

PURPOSE

ENGAGING OUR CALLING

EPHESIANS 3 & 4

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MARK 6

³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

³⁵ By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late.” ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.”

³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.”

They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?”

³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.”

MARK 6

When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.”

³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ 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 his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

**HUMAN REASONING DOES NOT
GET YOU TO GOD'S PLANS**

Faithful listening does...



EPHESIANS 3

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do
immeasurably **more than all we ask or imagine**,
according to his power that is at work within us,
²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

A person is shown from the chest up, rowing a boat on a body of water. The person's arms and hands are covered in mud, suggesting a challenging or strenuous activity. They are wearing a blue t-shirt with several logos, including one that says "Patric". The background is a blurred view of the water.

**WHEN WE FACE A CHALLENGE OR AN
OPPORTUNITY, WHAT IS THE LAST THING WE
SHOULD DO AS A CHRISTIAN?**

A person wearing a blue and white plaid button-down shirt and blue jeans is sitting outdoors. They are holding an open book in their lap with both hands. The person is wearing a watch on their left wrist and a ring on their left hand. The background is a blurred natural setting with trees and foliage. The text "ASK GOD TO ACTION MY PLAN" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

ASK GOD TO ACTION MY PLAN

A landscape featuring several wind turbines in a field under a cloudy sky. The foreground is a dark, plowed field, and the background shows rolling hills and more turbines. The text is overlaid in the center.

**“LORD, WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO
WITH YOUR POWER, FOR YOUR GLORY?”**

JOHN 3

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.”

³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, **no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.**”

JOHN 3

⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. **You hear its sound**, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. **So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.**”

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