



The Gospel According to John Video 5

Thoughts from Brannon Hulsey on the Reading for Week of February 9: John 6:1 - 6:71

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Video Transcript:

In the passage that I read this week, the sixth chapter of John, there are several stories that are stories that, if you've grown up in the church, you've heard your entire lives: The story of Jesus walking on water, and the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. These are stories that I've heard my entire life, and these are stories that I currently read to my 4-year-old son in his Children's Bible. So they're stories that we know, and have heard...



As a parent to young children, I view my world differently, now, than I did even just a few years ago. Everything that I read and think about, I read in a new light. And a lot of that is because every time I answer a question from my son, it's usually followed up by *another* question – typically “how?” or “why?”.



So, I find myself reading things and asking, “How?” or “Why?” more than I did *before* I had children. So, for instance, *before* when I read Jesus feeding the five thousand, I would just say “Alright, he fed 5,000 people and it was a miracle,” and move on. I think this time I read it more in-depth, and I tried to figure out “*How* did He do that?” And I think it was the first time that I really stopped and *noticed* that in order to feed the five thousand, all Jesus did was *give thanks*.

I think that Jesus's love is portrayed in several instances in this chapter of John. When he feeds the people he obviously can tell that they're hungry from following Him, and having nothing with them, and so He feeds them. When His disciples are scared while they're in the boat, He tells them, “Don't be afraid, it's me,” and He takes care of them. And I think that shows His love to them. And then, when He's talking about being the Bread of Life, He talked about how His Father wants to give everyone Eternal Life, because He loves them.