

# MIRACULOUS GENEROSITY

## Q&A DISCUSSION

PETER WALKED ON WATER

*(Matthew 14:22-36; Mark 6:45-56; John 6:16-24)*

DISCIPLES FOLLOWED JESUS

*(Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11)*

FRIENDS HELPED PARALYZED MAN

*(Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12)*

BOY'S MEAL FED THOUSANDS

*(Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15)*

1. What do all these miracles have in common?
2. What is the most surprising aspect of these miracles?
3. What obstacles did people face? How did they overcome them?
4. When you and I consider generosity, what obstacles do we face? How can we overcome them?
5. Which gift is easiest for you to give: faith, work, compassion, possessions? Why?

*“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, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!”*

*~ Ephesians 4:20-22*

# GIVING TOOLS

Whether you have specific goals for your estate, or don't know where to begin, Virginia Baptist Foundation (VBF) can help. Knowledgeable, caring staff can explain financial strategies that support your designated heirs, as well as your church and/or ministries meaningful to you. VBF can recommend tools, including legal advisors who prepare wills. Best of all, their services are influenced by Christian ethics and biblical stewardship.

***When desired, discussions can even take place in the comfort of your home.***

FINANCIAL TOOL	YOUR BENEFITS
<b>LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ The cornerstone of an estate plan.</li><li>▶ The most-utilized tool of charitable giving.</li><li>▶ May include bequests to your church and/or preferred ministries.</li><li>▶ Revocable.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Ensures your wishes are carried out after death.</li><li>▶ Is exempt from federal estate taxes.</li><li>▶ Eases the process for loved ones when you die.</li></ul> <p><b><i>Note: If you have no will when you die, the Commonwealth of Virginia will settle your estate and control your disbursements.</i></b></p>
<b>DONOR-ADVISED FUND</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ A tool that provides consistent giving to your church and/or preferred ministries.</li><li>▶ A way to memorialize a loved one through an ongoing instrument that gives to charity annually and, depending on the distribution levels, in perpetuity.</li><li>▶ Irrevocable. \$5,000 minimum.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Allows immediate tax deduction, subject to IRS.</li><li>▶ Avoids capital gains taxes, subject to IRS.</li><li>▶ Flows through your fund without need for a private foundation.</li><li>▶ Verifies nonprofits for legitimacy prior to distribution.</li><li>▶ Continues tithing to your church, even after death.</li></ul>
<b>CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ A tool that transfers appreciated assets (stocks, real estate, cash) from your estate to an irrevocable trust that provides income.</li><li>▶ At your death, the remaining trust assets, or the annual income, will go to your church and/or preferred ministries.</li><li>▶ Irrevocable.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ Converts appreciated assets into income-producing assets.</li><li>▶ Provides income for the remainder of your life through a unitrust or annuity trust.</li><li>▶ Provides a charitable income tax deduction now.</li><li>▶ Bypasses capital gains taxes.</li></ul>



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**“Be generous: Invest in acts of charity. Charity yields high returns.” ~ Eccles. 11:1 (MSG)**