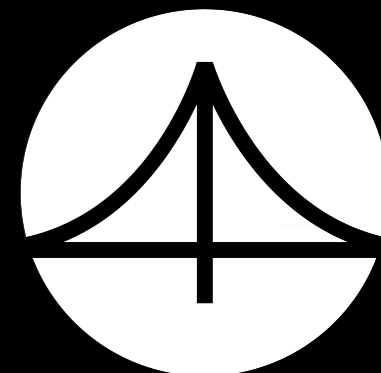


Luke: Feed 5,000

Luke 9:1-17



**True authority and power
show themselves through
generosity.**

- 1. Empowering Generosity**
- 2. Sacrificial Generosity**

Empowering Generosity

- Jesus operates in a way that is opposite to the power structures of the world
- The natural human tendency is to be self-preserving and fearful in authority and power
- Having a sense of entitlement about power and authority leads to fear and self-preservation

“A model of love, like Jesus, doesn’t necessarily energize us to love. We might be inspired to love, but we don’t necessarily change. A good model can leave us depressed, because it doesn’t deal with our weariness with life. Many of us are just trying to get from one end of the day to the other. Neither does a model of love deal with our inward bent. Often we don’t want a model for love—we just want to enjoy life and have other people see how reasonable we are. Or even better, we want ‘others’ to learn how to love ‘us’ and anticipate our every need.”

– Paul Miller

Sacrificial Generosity

- Jesus is free to love others with His power and authority because He doesn't feel a need to prove Himself
- Jesus shows that the economy of God's kingdom is one of abundance

“It is a dependent spirit that Jesus wishes to foster in his disciples. When asked to provide, they cannot because they do not know where to go to ask. They are to look at what Jesus has done and realize that he is the source of their life and ministry and that he will give in abundance what is needed.”

– Darrell Bock

Sacrificial Generosity

- When we see Jesus use His power and authority to sacrifice Himself and rescue us, that empowers us to use our power and authority to love and serve others
- 3 Practical Differences this Makes
 1. It encourages us to join Jesus in His mission rather than using our power and authority for ourselves
 2. It empowers us to empower others
 3. It empowers us to apologize and admit our failures

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