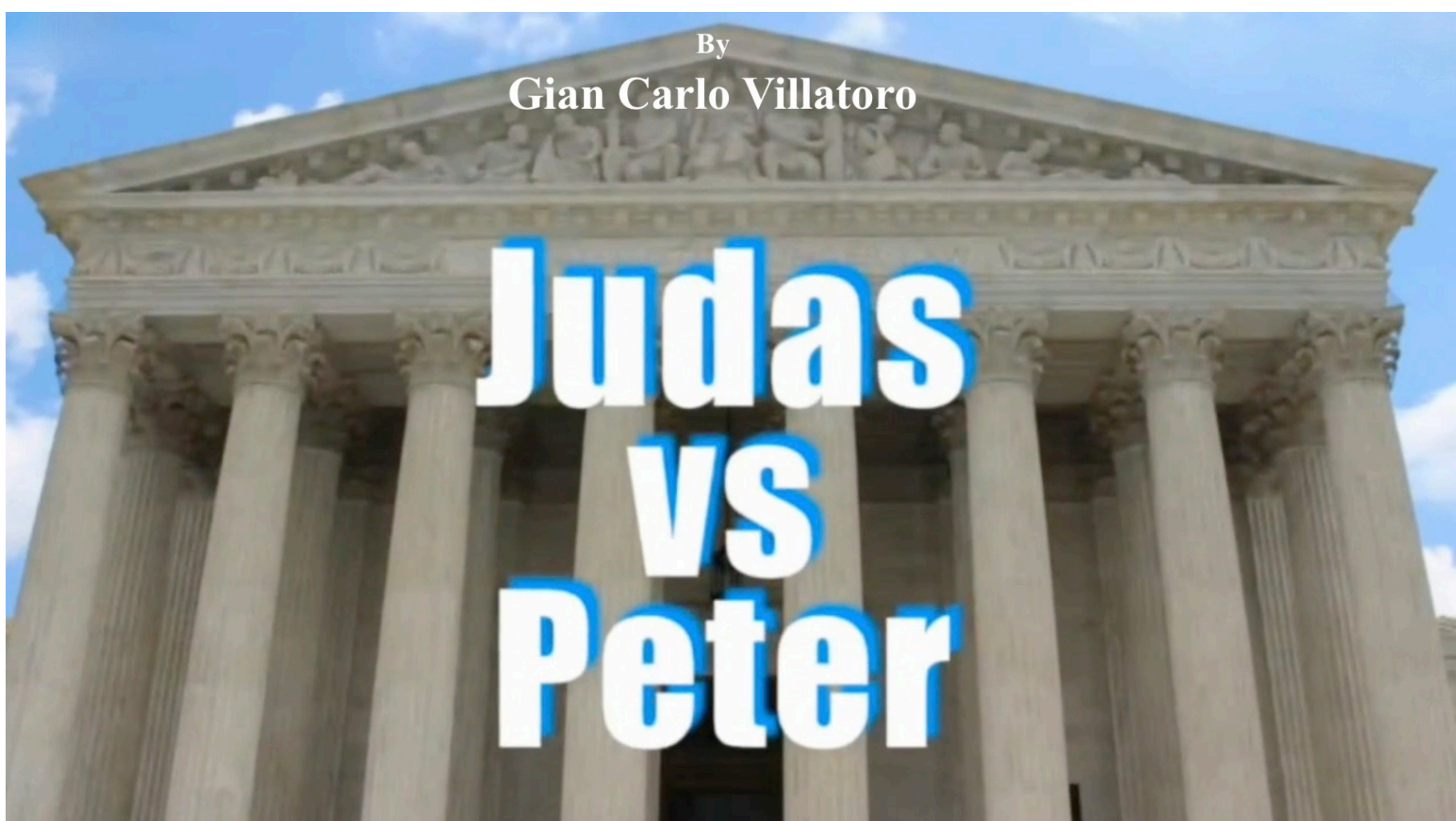


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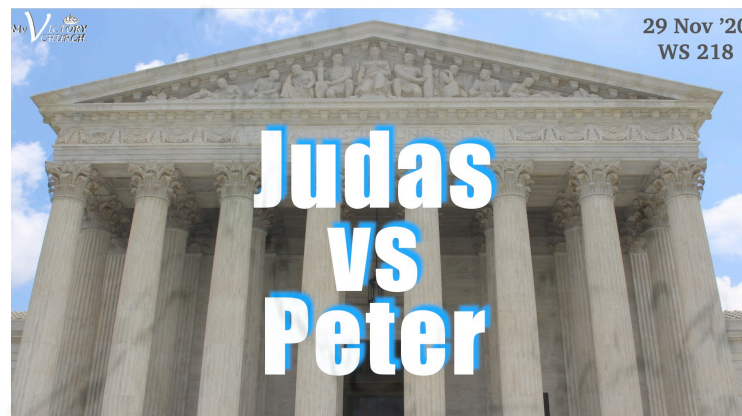
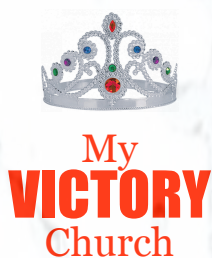
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God's plan _____

