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Those Who Met The Resurrected Christ

The Lord Raises Those Who Have Failed

Chapter John 18:15–27, John 21

Today's Lesson:



1. To understand that I cannot fully follow the Lord using my own physical determination, effort, and will.
2. To understand that when I fall, the Lord will lift me up and provide me new strength.

Open Your Heart



When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary
 When troubles come and my heart burdened be
 Then, I am still and wait here in the silence
 Until you come and sit awhile with me.
 You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains
 You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas
 I am strong, when I am on your shoulders
 You raise me up, to more than I can be



Understanding Today's Lesson

Peter was a fisherman of Bethsaida in Galilee during the time of Jesus. He was despised and treated with contempt by the Jewish people. However, Jesus still went to Peter and his brother Andrew, and commanded them to follow the Lord, as He would make them "fishers of men." Upon hearing this, Peter and Andrew immediately left their nets and followed Jesus. And with love, passion, courage, and determination for the Lord, Peter walked zealously with Him. Peter thought that he would never abandon the Lord because he thought that he loved the Lord more than the other disciples. Peter thought that he could even bravely give up his own life for the Lord. However, on the night when the Lord was arrested, Peter denied the Lord three times because he was afraid of the servants and maidservant who had recognized him in the courtyard of the high priests. While Peter was denying the Lord, the Lord passed by and looked at Peter. Upon hearing the cries of a rooster, Peter realized his cowardice and weakness. With his heart full of guilt, Peter ran out and wept. Believing himself to have been an utter failure, Peter left everything behind and returned to his hometown of Galilee to work again as a fisherman.

However, when the Lord resurrected, He went back to the sea of Galilee to meet Peter at the place in which he was first called. Not only did the Lord forgive Peter, but the Lord restored Peter's position back to him in front of all the disciples. By commanding Peter to "follow me," the Lord made it possible once again for Peter to be able to live a life that glorifies God. Even though the Lord knew of Peter's weaknesses from the beginning, He still called him to become an apostle. There is never regret in the calling and grace from the Lord.

Notes:



Memorizing Bible Verses

He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep."

(John 21:17)



Meditate

On These Verses

1. After you have meditated on the following verses, give a title of the verse or write a short summary of the verse. Also, write down things you have felt about the verse, or other verses that it has reminded you of.

(John 13:36–38)

(Luke 22:31–33)

(John 21:17–19)



Changing

Directions

Read Acts 7:20–38 and answer the following questions regarding Moses.

1. What does the Bible say in verse 22 about the type of person Moses was when he was growing up in Egypt?
2. When Moses was 40 years old, he witnessed an Egyptian man oppressing an Israelite and killed the Egyptian man. What was Moses thinking during that time (verse 25)? However, how did the Israelites actually treat Moses (27–28)? And what was the result (verses 29–30)?
 - ① Moses' thoughts:
 - ② The reaction of the Israelites:
 - ③ The result:
3. When Moses was 80 years old, God called him and entrusted him with the tremendous mission of the 'Exodus'. What was Moses thinking about himself at that time (Exodus 4:1, 10, 13)? From this point of view, what kind of person do you think God uses?
4. Many men of great faith such as Jacob, David, Peter, and Moses experienced failure in their lives. But their failures helped them learn and become better people. Think about two lessons that they could have learned through their failures and write them down.
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 - ②
5. Have you ever felt distressed, ashamed, and discouraged because of your failure before the Lord? In these situations, what do you think the Lord desires from you?



Applying

The Word to My Life

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.
(James 2:26)

1. Please write down how you will apply what you learned today throughout this week.

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2. Look back and reflect on how successful you were at applying last week's lesson.



Praying

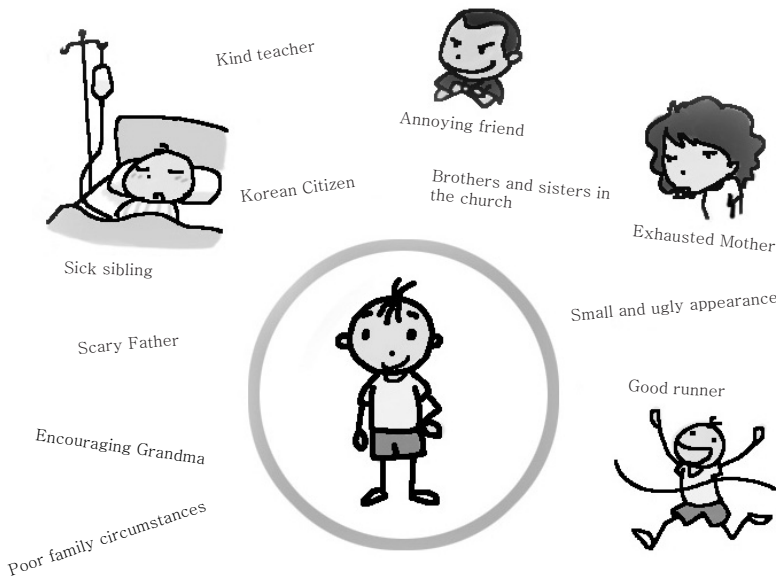
To Live According to the Word

Let us confess our weaknesses before the Lord with an honest heart, and let us rely on the Lord even more as we pray for His help and strength. If I have failed or have wasted time before the Lord in the past, let us determine to live twice as hard from now on.



Our Story

The Best Environment For You



There are so many things that are around me.

There are many things I like, but there are also many things I dislike as well.

However, all these things are the best circumstances that God has prepared for me in order for me to grow.

God who made the day also made the night.

Many things grow during the night such as plants, hair, and height...

If you are walking through the night of your life, remember that even that time is a time of growth that God has allowed.

As the night passes, the dawn approaches, and soon, the dazzling morning arrives.

And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)

A Guarantee That Cannot Be Kept

There once was a farmer who shouted with a loud voice that he loved God so much. Even while talking with his friends, the farmer would proclaim, "If it's for the Lord, I can do anything. I can be loyal to anything that the Lord requires." At this time, a friend asked him the following question:

"If you had twenty horses, would you be willing to give two of them to God?"

"Do you think that I cannot pay my tithes? If I had twenty horses, of course I can give two. But I don't have any horses."

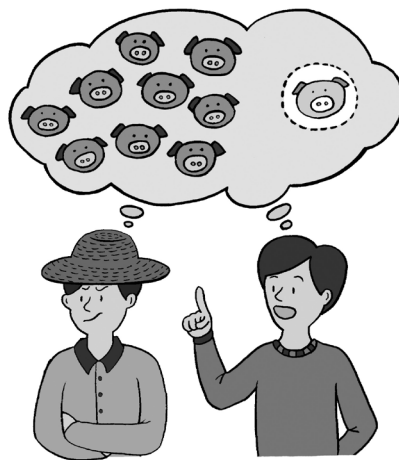
"Okay, if you have ten cows, would you be willing to give one?"

"Do you think I don't pay my tithes? I would be willing to give all ten cows. But I don't have any cows."

"Then, if you have ten pigs, would you offer one?"

At this moment, the farmer said in a fit of anger, "What?! How did you know that I had ten pigs?"

This is a funny parable of a farmer. Does it make sense for someone to claim that he is willing to offer what he does not have now when he is not willing to offer one pig he currently owns? However, this often is the image of our own lives. Anyone who proclaims that "if I was rich, I would give much more," is he or she who cannot offer in front of God. Anyone who says that "if I was in a higher position, I would be much more loyal," is declaring words of vanity. Loyalty and vows that come with a condition are unbelievable. I must be loyal to the Lord in the position that the Lord has allowed me to be in now.





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