



FLASHBACK FAITH

Mark 8:14-21

Sermon Notes

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Walking By Faith Sermon Series

1. Flashback Faith

- Sometimes the best way to walk forward in faith is actually to look backward.
- A flashback is a tool that television directors and scriptwriters use to take the viewer into the history of a character, which allows them to see why the character is the way they are in the present.
- A flashback into history helps make sense of a present scene.
- The present scenes of our lives often serve to challenge our faith.
- To walk by faith in the present sometimes requires that we flashback to an earlier time in our lives when we've seen the power of the Lord over our situations.
- This is called, "flashback faith."

2. Two Flashbacks (Reference Scriptures: Mark 6:30-44; 8:1-10)

- To understand the "present" problem in Mark 8:14-21, it is necessary to "flashback" to two earlier situations in the life of Jesus and His apostles.
- The first flashback concerns the miraculous feeding of the 5,000 (not counting women and children).
- The second flashback concerns the miraculous feeding of the 4,000.
- With each flashback, we see the power and authority of Jesus over limited resources of food.

3. The Current Problem (Reference Scriptures: Mark 8:11-13; Matthew 16:5-8)

- The problem that the disciples faced was that they had only one loaf of bread.
- Their resources were too limited to tackle their hunger.
- It is natural to be concerned, but we don't want to be consumed with worry.
- When we are consumed, it drowns out the Lord's voice.
- To caution is to command.
- Leaven is a substance that transforms or modifies.
- We are close to being shaped by the voices around us and being modified into reflecting their faith.
- When we become consumed with worry, our faith isn't active in the moment.

4. Back to the Flashback (Reference Scriptures: Acts 17:27; John 6:35; Matthew 6:25-26; Mark 6:52; 2 Timothy 3:11)

- The disciples couldn't move forward until Jesus took them back.
- Their lack of faith in this situation needed to be connected with Jesus' deliverance and power over a previous situation.
- What He did in the past pointed to His identity.
- Within every life, there are lessons the Lord has been teaching.
- The Lord wants you to flashback to those earlier lessons.
- They were worried about one loaf, but Jesus had already shown them His power over limited resources.
- We know what He's done scripturally, but we must connect it with our lives.
- Whatever your current problem is, you walk with someone who has authority over everything.

Your Challenge to Obey: Walk as if you believe in the power and identity of the Lord.