

Commentary on the Gospel for Fri, May 2nd 2014

“This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.” This verse from today’s Gospel message in John 6 is the reaction of many to Jesus, as he turned five loaves and two fish into a feast for thousands. We spend our lives waiting to see miracles of this magnitude performed; to see firsthand the power of God. I am often challenged myself, as I wait for God to move mightily in a very visible way. But I could use a change of perspective—to see God working every day, in a much more ordinary, but no less amazing fashion.

If a miracle is an extraordinary event believed to be caused by God’s power, then the word ‘miracle’ has a much broader definition than walking on water. If I look at my own life, I am continually amazed at the power of God, and should count every blessing a miracle. Finding my most perfect fiancée—miracle; freely able to worship and praise God in my workplace—miracle; being genuinely happy when I wake up every morning—miracle. Imagine our world if we could see and appreciate all of the “mini miracles.” We would see that we are loved by a creator who wants to bless us daily.

When we are on the receiving end of a miracle, what is our reaction? “Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks.” There is no greater example than Jesus. He knew the power of the Father, and immediately gave him the thanks he rightfully deserved. What a lesson for me, to not only see the miracle, but then to glorify the Father in response. I am already looking forward to the next miracle in my life. And when it comes, I know how I want to react. Every day is a good day for a miracle.

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