

# STEP 1 - PEACE

Beloved, I pray that in all respects you may prosper and be in good health, just as your soul prospers.

(3Jn 1:2)

# WHAT IS A PROSPEROUS SOUL?

## ▶ **Stable emotional life**

- ▶ Not necessarily without need – What is within us impacts everything outside us
- ▶ Unencumbered by the past, free from regret.

## ▶ **Will – self control**

- ▶ “not saying no to lots of things but being single minded to say yes to God” –  
Danny Silk

## ▶ **A renewed mind**

## ▶ **Romans 12v2**

# MARK CHAPTER 6

.... And He was going around the villages teaching. And He \*summoned the twelve and began to send them out in pairs, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits; and He instructed them that they should take nothing for *their* journey, except a mere staff—no bread, no bag, no money in their belt—but *to* wear sandals; and *He added*, "Do not put on two tunics." And He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave town. "Any place that does not receive you or listen to you, as you go out from there, shake the dust off the soles of your feet for a testimony against them." They went out and preached that *men* should repent. And they were casting out many demons and were anointing with oil many sick people and healing them.

▶ (Mar 6:6-13)

The apostles \*gathered together with Jesus; and they reported to Him all that they had done and taught. And He \*said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a secluded place and rest a while." (For there were many *people* coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.) They went away in the boat to a secluded place by themselves. *The people* saw them going, and many recognized *them* and ran there together on foot from all the cities, and got there ahead of them. When Jesus went ashore, He saw a large crowd, and He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things. When it was already quite late, His disciples came to Him and said, "This place is desolate and it is already quite late; send them away so that they may go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

▶ (Mar 6:30-36)

▶ But He answered them, "You give them *something* to eat!" And they \*said to Him, "Shall we go and spend two hundred denarii on bread and give them *something* to eat?" And He \*said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go look!" And when they found out, they \*said, "Five, and two fish." And He commanded them all to sit down by groups on the green grass. They sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. And He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up toward heaven, He blessed *the food* and broke the loaves and He kept giving *them* to the disciples to set before them; and He divided up the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up twelve full baskets of the broken pieces, and also of the fish. There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.

▶ (Mar 6:37-44)

▶ Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of *Him* to the other side to Bethsaida, while He Himself was sending the crowd away. After bidding them farewell, He left for the mountain to pray. When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and He was alone on the land. Seeing them straining at the oars, for the wind was against them, at about the fourth watch of the night He \*came to them, walking on the sea; and He intended to pass by them. But when they saw Him walking on the sea, they supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; for they all saw Him and were terrified. But immediately He spoke with them and \*said to them, "Take courage; it is I, do not be afraid." Then He got into the boat with them, and the wind stopped; and they were utterly astonished, for they had not gained any insight from the *incident of the loaves*, but their heart was hardened.

▶ (Mar 6:45-52)

# DOES GOD HAVE A PLAN OR A PURPOSE?

When they had crossed over they came to land at Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. When they got out of the boat, immediately *the people* recognized Him, and ran about that whole country and began to carry here and there on their pallets those who were sick, to the place they heard He was. Wherever He entered villages, or cities, or countryside, they were laying the sick in the market places, and imploring Him that they might just touch the fringe of His cloak; and as many as touched it were being cured.

▶ (Mar 6:53-56)



# THINK DIFFERENTLY – FIND PEACE

"I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted. (Job 42:2)

Many plans are in a man's heart, But the counsel (purpose) of the LORD will stand. (Pro 19:21)

But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected God's purpose (advice, counsel) for themselves, not having been baptized by John. (Luk 7:30)

"For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers .. (Act 13:36)

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (Rom 8:28)

# WHAT HAS HE PUT IN YOUR HANDS?

- ▶ As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (1Pe 4:10)
- ▶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ▶ (Php 4:6-7)