

Ephesians 3:14 through Ephesians 3:21

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father,
¹⁵from whom his whole family^o in heaven and
on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his
glorious riches he may strengthen you with
power through his Spirit in your inner being,
¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted
and established in love, ¹⁸may have power,
together with all the saints, to grasp how wide
and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,
¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses
knowledge—that you may be filled to the
measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now 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, ²¹to him be
glory in the church and in Christ Jesus
throughout all generations, for ever and ever!
Amen.

John 6:1 through John 6:21

¹Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias),
²and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the miraculous signs he had performed on the sick. ³Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴The Jewish Passover Feast was near.

⁵When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, **“Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?”** ⁶He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷Philip answered him, “Eight months’ wages^o would not buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

⁸Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, ⁹“Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”

¹⁰Jesus said, **“Have the people sit down.”** There was plenty of grass in that place, and the men sat down, about five thousand of them. ¹¹Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who

were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹²When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, **“Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.”** ¹³So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

¹⁴After the people saw the miraculous sign that Jesus did, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” ¹⁵Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

¹⁶When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them. ¹⁸A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough. ¹⁹When they had rowed three or three and a half miles, ²⁰they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were terrified. ²¹But he said to them, **“It is I; don’t be afraid.”** ²²Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.