

## **Connecting – The Key to Life’s Prosperity**

### **John 6.5-13**

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There is an expectation of Jesus to meet the needs of those who come to him. Healing, deliverance and particularly food or hunger were among those needs. There were five thousand hungry men but many more thousands of hungry women and children.

The men were the key to the families being fed. We know this to be true in the realm of economics. In America families without fathers present or much more likely to live at or below the poverty level. When men connect it lifts the limitations on the prosperity of the nation. There are three connections that must be made by every man – God, family and each other. Our most difficult and critical one is with each other.

#### **1. Why don’t we connect with each other?**

- We’re not taught to connect, we’re taught to compete!
- We fear trusting other men enough to connect

We don’t want anyone to think we’re funny....

- WIFM – we fail to see what there is to gain from this.

The gains when you connect with a woman even when the connection is temporary are much more obvious!

#### **2. What happens when we don’t connect?**

- Some man who needs a brother ends up alone....
- We get isolated and then the enemy works us over!
- Women and children never get fed!

It was the ability of 5014 men to connect that fed the women. It was the power of 5014 men connecting that got the children so many fish sandwiches they had left over.

#### **3. What happens when men connect?**

- Everything we have gets multiplied! **Gen. 41.49**
- We learn the power of unity! **Eccles. 4.9-12**
- We take home all the spoils.... more than enough...

*Matt 14:19-21*

*He blessed the food, and breaking the loaves He gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds, 20 and they all ate and were satisfied. They picked up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve full baskets. 21 There were about five thousand men who ate, besides women and children. NASU*