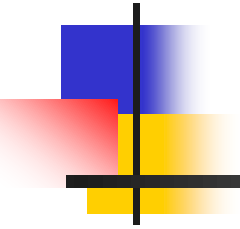


It Started With A Happy Meal



HIS MASTER'S VOICE



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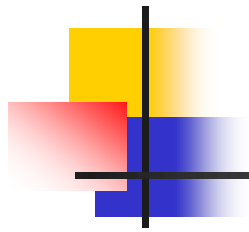
Expect the Unexpected

- Jeremiah 33:3 – “Call on Me and I will show you Great and Mighty things you DID NOT KNOW”
- We need to hear from God and be led by the Holy Spirit.
- Don’t start with a list of possibilities we could or should do.
- Start with a blank slate, “Holy Spirit, Give us direction and understanding
- Listen to HIM, and Expect the unexpected.



Do You Listen to Him?

- We spend a lot of time trying to get Him to listen to US! **How do you listen to Him?**
- Intention – Do you intend to listen to Him? Do you earnestly desire to hear His voice?
- Expectation – Do you expect Him to speak to you? Are you ready to hear from Him?
- Recognition – “My sheep hear my voice.” But we don’t always notice because we are not practiced listeners. Maybe a “rhema” experience. Maybe just a phrase or a song or a picture. But you sense it is important.



Because: Rethinking Church

80%

of the time, talent and resources of a local church is spent on care, feeding and maintenance members, equipment and buildings

Only 20%

is invested in ministry/outreach in the local community in a way that would connect new people to Jesus, transform culture, and extend His Kingdom



Thy Kingdom Come ...

- Wherever Jesus went, people were helped, healed and set free. **He was out in the world, where the need was greatest.**
- We are His body today, and how do we spend our time?
- The Church has focused too long on inside the **church building** where we are comfortable.
- Begins with wanting His will instead of ours.
- Things will not change until we learn to talk less and **listen more.**



Happy Meal – Kingdom Power

⁵ Therefore Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, *said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?” ⁶ **This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.** ⁷ Philip answered Him, “**Two hundred [b]denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them** [he had a budget], for everyone to receive a little.” - John 6



Never Tell Jesus the Odds

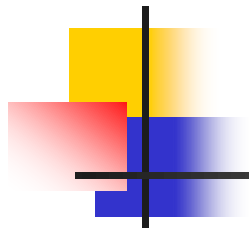
⁸ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, ^{*}said to Him, ⁹ "There is a lad here who has a Happy Meal - five barley loaves [*pancakes*] and two fish [*sardine-ish*], **but what are these for so many people?**" ¹⁰ **Jesus said,** [*never tell me the odds!*] **"Have the people [c]sit down."** So the men [d]sat down, in number about five thousand.

- The Rest is History



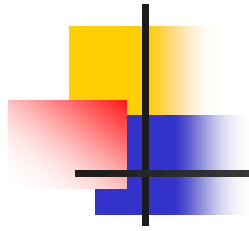
A Matter of Perspective

- We ALWAYS start by looking at the **size** of the **problem**
- Then we assess our HUMAN capabilities
- Then we ask Jesus to bless what we think is **Humanly possible – just dumb**
- Or we just assume it is **NOT POSSIBLE!!**
- We must keep reminding ourselves that with God **ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!**
- Put our Happy Meal in His Hands, then listen for His Voice and Follow Him



HLCN Happy Meal Stories

- \$100k Happy Birthday
- \$675k Discount
- Plywood Surprise
- Foster Care Challenge
- What's in Your Happy Meal???



Jesus + Nothing = EVERYTHING

- deeply **loved** by God,
- fully **accepted** by God,
- completely and permanently **forgiven** by God,
- lavishly **blessed** by God,
- and eternally, perfectly **embraced** by God as his child; a child who brings Him unspeakable JOY