

# Sermon Summary: Love's Knowledge

- **Introduction: Signs of Ageing**
  - Common discussions among similar-aged groups often focus on ailments.
  - Personal experience of developing wheat intolerance, unable to enjoy bread.
- **Biblical Accounts of Miracles**
  - **2 Kings 4:42-end:** Elisha feeds a hundred with twenty loaves.
  - **John 6:1-21:** Jesus feeds 5,000 with five loaves and two fish.
  - Additional miracle: Jesus walks on water, reaching the other side instantly.
- **Miracles and Jesus' Identity**
  - Miracles highlight Jesus' divine nature, power, and glory.
  - Scepticism and rational explanations often downplay miraculous events.
- **Reflection on Modern Attitudes**
  - Tendency to seek natural explanations may diminish our sense of wonder.
  - Quote by Elizabeth Barrett Browning on finding God in the ordinary.
- **The True Miracle**
  - The people's unwavering commitment to follow Jesus despite fatigue.
  - The crowd's recognition of their spiritual hunger being met by Jesus.
- **The Disciples' Perspective**
  - Philip and Andrew's practical and limited view of the situation.
  - Their inability to see beyond material scarcity to Jesus' provision.
- **Application to Our Lives**
  - Parallels between the disciples' and our own reactions to overwhelming challenges.
  - Encouragement to trust Jesus with our limited resources and insecurities.
- **Personal Reflection and Call to Action**
  - Challenges faced by Moses and our own insecurities in serving God's will.
  - Encouragement to rely on God's power rather than our own limitations.
- **The Role of the Church**
  - The call to recognize and join in God's work in the world.
  - Example of Mother Teresa's "call within the call" and her faith-driven actions.
- **Conclusion: A Call to Trust and Action**
  - The necessity of "love's knowledge" to overcome inadequacies.
  - Invitation to place our trust in God's abundance and participate in His work.
- **Moment of Silence**
  - An opportunity for personal response and reflection on God's message.

Questions:

1. The sermon reflects on the miracles of multiplying loaves and walking on water. How do these miracles reveal the identity of Jesus? What do they tell us about His nature and mission?
2. The sermon discusses scepticism towards miracles. How should modern believers approach biblical miracles? Should we seek natural explanations, or is there value in maintaining a sense of wonder?
3. The disciples faced overwhelming needs with limited resources. In what ways do we, like Philip and Andrew, often focus on our limitations? How can we shift our perspective to trust in God's provision?
4. Reflecting on the church's role, the sermon challenges us to believe in Jesus' power to work in people's lives today. How can the church effectively witness and participate in God's mission in the world?
5. The sermon mentions Moses' self-doubt and encourages us to confront our insecurities. What personal insecurities might hold us back from serving God fully? How can we overcome them?
6. Inspired by Mother Teresa's example, how can we translate our faith into action, especially when faced with daunting tasks or limited resources? What steps can we take to begin making a difference in our community?