The New Resource Ray Stedman

I. Introduction.
A. Text: John 6:16-21.
B. Evil days create great opportunities.
II. Jesus reassures the disciples when He was walking on the water by telling them not to be afraid because it was He.
A. There is no need to fear with Jesus.
B. This episode was to teach disciples the resources they have in their risen Lord.
C. The disciples were comforted in knowing that Jesus was in control of all of the events.
D. Jesus reminded the disciples that He was the source of the storm—it was intended to help them learn.
III. In the multiplication of the loaves and fish, Jesus prefigured His resurrection and ascension.
IV. The Lord is teaching us about the special resources that we have as believers.
A. Jesus with us is the hidden resource believers have that the world knows nothing about.
B. The reason we are not to fear is Jesus' presence, not our own ability.
Application questions:
1. How has knowing the Lord helped you in times of anxiety?
2. How would you respond to someone who claims that the Lord could not possibly be involved with anything that brings harm to people? Explain.
3. Why do believers struggle to accept the hidden resource that Jesus provides? How can we overcome?