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## February 23 – Mark 6:30-56

Then the apostles gathered to Jesus and told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. <sup>31</sup> And He said to them, “Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat. <sup>32</sup> So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves. <sup>33</sup> But the multitudes saw them departing, and many knew Him and ran there on foot from all the cities. They arrived before them and came together to Him. <sup>34</sup> And Jesus, when He came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them, because they were like sheep not having a shepherd. So He began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup> When the day was now far spent, His disciples came to Him and said, “This is a deserted place, and already the hour is late. <sup>36</sup> Send them away, that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves bread; for they have nothing to eat.”

<sup>37</sup> But He answered and said to them, “You give them something to eat.” And they said to Him, “Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?” <sup>38</sup> But He said to them, “How many loaves do you have? Go and see.” And when they found out they said, “Five, and two fish.” <sup>39</sup> Then He commanded them to make them all sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in ranks, in hundreds and in fifties. <sup>41</sup> And when He had taken the five loaves and the two fish, He looked up to heaven, blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples to set before them; and the two fish He divided among them all. <sup>42</sup> So they all ate and were filled. <sup>43</sup> And they took up twelve baskets full of fragments and of the fish. <sup>44</sup> Now those who had eaten the loaves were about five thousand men.

<sup>45</sup> Immediately He made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while He sent the multitude away. <sup>46</sup> And when He had sent them away, He departed to the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup> Now when evening came, the boat was in the middle of the sea; and He was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup> Then He saw them straining at rowing, for the wind was against them. Now about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking on the sea, and would have passed them by. <sup>49</sup> And when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed it was a ghost, and cried out; <sup>50</sup> for they all saw Him and were troubled. But immediately He talked with them and said to them, “Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid.” <sup>51</sup> Then He went up into the boat to them, and the wind ceased. And they were greatly amazed in themselves beyond measure, and marveled. <sup>52</sup> For they had not understood about the loaves, because their heart was hardened.

<sup>53</sup> When they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gennesaret and anchored there.

<sup>54</sup> And when they came out of the boat, immediately the people recognized Him, <sup>55</sup> ran through that whole surrounding region, and began to carry about on beds those who were sick to wherever they heard He was. <sup>56</sup> Wherever He entered, into villages, cities, or the country, they

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laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged Him that they might just touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched Him were made well.

## OKAY HERE'S MY TEACHING COMMENTARY

Let's look at Jesus as a pastor who cares for his sheep. The 12 apostles had just returned from a short-term missions trip and they were going to meet with Jesus for some much-needed rest and recreation. However, multitudes of people followed Jesus and the apostles so that they couldn't have any rest. The Bible says Jesus was filled with compassion for the multitude. Why? Because Jesus saw beyond the inconvenience of the moment. He saw the needs of the people that were seeking him for his help. In his eyes, they were sheep without a shepherd. Jesus began to teach them the word of God. That's the first job of a good shepherd. If you really love your people you will teach them the word of God because God's word gives people the guidance that they're looking for. Good shepherds feed the flock and care for the sheep.

The people got hungry and they didn't have any food. So Jesus did a miracle and multiplied 5 loaves of bread and 2 fish to feed about 5000 people. Again this is the love and compassion of a shepherd in action. God loves and cares for people and pastors, shepherds are to be extensions of God's compassion. There are all kinds of hurting people that come to church. Good shepherds show compassion and meet needs whenever possible.

Finally when Jesus released the multitude the Bible says he went up into a mountain to pray. The shepherd needs to care for his own soul. Even though Jesus was the Son of God, he had to have personal quiet times of refreshing with his Father. Every pastor needs to get away and spend time with God to be renewed because you're constantly giving and meeting the needs of people. Once Jesus was refilled with the presence of the father's fellowship and Holy Spirit, He went down and saw his disciples rowing in the boat out in the sea straining against the winds. Jesus walked out of them on the water and commanded the winds and the sea and they obeyed him. Good shepherds bring peace into difficult situations and that's what Jesus did.

When they got to the other side multitudes of sick people came out of all the towns and Jesus healed them. That's the ministry of a good shepherd restoring people's lives and bringing the ministry of Jesus Christ the healer, the Good Shepherd to them. Jesus wants to heal the total man; spirit, soul and body.

## What's the bottom line?

We are our brother's keeper and if the good shepherd is living within us we need to learn to:

- 1) Restore people

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- 2) Meet needs
- 3) Share the Word of God that feeds and guides
- 4) Bring the healing ministry of the good Shepherd to the sick
- 5) Remember to get quiet time in prayer with God so you can be refreshed, renewed and strengthened to bring peace to a troubled world.
- 6) We all only have one life. Invest it with compassion into the lives of others in Jesus name.

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