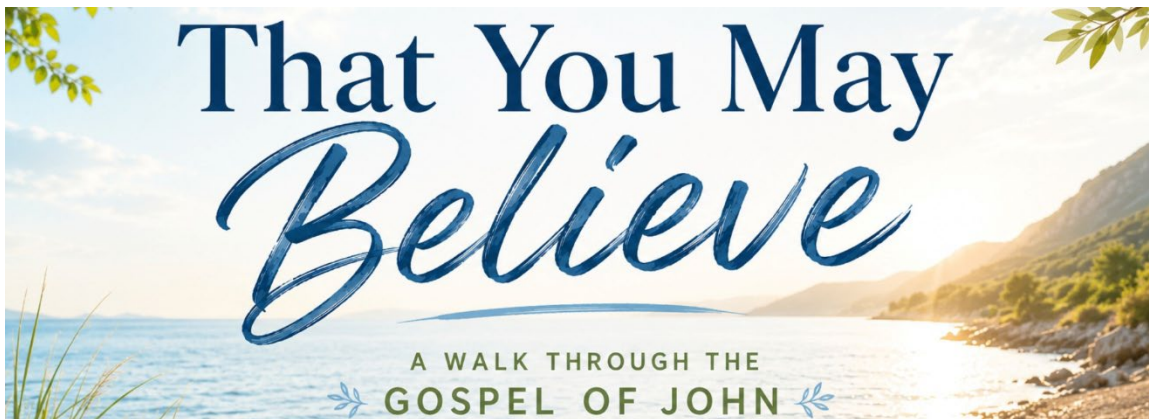




That You May Believe: A Walk Through the Gospel of John - Wk 7
Special Guest: Chris Keathly

(John 6:1-15)

Sunday, July 12, 2026

5-Day Devotional: When God Provides Beyond Our Limitations

Day 1: Seeing Needs Beyond Our Pain

Reading: Matthew 14:13-14; John 6:1-5

Devotional: Jesus had just received devastating news—His cousin John the Baptist had been beheaded. In His humanity, He needed time to grieve. Yet when He saw the crowds, compassion moved Him to minister despite His pain. How often do we allow our struggles to blind us to the needs around us? Jesus models a Kingdom perspective: even in our darkest valleys, God can use us to bring light to others. When we shift our focus from our limitations to God's limitless compassion, we become vessels of His grace. Today, ask God to open your eyes to one person who needs encouragement, even if you're walking through difficulty yourself.

Day 2: Small Offerings, Supernatural Results

Reading: John 6:8-11; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Devotional: A young boy offered five barley loaves and two fish—a meal for the poor, insignificant by worldly standards. Yet in Jesus' hands, this small gift fed thousands. We often withhold our gifts, time, or resources because they seem inadequate. But God doesn't measure by human standards. He asks for availability, not ability. What "small" thing are you holding back because it seems insufficient? That phone call, that note of encouragement, that modest financial gift—when surrendered to Jesus, becomes supernatural provision. The miracle isn't in what we offer but in Whom we offer it to. Give what you have today, and watch God multiply it beyond your imagination.

Day 3: God-Sized Tasks Require God-Sized Faith

Reading: John 6:5-7; Ephesians 3:20-21

Devotional: Jesus asked Philip an impossible question: "Where can we buy bread for all these people?" Philip immediately calculated the logistics—eight months' wages wouldn't be enough. He focused on facts rather than faith. How often do we do the same? We see the need, calculate our resources, and conclude it's impossible. But God specializes in the impossible. He can do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." The very impossibility of a task is often God's invitation to witness His supernatural provision. Stop focusing on Goliath's size and start remembering God's power. What "impossible" thing is God calling you to attempt in faith today?

Day 4: Remembering God's Faithfulness

Reading: John 6:12-13; Psalm 23:1-6

Devotional: After everyone ate their fill, Jesus instructed the disciples to gather the leftovers—twelve baskets full, one for each apostle. This wasn't about preventing waste; it was about creating a lasting testimony. Each disciple carried physical evidence of God's supernatural provision. Throughout their ministry, when doubt crept in, they could remember those full baskets. What are your "baskets"—those tangible reminders of God's faithfulness? When facing new challenges, we need these memorial stones. The God who provided then is the same God now. He makes us "lie down in green pastures" and provides abundantly. Take time today to journal about God's past faithfulness. These memories will fuel your faith for tomorrow's challenges.

Day 5: Surrendering Rights to Serve Others

Reading: John 6:1-3; Philippians 2:3-8

Devotional: Jesus had every right to grieve privately, to take time for Himself. Jewish custom even prescribed seven days of rest after a family death. Yet He chose service over self-care, others' needs over His own rights. This is the heart of the Gospel—Jesus "made himself nothing" and took on the form of a servant. We live in a culture obsessed with self-care and personal rights, but Kingdom living calls us higher. It's not about neglecting our needs but prioritizing God's purposes. When we surrender our "rights" to God, we discover the paradoxical truth: in losing our life, we find it. What right or expectation is God asking you to surrender today to serve His purposes and bless others?

Closing Reflection: God doesn't ask us to be the most talented, the wealthiest, or the most capable. He simply asks us to give what we have, see the needs around us, and trust Him with the impossible. Whether you're 6 or 96, whether you have much or little, God can use your surrendered offering to change the world.