

God Is in the Multiplication Business

I'm about to share several examples from the Bible on how our God is in the multiplication business. He can take what ordinary people like you and me have and exponentially grow it. If He can multiply loaves, fish, seeds, and oil, He can surely increase the 'talents' and resources we have been entrusted with. God admonishes us in Genesis 1:28 to multiply. Admonish means to urge, exhort, implore, encourage, and pressure – it's not a suggestion, we are supposed to be in the multiplication business.

The first story is from Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV).

¹³When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns.

¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸"Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children."

If Jesus can multiply five loaves and two fish, he can certainly multiply what you have!

Here's another story from the Bible that confirms our God is in the multiplication business:

Job 42:10 (TLB)

¹⁰Then, when Job prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his wealth and happiness! In fact, the Lord gave him twice as much as before!

The miraculous catch of fish found in Luke 5:1-9 (ESV) illustrates how our God is in the multiplication business:

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¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered. "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken.

If God can multiply fish, He can certainly increase what you have.

Here's yet another great example from the Bible that dramatically illustrates multiplication:

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty). ACTS 1:15 (NIV)

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. ACTS 2:41 (NIV)

In a single day, 3,000 new believers were added to the "church." That's a twenty-five hundred percent increase, and that's awesome!

This story from the Old Testament illustrates compounding as well:

So, Abram went up from Egypt to the Negev, with his wife and everything he had, and Lot went with him. Abram had become very wealthy in livestock and in silver and gold. Genesis 13:1-2 (NIV)

Here's an awesome example of Godly gain:

When Isaac planted his crops that year, he harvested a hundred times more than he planted, for the Lord blessed him. Genesis 26:12 (NLT)

How awesome is that?

Next is a wonderful story from the New Testament; it goes to show you what Jesus can do with a little if we are willing to give it to Him:

³²Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way."

³³His disciples answered, “Where could we get enough bread in this remote place to feed such a crowd?”

³⁴How many loaves do you have?” Jesus asked.

“Seven,” they replied, “and a few small fish.”

³⁵He told the crowd to sit down on the ground. ³⁶Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, and when he had given thanks, he broke them and gave them to the disciples, and they in turn to the people. ³⁷They all ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ³⁸The number of those who ate was four thousand men, besides women and children. Matthew 15:32-38 (NIV)

The point is, Jesus can use what little dough we have and multiply it.

This miraculous story of The Widow’s Oil comes from 2 Kings 4:1-7 (ESV):

¹Now the wife of one of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, “Your servant my husband is dead, and you know that your servant feared the Lord, but the creditor has come to take my two children to be his slaves.” ²And Elisha said to her, “What shall I do for you? Tell me; what have you in the house?” And she said, “Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil.” ³Then he said, “Go outside, borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels and not too few. ⁴Then go in and shut the door behind yourself and your sons and pour into all these vessels. And when one is full, set it aside.” ⁵So she went from him and shut the door behind herself and her sons. And as she poured, they brought the vessels to her. ⁶When the vessels were full, she said to her son, “Bring me another vessel.” And he said to her, “There is not another.” Then the oil stopped flowing. ⁷She came and told the man of God, and he said, “Go, sell the oil and pay your debts, and you and your sons can live on the rest.”

She became the first oil tycoon in recorded history!

Here’s another amazing story from the Bible on how God can grow what we have. It’s from 1 Kings 17:8-16 (NIV).

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” ¹⁰So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar, so I may have a drink? ¹¹As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

¹²As surely as the Lord your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

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¹³Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain upon the earth.’”

¹⁵She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So, there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. ¹⁶For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

I’m certain if God can increase flour and oil, he can increase what you and I have.

Remember that God said for us to ‘be fruitful and multiply’. The phrase ‘to be fruitful’ means to be productive. The word ‘multiply’ means to increase in number. God is not suggesting, He is making a very strong exhortation; we are to be in the multiplication business! By becoming a great investor, we will someday hear the words of our master saying, “Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

Once you learn how to be a great investor, you’ll be in the multiplication business as well.

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