God.

(2) Pride Blockers

(a) If I am going to boast in anything...

1. ...it will be in Christ

(b) Get over yourself!

1. ...if anything or anyone is going to be glorified, it's going to be credited to the lord.

(c) Stop commending yourself!

1. We can only ever be boastful within the limits of what God has assigned for us.
2. Do not overextend that for what you've been assigned.
3. If you're going to glorify anything, glory in the Lord.
4. If you're going to be commended by anyone, be commended by the Lord.

(d) But let him who glories glory in this...

1. No wisdom, no power, no strength, no authority and no wealth will bring any real glory.
2. The only true glory comes from knowing the Lord.

3. What God truly delights in is tenderness and consideration toward others: justice, and righteousness.

(e) Stop trusting in yourself!

(f) Your entire boast should be in God!

G. Wash—Rinse—Repeat

(1) Wash

(a) Let's get in the boat together and I'll sleep while you panic—and then I'll show you what to do.

(b) Then I will be in the wilderness with you when there is no food for thousands of people and I will watch you panic when I ask you to feed them—and then I will show you what to do.

(2) Rinse

(a) Then I will send you in a boat without Me and you will face the challenge alone, and you will panic again, and once more I will show you what to do.

(b) Then I will be in the wilderness with you again, and again there will be no food for thousands of people, and again I will present you with the challenge to feed all the people, and again I will watch you panic—and again I will show you what to do.

(3) Repeat

- (a) ...another iteration until you get it right? Or, Imitate me as I imitate Christ!
1. No, not doing it wrong with yet another chance to do it right! But, this time doing it right!
 2. What I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth!
 3. All the people saw him walking and praising God
 4. They were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him!
- (4) *“Tell your testimony and God will give you more testimonies to tell!” DJH*
- (a) I want to tell you a testimony (Not repeated here!)
- (b)

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

- 1. Relate Matthew 14:1-12 to John 3:27-31 in a short essay...**
 - A. Use Luke 21:16-19 and Romans 8:28 to further enhance your essay.
- 2. How does the feeding of the 5000 in Matthew 14:13-21 make more sense in light of John 14:12-14?**
 - A. How does John 6:5-6 give us further insight?
- 3. Y’shua is the master litigator...**

A. How does He use His excellent grasp of His Father's Laws to combat poorly instituted traditions of men? (See Matthew 15:1-20)

4. Matthew 14:22-33 is the only account of Peter stepping out onto the water with Y'shua?

A. Whose idea was it?

B. What was the outcome?

C. When did the storm cease?

D. What is the pastoral perspective about Peter's actions? (See: Hebrews 12:2; Philippians 3:13; Genesis 19:26; I Peter 4:3; Matthew 13:22; I John 2:15)

E. How does Peter's choice relate to Jonah's choice in Jonah 1?

5. Relate Matthew 14:34-36 to Matthew 9:20-22.

A. How do both passages relate to Acts 19:11-12?

6. Relate Matthew 15:21-28 to Acts 10:28

A. How do both passages relate to John 15:16; I John 4:19 and Matthew 8:10?

B. How does Acts 10:28 show that Peter was still living in error regarding Matthew 15:21-28?

7. What better result should have Y'shua expected in Matthew 15:32-39?

A. Consider your answer in light of John 14:12-14.

8. Use the following scriptures to craft an essay that describes proper discipleship.

A. I Corinthians 11:1 + II Timothy 2:1-2 + Isaiah 6:8 + Isaiah 28:9-13 + Hebrews 5:12-14 & 6:1-3.

9. Read each of the following and describe what went right and what went wrong

A. Acts 5:12-16

B. Acts 8:9-23

C. Acts 19:11-20

D. Acts 3:1-10

E. How does James 1:16-18 & 4:1-3 explain some of your answers?

10. How does Romans 15:14-21 show us how to do discipleship right and give credit where credit is due?

A. Use the following passages as to help insure God is the only one Who ever gets the credit. (See: Galatians 6:14; I Corinthians 1:26-31; II Corinthians 10:12-18; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Psalms 34:1-3)