Main Bible Verse:

(John 18:6) When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground.

Summary:

<u>John 18:6</u>

- We must realize that it is not by us or the people around us, but only when Jesus says, "I am He", we will be successful.
 - \circ Jesus' "I am He", is the source of success to our marriage, business, and everything in our lives.
- We must confess our sins and repent until God's "I am He" comes down to us.
- When we come to church, we must not only listen to the message, but to receive the word and to act upon the word.
 - Miracles will come when we act upon the word.

1 Corinthians 9:26-27 | John 14:6

- Paul taught us the importance of God's direction.
 - \circ $\;$ We must beat ourselves until we receive directions from God.
 - Beating ourselves is denying ourselves.
 - When we deny ourselves, we will not follow our own feelings or desires.
 - Without denying ourselves, we will have failures.
 - When we have God's direction, whatever we do will be successful.
- If we want to be successful, we must let Jesus be our way, our truth, and our life.
 - The way: God's direction for us.
 - \circ $\;$ The truth: God's method for the direction God has given us.
 - When we have God's direction and God's method, we will be successful and we will have abundant life, a life that manifests the glory of God.
- Acting upon the word is very important after listening and receiving the word.
 - \circ ~ To receive God's direction and method, we must act upon the word.
 - We must not rely on our own feelings and will, but we must repent, return, and follow God's way.

Jonah 1:1-4 | Jonah 2:9 | Ecclesiastes 5:4-5

- Jonah's direction was completely messed up.
 - He went against God's direction for him.
 - God clearly told Jonah to go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before God.
 - \circ Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish, and this is what brought his failure.
- Once Jonah repented and returned in the belly of the fish, he finally realized the reason God sent him to Nineveh.
 - Jonah had made a vow with God, but he went against it.
 - We must always keep our vows with God.
 - If we fail to keep our vow, we must repent and return and fulfill our vow with God.
 - It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it.
- It is not our skills or our own doing that brings success, but it is God's direction for us that brings the success. John 6:8-13 | Mark 12:41-44
- The miracles of five loaves of bread and two fish fed five thousand.

- Disciple Andrew found the child with 5 small loaves of bread and 2 small fish, who was willing to share them.
- Disciple Andrew has the faith that in Jesus' hand, small amount that couldn't go far would become great wonders.
- When Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to the five thousand, they all had enough to eat.
- \circ $\;$ When we are willing to give more for Jesus, we will experience His wonder.
- We must give to God with full faith and our whole hearts.
 - \circ $\;$ It is not about the amount we give to God but about the faith we have when giving to Him.
 - When the poor widow offered two very small copper coins, Jesus said to the disciples, "this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others."
 - Jesus wants us to offer in spirit and in truth.

John 4:16-23

- Jesus taught the Samaritan women the importance of worship in spirit and in truth.
 - \circ Jesus waited for the Samaritan women by the well to help her depart from her sins.
 - Jesus intentionally asked her to bring her husband over, and when she said she had no husband, Jesus told her, "You have had five husbands".
 - Jesus taught the Samaritan women about the importance of worshiping in spirit and in truth. When she followed Jesus' direction, the problem in her life, her marriage, was solved.
 - Our marriage must be based on worship in spirit and in truth.
- The key to solve all problems in our lives, is to repent and return in spirit and in truth.

3 things for all the fathers:

- 1. No smoking
- 2. No yelling or scolding your wife
- 3. Love your wife and be a responsible father
- May God bless all fathers with strength, wisdom, and health.
- Let all fathers be a good role model who kneels and prays, lifts his hands to repent, loves God and God's church, loves his wife and family, and manifests God's love through words and actions.
- Let the fathers be one who brings the whole tithe into the storehouse of God. God will throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.