

Gone Fishing With The Word.

Certain men were sent fishing, few of them were experienced fishermen and the others were novices. They were to catch fishes with their bare hands, few of them being muscular and experienced were able to catch five at a time, some were able to catch two at a time, some, one at a time while the others, though were able to catch one, but they couldn't keep what they caught, lacking the strength to grip hard unto the fish it struggled and struggled till it slipped off. The latter knew the fish to catch, but they just couldn't grab it firmly and put it in the basket.

From this illustration you'd realize that, though they were all interested in fishing, but the ones who were able to pay the price to be experienced, the ones who enhanced more in skill and muscle were able to catch not only two, but five fishes at a time without losing any, however the ones who were weak got nothing. At least some of them caught only one. In the end, everybody caught, but not everybody caught. So it is with the word of God and our battle for holiness.

Here is the meaning of the illustration; these men are being classified in measure to their fishes caught, it is based on their spiritual growth rooted on the price they paid to develop the muscle, strength and skill to acquire their target through the word. The fishes being caught are classified bondages of sin, and unless these fishes are caught and slaughtered these men will go back to he who sent them with nothing to show for.

Being born of woman we are all born into sin, because of the blood of sin we inherited. But glory be to God! He sent His son Jesus Christ to die for our sins that though we are sinners, by grace might be saved, I said; " we might " not " we are saved." Because, although He is knocking at the door, still many don't want to open, it takes the grace of God for man to open the door.

It is not by our strength, it is by His grace, but now you who have received Him by grace, are you willing to let Him remain in your house? This is where the mistake of many comes from. By grace we are saved, but maintaining our salvation is on war. You have opened the door for Jesus, but why won't you let Him remain in you. It's not like you don't want Him to come in, you want Him to come in, but there are forces that have sworn men will never enter into God's kingdom, unless these spirits of sin in you are cut off you cannot maintain your salvation.

When a man is repented and saved, his name written in the book of life, but unless he is being delivered he is still bound to sin, though he might not sin, but these properties of sin keeping him in bondage will from time to time pressure him into sin. That's why although some of you have repented you still find yourself going back into that sin which you did before, you don't want to, even after committing such act again, you cry in repentance, but at the end still go back again.

This is where the devil hijacks many, after being frustrated, they'll say it's impossible to live without sin, but know this; your brethren all over the world will stand as a judgement unto you, because they have faced even worse temptation and

overcame, because they paid the price. No one can overcome sin by his own strength, by your own strength which is your righteousness you'll fail, so the scripture says;

" Our righteousness is like a filthy rag before God,"

The holy spirit is a spirit of righteousness, and if he abides in you to aid you live a holy life, then your righteousness is no longer filthy, because it is no longer you acting but him in you, God's spirit in you is not filthy. You can struggle to overcome anger by your effort, but because it is not backed by the holy spirit through the word of God, anger will still overwhelm you. But if your effort is on foundation of the word then, surely you'll overcome.

There are many who have given up, and there are those who are rising and falling, though they want to live above sin, but from time to time the spirit of sin keeping them in bondage drags them back like a chained dog. The Lord Jesus is calling on those who wants to be saved, this is the age of gospel truth and except you receive the gospel truth in your heart you won't be saved. The only way to be free from bondage of sin is through the word. Jesus said;

" I am the way," not a way, He's is the only way, and He is the word, if you don't have the word in you, you don't have Jesus and if you don't have Jesus, then you can't be free from sin.

Deliverance from bondages of sin is like a fish being caught struggling for its life, it's like a man waiting in the waters patiently to catch a required amount of fish for slaughter. These fishes are classified sins. When man is born again he needs to be delivered from sin, if not, he'll go back into his sin. And this deliverance comes only from the word. Anybody that says he is a Christian and does not study the scripture daily is a liar. You have time to feed your flesh why not your soul.

As in the illustration, some men were able to catch five fishes at once, and some one, and others nothing, these men who caught five fishes did so because they have the strength and skill to do so, they paid the price to build their strength. But the one who catches a fish and then it slipped off his hands is weak because he lack the strength to do so, how can a hungry man have the strength to grab a slippery fish.

The word of God is food for our spirit man growth and strengthening, just as you feed your flesh you also must feed your spirit man, and this is why most people can't overcome sin, because the strength isn't there to resist spiritually. They have starved their spirit man by depriving him of the word of God.

