

THE 5/20 PROJECT

For God so Loved He Gave...

Kingdom Principles 106

The Desert, The Well, and The Bottle

A man was lost in the desert.

His lips were cracked.

His legs were weak.

Every step felt like his last.

Just when he was sure he would die of thirst, he saw an old wooden shed in the distance.

He stumbled toward it and pushed the door open.

Inside was a dusty hand pump — the kind that pulls water from deep underground.

Next to it sat a small glass bottle filled with water.

Tied to the bottle was a note:

“Don’t drink this water.

Use it to prime the pump, and you will get all the water you need.

When you are finished, refill the bottle for the next thirsty traveler.”

The man stared at the bottle.

It wasn’t much water.

Just a few swallows.

His body screamed, *“Drink it now!”*

But the note asked him to **give up what could save him in the moment...**
for the chance at something greater he couldn’t yet see.

He hesitated.

What if the note was wrong?

What if the pump didn’t work?

What if this bottle was his only hope?

But finally, with trembling hands, he poured the water into the pump.

He began to push the handle.

At first... nothing.

Dry squeaks. Hollow echoes.

Panic rose in his chest.

Then suddenly...

GURGLE. SPLASH. FLOW.

Cool, fresh water burst from the pump.

He fell to his knees and drank deeply.

He washed his face.
Filled his canteen.
Restored his strength.

Before leaving, he carefully refilled the small bottle, set it back in its place, and added a new note underneath the old one:

“Believe the note. It works.”

How This Connects to The 5/20 Project

This is exactly what the 5/20 Project is about.

The Bottle = The \$20

It feels small.
It feels like something we might need for ourselves.

But in the Kingdom, what looks like **“not enough”**
is often the very thing God uses to **unlock a flow**.

Priming the Pump = Obedient Giving

When the Holy Spirit nudges us to give...

It can feel risky.
Illogical.
Even uncomfortable.

“God, what if I need this?”
“What if nothing happens?”

But obedience is what releases the flow.

The Well = God's Unlimited Supply

The man thought the bottle was his provision.

It wasn't. The well was.

We often think our bank account is our source. It's not.

God is the source. We just hold the bottle.

Refilling the Bottle = Giving It Forward

The miracle wasn't just for him. It was for the **next thirsty person**.

That's the heart of the 5/20 Project.

We don't just receive God's love —
the evidence left behind is that He sees, He loves, and He provides.

Teaching Point

If he had drunk the bottle, he would have survived for a moment, but never received what Holy Spirit intended to give His full provision. Because the man poured into, as instructed, he received more than enough.

Small obedience unlocks unseen supply.

And every time someone gives a Spirit-led \$20 with the message,
"Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you,"
they are priming a well in someone's life.

Not just meeting a need... But revealing the Source.

Why The 5/20 Project Gives Five \$20 Bills to Influencers

1. It demonstrates trust.

We place five \$20 bills into the hands of an influencer to show that we trust the Holy Spirit already at work in them. The money is not the mission — **the person is the mission.**

2. It activates obedience.

Each \$20 represents an opportunity to respond to a prompting from the Holy Spirit. Instead of waiting for the "perfect moment," the influencer already carries the seed and can act when someone is highlighted.

3. It keeps the act simple.

Five \$20 bills keeps the practice easy and approachable.
It removes pressure, overthinking, and complexity.
Anyone can participate.

4. It trains spiritual awareness.

Influencers begin to notice people more.

They listen more carefully to the nudges of the Holy Spirit.

Giving the \$20 becomes a way to practice **real-time compassion**.

5. It demonstrates Kingdom currency.

The \$20 is not the true gift.

The real message is:

“Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you.”

Money simply opens the door for someone to hear and receive that truth.

6. It creates five opportunities for impact.

Each influencer carries five chances to bless someone.

Five moments where a person may feel seen by God in a difficult moment.

7. It encourages faith through action.

Like priming the pump in the desert story, giving what we hold in our hand often reveals that God’s provision is greater than we imagined.

8. It leaves evidence of God’s love in the world.

When someone receives a Spirit-led \$20 and hears,

“Jesus sees you. Jesus loves you,”

they encounter more than money.

They encounter the possibility that **God has noticed them**.

In Simple Terms

The 5/20 Project gives five \$20 bills to influencers so they can:

- **Listen to the Holy Spirit**
- **Act with courage in real time**
- **Bless five people**
- **Leave evidence that Jesus sees and loves them**

The money is simply the **bottle**. The real purpose is to help people discover **the well**.

What comes next are the stories... and oh what stories they are!

For more information on how you can be involved

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