

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

February 9, 2025

Welcome!

Patience

EPHESIANS 4:2

Be completely humble and gentle;
be patient, bearing with one another
in love.

*"By those who come near
Me I must be regarded as
holy; and before all the
people I must be glorified."*

Join us at 6:00pm for
for worship in song

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Prayer List

Pray for the missionaries in
those areas we support,
especially John Kachelman's
work in the Ukraine

Remember all those in
California who are dealing with
the fires

Continue to pray for: the **Kirk**
family, the **Paul** family, **James**
Gupton, the **John Hayes**
family, **Brian West** family,
Rebecca Brown, **Donnie**
Garrett, **Camille Brosky**, those
in **Ukraine**, and **Bill Gillock**



*We invite everyone to join
us Wednesday night at 7pm
as we continue our study of
Hebrews*

Serving Today

Song Leader:
Jeff Baker

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Sam Baker

Prayer:
Mike Reed

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Jearmie Gupton
John 6:5-10

Wait On Table:
Dwight Pennington

Serve:
Johnny Walker
Doug Demonbreum

Prayer:
Jared Roaden

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

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Outline of John 6

- I. Two Miracles (1-21)
 - a. Jesus Feeds the 5000 (1-15)
 - b. Jesus Walks on the Water (16-21)
- II. Two Messages (22-71)
 - a. The Bread of Life (22-59)
 - b. The Words of Eternal Life (60-71)

Jesus Feeds the 5000

This is the only miracle mentioned in all four gospels (**Mt 14:13–21; Mk 6:32–44; Lk 9:10–17**). The occasion is Jesus' withdrawal to the "other side of the Sea of Galilee". John's account focuses on Jesus' interaction with His disciples. By looking at their conversation we can gain insight into how our perspective on challenges in life can be very different from His perspective.

Our Perspective

P _____ (5-6) – Even though Jesus wanted to get away for a while, a "large crowd" followed him. This presented a significant challenge to Jesus and the disciples because they were in a desolate place without access to food. Normally, when we encounter a challenge or barrier in life, we view it solely through the lens of our human experiences on earth (**Jn 3:4; 4:15; 6:34**). This can lead us to seeing most challenges from a purely negative perspective.

P _____ (7-9) – This perspective is born out in the reaction of Jesus' disciples. First, we have Philip, who is questioned by Jesus (**v. 5**) and attempts to look at the situation logically. He concludes that even if they had the equivalent of 200 days wages, they would be unable to give the people even a "little" bread (**v. 7**). Next, we have Andrew (**vv. 8-9**), who presents the five loaves and two fish from a boy but concludes "what are they for so many?" They both view this situation as impossible (see also **Mt 15:32-33**).

His Perspective

T _____ (6) – Jesus' question to Philip was a "test", because He already "knew what he would do." Where we see nothing but a problem, Jesus sees a test of our faith in Him. He knew these disciples had already witnessed Him perform miracle after miracle, and He was now testing to see whether they had the faith to believe He could overcome this *impossible* challenge. This is the reason why James, the half-brother of Jesus, said we should have "joy" when we face "trials" in life (**Jam 1:2**). These trials represent an opportunity for "testing [our] faith" (**Jam 1:3**) in the power of Jesus. Viewing the challenges of life this way requires us to rise above our human perspective and see things from a spiritual direction.

T _____ (6, 10-14) – It can be easy to look at Philip and Andrew and wonder how they did not recognize that Jesus could overcome this impossible situation. However, we must realize that we do the very same thing. Jesus wants us to put our faith in Him and His infinite power to overcome the impossible. Whatever happens in this life, He is always working for our eternal good (**Rom 8:28**) and has already defeated sin and death (**Heb 2:14; 1Jn 3:8**).