

***God Does MORE
Than You Expect,
Part 3***

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Ephesians 3:20-21 (NKJV)

²⁰ 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, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (The Passion)

²⁰Never doubt God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (The Passion)

²¹ Now we offer up to God all the glorious praise that rises from every church in every generation through Jesus Christ—and all that will yet be manifest through time and eternity. Amen

Matthew 15:29 (NKJV)

29 Jesus departed from there, skirted the Sea of Galilee, and went up on the mountain and sat down there.

Mark 7:31 (NKJV)

31 Again, departing from the region of Tyre and Sidon, He came through the midst of the region of Decapolis to the Sea of Galilee.



Jordan River

Bethsaida

Chorazin

Caphernaum

Sea of Galilee

Gerasene Territory

Magdala

Tiberias

Galilee

Decapolis

Jordan River

MAP OF PALESTINE

Mediterranean
Sea

Sea of
Galilee

- Cana
- Nazareth

Galilee

Decapolis

Jordan
River

Samaria

Perea

- Joppa

- Jericho

- Jerusalem
- Bethlehem

Judea

Dead
Sea

- Gaza

- Beersheba

Idumea





Sidon

Tyre

Sea of Galilee

GALILEE

Philoterion

Hippos

Konata

Abila

Gadara

Capitolias

Scythopolis

Pella

SAMARIA

Gerasa

THE DECAPOLIS

Philadelphia

JUDEA

I. THE LOCATION

Around the Sea of Galilee





**Because of their openness to
new ideas, Jesus appealed to
the common people of
Galilee, and many of them
“heard him gladly”
*(Mark 12:37)***

II. A NEEDY GENTILE

Matthew 15:21-28

She humbles herself

She humbles herself

**She sees Jesus as her
ONLY HOPE of ministry
and help.**

III. A NEW OPPORTUNITY

Matthew 15:30-31 (NKJV)

³⁰ Then great multitudes came to Him, having with them the lame, blind, mute, maimed, and many others; and they laid them down at Jesus' feet, and He healed them. ³¹ So the multitude marveled when they saw the mute speaking, the maimed made whole, the lame walking, and the blind seeing; and they glorified the God of Israel.

Matthew 15:30-31 (MSG)

³⁰ They came, tons of them, bringing along the paraplegic, the blind, the maimed, the mute—all sorts of people in need—and more or less threw them down at Jesus' feet to see what he would do with them. He healed them.

Matthew 15:30-31 (MSG)

31 When the people saw the mutes speaking, the maimed healthy, the paraplegics walking around, the blind looking around, they were astonished and let everyone know that God was blazingly alive among them.

- **Lame: the halt and limping**
- **Blind: opaque, smoky, blind**
- **Mute: blunted of hearing or speech**
- **Maimed: rocking about, maimed in feet or hands**

WHAT DID HE DO?

HE HEALED THEM!

IV. THE TEST FOLLOWS THE LESSON

Matthew 15:32-33 (NKJV)

32 Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way." 33 Then His disciples said to Him, "Where could we get enough bread in the wilderness to fill such a great multitude?"

Matthew 15:34-36 (NKJV)

34 Jesus said to them, "How many loaves do you have?" And they said, "Seven, and a few little fish."

35 So He commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground. 36 And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude.

Matthew 15:37-38 (NKJV)

37 So they all ate and were filled, and they took up seven large baskets full of the fragments that were left.

38 Now those who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children.

***CHURCH, BE READY
to Feed, to Help, to Pray,
to Reach Out***

Matthew 15:32 (NKJV)

32 Now Jesus called His disciples to Himself and said, "I have compassion on the multitude, because they have now continued with Me three days and have nothing to eat. And I do not want to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way."

Matthew 15:32 (MSG)

32 But Jesus wasn't finished with them. He called his disciples and said, *"I hurt for these people..."*

(Passion: *"I care deeply about ALL these people..."*)

Was it because...

***They were GENTILES and
not Jewish?***

**Our God can do ABOVE
and BEYOND ALL that we
expect, ask or think...**

**Our God can do ABOVE and
BEYOND ALL that we expect, ask
or think...**

**Including getting us
*beyond our COMFORT
ZONES!***

V. WHAT NOW?

1. See what Jesus sees

1. See what Jesus sees

2. Feel what Jesus feels.

- 1. See what Jesus sees**
- 2. Feel what Jesus feels**

***3. Take the time when
Jesus says take the time.***

- 1. See what Jesus sees**
- 2. Feel what Jesus feels**
- 3. Take the time when Jesus says
take the time.**

4. See how BIG Jesus is

- 1. See what Jesus sees**
- 2. Feel what Jesus feels**
- 3. Take the time when Jesus says take the time.**
- 4. See how BIG Jesus is**

***5. Be a part of HIS
MIRACLE.***

***HE'S THE GOD WHO
DOES MORE
THAN YOU EXPECT!***