



LET'S GO DEEPER

WHEN JESUS ... Turns Hearts – June 16 – Pastor Peter

Malachi 4:4-6 “Remember to obey the Law of Moses, my servant - all the decrees and regulations that I gave him on Mount Sinai for all Israel. Look, I am sending you the prophet Elijah before the great and dreadful day of the LORD arrives. His preaching will turn the hearts of fathers to their children, and the hearts of children to their fathers.”

1. Being an influence

Phil. 4:9 “Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me - everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.”

1 Cor. 11:1 “Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.”

Paul is saying, ‘follow my pattern, let me be a model you can imitate, step in my footsteps as I step in the footsteps of Christ the ultimate example.’

Influencers understand the power of the example they set for the generations behind them.

1 Sam. 13:22 “So on the day of the battle none of the people of Israel had a sword or spear, except for Saul and Jonathan.”

Everybody, other than Saul and Jonathan, has to go into battle without any weapons.

1 Sam. 13:19 “There were no blacksmiths in the land of Israel in those days. The Philistines wouldn’t allow them for fear they would make swords and spears for the Hebrews.”

There were no blacksmiths making weapons to give to them.

Don’t send your kids into the world without weapons.

They need somebody to give them weapons that aren’t worldly, but are mighty and able to pull down strongholds.

QUESTIONS:

1. How do we influence our children to know and follow Jesus?

2. Why is this important?

3. What is the comparison of parents with blacksmiths in Pastor Peter’s sermon?



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They need somebody to give them the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

What is the outcome of my influence?

2. Be Spiritually Strong

And when Jesus turns hearts, we'll be spiritually strong.

Matt. 14:25-30 "About three o'clock in the morning Jesus went out to them, walking on the water. When the disciples saw Him walking on the water, they were terrified. In their fear, they cried out, 'It's a ghost!' But Jesus spoke to them at once. 'Don't be afraid,' He said. 'Take courage. I am here!' Then Peter called to Him, 'Lord, if it's really you, tell me to come to you, walking on the water.' 'Yes, come,' Jesus said. So Peter went over the side of the boat and walked on the water toward Jesus. But when he saw the strong wind and the waves, he was terrified and began to sink. 'Save me, Lord!' he shouted."

When people only see God from a distance, it's not unusual that they fear Him.

Jesus shouts, 'Don't be afraid. I'm here.'

Peter shouts back, 'Lord, if it's really You, tell me to come to you, and I'll walk on the water too.' Jesus shouts back, 'come.'

So Peter steps out of the boat and he walks.

But what is he actually walking on?

He's actually walking on the power and authority of what Jesus says.

Jesus says, 'come', and it's Jesus' Word that he's standing on.

QUESTIONS:

1. What happens when people see God from the distance?

2. What is Peter actually walking on when he steps outside of the boat?

3. Why should we walk on God says?



3. How necessary is it for us to take responsibility of our actions?

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HOW CAN I APPLY THIS TO MY LIFE?

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4. A higher purpose. Our purpose in life is not to achieve worldly rewards but to thankfully serve the Lord because we have been given so many things without us deserving them, like grace, salvation, mercy, love, blessing. Our purpose is not limited to this world and what it can offer because our sights are set on the eternal prize that is eternity with Jesus. We serve and we follow a higher purpose in Jesus Christ.