God didn't write the scripture so we can cram it and know the histories, He wrote it that we who cannot hear from Him will do, through His written word. That is; as you feed on the word like food in faithfulness and obedience, it becomes a part of you, recreating Christ personality in you, because He is the word. And if Christ dominates your heart, how then

can you sin. The path to your victory over sin is right there in the word, why not pay the price to spend time eating the bread of life at the feet of the Father.

He that sacrifices more, giving himself to the word will overcome compared to he that gives little time in God's presence. When a man study's the word slowly, attentively and repeatedly in obedience, not to teach or preach, but as food, he can yield the spiritual strength to grab five fishes, which could be anger, lying, fornication, drunkenness, smoking, if he has seven bondages he'll be able to grab five out of it.

However, he that gives little time for the word, grows slowly, having the strength only to grab one fish out of the 7 fishes he has. If one of them is to be delivered from sin to manifest the spirit of Christ, who do you think will manifest Christ in time? You now see that man should not live by bread alone, but by the word of God. if you don't feed on the word to build spiritual muscle you cannot live above sin. You won't be able to grab and slaughtered that sin of lust or anger in you, whatever it may be.

All that is needed is a pure heart and Faithfulness, because a man who goes to the gym today doesn't build muscle in an instant, it is in his consistency and patience he builds muscle. Today he'll catch one fish, but as he grows, times will come when he'll catch two, until he catches all his fishes and slaughter them.

Have you ever wondered why the devil will let you pray, but hinders you from studying the scripture, because he knows the power in the word. He knows that it is the power of God unto our salvation. That's why although you pray and pray, nothing happens why? because no one can pray in spirit except he has the holy spirit which comes only from the word.

Without the word you can't have the holy spirit and without the holy spirit you can't talk to God because He is spirit. And so the devil stops and frustrate a man from studying the scripture. When you study the word as a food, it gives you spiritual strength to fight against sin, it gives you wisdom as you grow from child to maturity in Christ Jesus to understand the mysteries of the kingdom of God, to know God's mind and plans.

The word delivers, you can confess Christ over and over again, but if the word doesn't dominate your heart, you'll still find yourself walking in sin.

We do not preach church, because church will not carry you to heaven, but the spirit of Christ in you alone will. People have been preaching church, preaching doctrine, claiming church and pastor, but where is the difference in their life. They can defend church, okay! fine, you can defend church, come and defend Jesus now, they'll shut up, why? because He is not in them.

Repent and go back to the word to have the spirit of Christ, unless you have the holy spirit you are not part of His church, because we children of God are the church with Jesus being the head, not the structure we go in. Go back to the word of God your salvation and spiritual advancement.

Also without the word one cannot pray, because the holy spirit is the one that prays in a man born again and if you don't meditate on the word to have the holy spirit how then can you pray. You pray lifeless prayer, because there is no life in you, for the word in personality is Jesus and Jesus is life. How then can you breathe life into a dead plant when there is no life in you, you can only give what you have.

Prayer is our artillery, like our Ak-47 and the word of God dominating our heart is our strength, when you fire a gun with heavy recoil and you're not an expert, not having the strength also, you'll shoot and miss, before you shoot your target, he has gotten you already. But if you build yourself in the word, you have the strength to take up the artillery and fire accurately.

There's much to say but I'll stop here. In this last gospel age, the word has been made simple for those who are willing to receive. Meditate on the word, then you who says it's impossible to live without sin will give your testimony if only you're willing to pay the price.

In summary; To be free from sin is to eliminate every spirit keeping you in bondage, there are many spirits that keeps men in bondage, as you grow in Christ the holy spirit reveals them. Some are not sinful, but they hiders a man's relationship with God.

You can't catch them all at once it takes faithfulness, you catch one fish today, grab it firmly not letting it go and slaughter it, tomorrow you grab another till you're delivered. But, still while some catches other catches and lose their fish, because they don't have the strength to grab that fish and when it wriggles it goes back into the water.

A hungry man can't grab a fish firmly, feed your soul with the word for it gives spiritual strength then, your deliverance from sin will come naturally. How can you fight a huge man when you don't have the muscle for it. No wonder sin beats some people a lot and use them as rags.

Remember if the word does not dominate your heart, there'll be nothing for the holy spirit to act on, to remind you of in times of temptation to deliver you.

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