Our God Is Able

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INTRODUCTION

- Now to him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us.
- We are all, as disciples of the Lord, to reach out and to touch the lives of people that are around us with the gospel.
- We must rather be of the kind of spirit that the Lord will provide every necessity of life. Our God is able.

1 Through the Red Sea on Dry Ground

Exodus 14:10–14; Exodus 14:21–22

- Do not be afraid, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will accomplish for you today.
- The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.
- So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.
- The scripture says they crossed on dry ground. Man would not have thought it possible. It is above all that man might ask or think.

2 The Walls of Jericho Fell Down Flat

Joshua 6:12–16; Joshua 6:20

- How could God's people conquer a city like this? And again, the way that God told them was not what maybe human thought would be.
- The people shouted with a great shout that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.
- It wasn't because the sound of the trumpets or the sound of their shouting that caused those walls to fall. It was God doing it.
- If he could make the walls fall at all, he could make them fall down flat. He was above what man might have thought or would have planned of himself.

3 The Widow's Oil: Not Just a Few

2 Kings 4:1–7

- Go borrow vessels from everywhere, from all your neighbors, empty vessels. Do not gather just a few.
- Go sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your sons live on the rest.
- There was more than enough to pay the debt that was owed. And her sons were not taken as servants.
- It, along with so many others, illustrates our God is able to do exceeding and abundantly above all that we may ask or think.

4 Water to Wine, Filled Up to the Brim

John 2; Matthew 9

- Jesus came and turned these maybe a hundred to a hundred and eighty, as much as maybe a hundred and eighty gallons of water into wine. Filled up to the brim, verse 7 says.
- It wasn't just a little, and it was the best wine.
- The point is, up to the brim. He wasn't just half filled. It wasn't just a few of the water pots, but all six up to the brim.

5 A Lad's Lunch: Not Just a Snack, They Were Filled

- The only miracle that is recorded in all four accounts of the gospel.
- Five thousand men plus the women and children, perhaps more than ten thousand.
- It wasn't that Jesus drew or did this miracle in order to draw the crowd, but it was in order to prove his power as the Son of God.
- To take a lad's lunch and feed as many perhaps as 10,000, and it wasn't just a snack, but they were filled.

6 By Faith: God's Part and Their Part

Hebrews 11:29; Hebrews 11:30

- It wasn't simply that the Lord promised us to fulfill any covetous nature.
- By faith, they passed through the Red Sea, as by dry land. Whereas the Egyptians attempting to do so were drowned.
- God's part worked a miracle, but their part was an act of faith.
- Whether or not it seemed reasonable in their minds, you do as God instructed. And when you do as God instructed, he is able.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let's enter this new era with a spirit of zeal and of outreach that relies on the Lord because we do our part as examples of faith.**

MY NOTES