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You have heard the testimonies that people gave. All those testimonies are true. I want you to understand that Jesus did so many miracles, not all of them were written. But for the ones that are written, they are for our **edification**.

John. 21:24-25-*“This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true. ²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world could not have room for the books that would be written.”*

For too long we have been taught wrong. So many of us have become Christians just because our parents were Christians. Or some people became Christians because they want to go to heaven. The purpose of God raising Jesus from the dead was because He had accomplished all that was to accomplish. Jesus paid the entire price for us. Think about this, God said, ‘let there be light’ and it was; the same God on the cross said that ‘it is finished’. So don’t you think so that it is really finished?

But today we have **problems** in the body of Christ.

- ◆ 1. People come to Christ because they know that without Him they will go to hell.
- ◆ 2. People come to Christ because of their problems.

My bible tells me that, there is a time for everything. So every problem in your life has time. For example, there are four weather seasons in Europe, and each season has its start and end. Also the bible says that there are times for laughing and time for crying, but the devil made us believe that our problems are eternal. Every season also has a time limit. You know who makes those time limits? It’s you. You are the one who can choose. Look at your hands, you have five fingers. But try to look past those fingers. The destiny for your future is right there in your hands. You can agree to be poor or you can choose to say No and put a limit to poverty.

You can change your future. I will tell you a story of Peter, also known as Simon. Peter was a man who was always in front. There are two types of people.

- ◆ 1. A person who is **into everything** and is always in front.
- ◆ 2. A person who is **full of fear** and always behind.

Who are you between these two types? Peter was always the one in front while John was the one behind and full of fear. John did not sin but Peter did because of his attitude. Peter denied Jesus three times.

If you can get this today you won't struggle in your faith. After Peter denied Jesus, guilty gets hold of him. When Jesus dies, all of Peter's dreams perish and he has nothing to live for. That's why when Jesus rises up on the third day, he tells Mary and Martha to go to Galilee and tell the disciples and Peter that he is alive and will join them there. Why did Jesus say specifically to Peter? It's because Peter had already accepted that he was a failure. But Jesus who sees us and loves us, asks for the Ladies to go and tell the disciples and Peter specifically.

I am talking to everybody who rushes into things. People rush into marriages, businesses because others are doing it. The consequences are shame. For a girl who rushes into relationships, just because her friends are doing it, is unwanted pregnancy. That's what happened to Peter, shame came to him. That's why when the ladies told the disciples and Peter that the Lord had risen, Peter had a very little reaction. He didn't believe it and also thought that even if it was true, the Lord won't forgive him.

The devil likes to put shame in our lives. So many people can't get their miracles because of shame. They ask themselves what if it doesn't work? Now listen, everything has a time limit. Don't think that someone is greater or greater than you. For both of you, one with fear and the one who is always in front, God loves you the same.

After hearing the news John runs to the tomb and Peter tugs along. John reaches there first but is afraid of going in. When Peter reaches the tomb he goes in straight. His attitude had not changed. Peter goes in and finds nothing there and that's when he believed that Jesus is God.

Four times in the bible it is written that '**the just shall live by faith**'. Faith simply means believing what God says. Peter still did not understand what had happened.

Luke 24:12-*"Peter, however, got up and ran to the tom. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened."* What's Peter doing? He is wondering within himself. We need to wonder at what life we live. Peter took what he saw and began to wonder himself. He began to realize that Jesus is Lord. Even though Peter had known Jesus to be Christ, that wasn't enough, he needed to live that life.

What are you wondering in your life? You look into your problems and think it's the end of it. When you get discouraged you can do anything. You can go back and do things you never did. Peter went back fishing, and this time he was fishing naked. But God said No. You are the one that I have chosen. You can't live like this. Peter had lost his self-respect. Don't look down upon yourself.

Luke 24:21, 24, 25, 31-*"but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see. ²⁵ He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken.' ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight."* When

your eyes are opened, you can change your destiny. When your eyes are opened to the scripture, you will not fight against it. Peter's eyes were opened, he wanted to go and preach but Jesus told him No. The time was not right; Jesus didn't want him to mess up this time. He told him to wait for the voice. He told him to wait in Jerusalem until he gets clotted with power from above.

Things To Wait For

- ◆ 1. **Wait for your eyes to be opened**- you need to know God's will. After your eyes are opened, then you can ask God to clot you with His glory.
- ◆ 2. **Wait to be clotted with glory.**

You need to tell God that you don't need to be always in front and that you want to be that which He has called you to be. Some of us struggle with sin, some struggle with shame. But the bible says that for your shame I will give you double glory; so it doesn't matter what you have done. Peter waited for 10 days for the voice. The voice then came and it was like a sudden rushing wind from on high, and Peter recognized it. You have got to recognize God's voice. After Peter was filled with the glory, he stood up before the council and addressed it boldly. Peter was able to change his destiny. You don't need to be where you are because God loves you.

Call For Salvation

- ◆ **Colossians. 1:13**-*“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves.”*
Luke 12:31-33-*“But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the Kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”*