Dear Lexie,

From the time I was a child, one of my favorite Bible stories has been the miracle of the fish and loaves. I have always found it so amazing that Jesus was able to take a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish and feed a multitude of 5000 men, not including the women and children. But when you think about it, why would that be so hard to comprehend? After all, wasn't this Jesus the Son of God? And isn't God in the miracle working business? Miracles are one of the major highlights of scripture. From the Old Testament to the New Testament, from the parting of the Red Sea to the raising of Lazarus from the dead, miracles have always found their way front and center onto the pages of holy writ.

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feeling that there would have been a lot of people who would have gone hungry that day.

I believe that the miracle that we have ignored for so long in this amazing story is the young lad's willingness to give such a minuscule amount that, in comparison to the size of the problem wouldn't have made even a dent. But the lesson that he and the others learned that day was that little becomes much when it's placed in the Master's hands.

Too many times we have felt that our little contribution, whether it be in the form of our time, talent or treasure won't even make a dent in what is truly needed to meet the need at hand. But may we also learn the lesson from the miracle of the fish and loaves, that regardless of the size of what we may have to give, the real miracle is in the fact that despite the surmounting task that may lie before us, if we are willing, God can take our little and make it much when it is placed in His powerful hands.

Charles A. Tapp
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Darius Jankiewicz, PhD, Associate Professor of New Testament History at the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary will present both a short history of Ordination and the Biblical teaching of authority.

Darius Jankiewicz was born in Poland, but grew up in Australia where he received his BA in Theology at Avondale College. His MDiv and PhD were earned at Andrews University.

Previously, Dr. Jankiewicz taught at Fulton College in Fiji. In 2008 he accepted his current appointment as professor of New Testament History. His research has uncovered some amazing information regarding both the issue of ordination and ecclesiastical authority.

Date: Sabbath, July 28, 2012
Time: 3:30 pm
Location: Sligo Adventist Church
(6700 Carroll Ave, Takoma Park, MD)
Who: All who are interested in learning more about these topics
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