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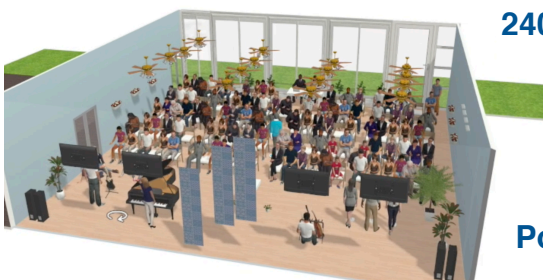
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Can you imagine being in the Courthouse to watch the Trial between Judas vs Peter? I would like to present to you the narration that I have prepared for you about it.

To begin let's read the Scripture as written in the Gospel of Mark chapter 14, verses 10-11. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. *"Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went off to the chief priests in order to betray Jesus to them. They were pleased to hear what he had to say and promised to give him money. So Judas started looking for a good chance to hand Jesus over to them."*

Of course, that's what Judas wanted. Judas was a traitor because of his intention for material stuff. A greed for money. Hunger for material wealth was the main reason why he became a traitor. All that he could think of was material stuff.

Oftentimes, when we think of our personal experiences, and review our timeline, we come into two scenarios: What we have done and what others have done. And most of the betrayals arise from these circumstances which are predominantly attributed to material stuff. This is what happened to Judas. Money grabbed his mind.

I don't know if you have ever lived that experience. I personally lived it. I know how it feels to be betrayed. I lived the experience of being betrayed by somebody who we agreed to do this and that. Despite the contracts we signed stating obligations, yet nothing was executed. The person didn't fulfill his words from the beginning because he wanted to take advantage of me.

Of course, there are individuals that are clever to maneuver us to their own advantages. Have you ever been a victim of that? Betrayal is real. We sometimes get betrayed by our close friends, relatives, spouses, and others.

So today we look at Judas and Peter on this trial. Let's study the motive behind Judas intention for material stuff – money. Before digging deep ask yourself these important couple of questions:

What is your intention and goal in life? What do you really want to accomplish in life? It is sad that there are some preachers who focus on one thing only which, in fact, is not spiritual. It is material intention.

Imagine if that happens to preachers, what about the rest of the people? This trap leaves nobody safe except the one who trust God and detached themselves from the greed for material things.

The preachers and the followers, all need to be careful with our intentions. Whether you are a pastor or have any kind of responsibility in God's Kingdom or not, what is your real intention? You can see Judas was among the twelve disciples working with Lord Jesus Christ, yet intention for material stuff grabbed his mind and betrayed our Savior. <<Material intention is a real challenge for all of us>>

In Mark 14 verses 12 and 13, the Bible says, *“On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the day the lambs for the Passover meal were prepared, Jesus’ disciples asked Him, “Where do you want us to go and get the Passover meals ready for you?” Then Jesus sent two of them with these instructions: “Go to the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you.” Follow him to the house he enters, and say to the owner of the house: The Teacher says, “Where is the room where my disciples and I will eat the Passover meal?” Then he will show you a large upstairs room, fixed up and furnished, where you will get everything ready for us. “The disciples left, went to the city and found everything just as Jesus had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.”*

Do you know why all that happened? It is because God's plan is always going to come through.

God's plan is always going to prevail no matter what. It is true that we all are going through crisis. We are battling health crisis, financial crisis, political crisis, national crisis and world crisis. Economies of most people, companies, countries, and the world in general is like in recess. But in the midst of all this, God's plan is going to come through.

What is going on on earth doesn't affect God's plan in any way, whatsoever. Important thing to note here is, God's plan has to do with levels. These levels are individual, family, community, city, state, country, and the world. “As for me to be a pastor, is a God's plan. I thank God and He is absolutely right to assign me this role because He never makes mistake in choosing who He wants to serve Him.”

Sometimes God uses individual plan, through which other people are going to be included as well as they will be affected by the plan in one way or the other. This means that a plan may start with an individual, then it ascends hierarchies to a family level, community level, city, country, and the world. It happens this way because God's plan is going to come true.

Remember whatever Jesus Christ commanded His disciples to do, came true. At some point, His disciples were not sure how to go about it, but they did. Why? Because no God's plan ever failed and will never fail. We have many plans, but the purpose of God is the one that will prevail. If you are called by God to work on His plan you should not ask questions like “What if” because He knows how effective His plan is.

Perhaps you have a plan, but have you asked yourself if your plan align with God's plan? This is the common problem for many people today. We have so many plans which are not God's. Maybe God has already spoken to you about His plan with you, but you are sticking to yours.

Isn't it causing problems in your life? Isn't it weakening your good relationship with God? Question yourself.

God tells you to do something and you are like, "I have a suggestion, Lord. I think I have a better plan than you. Can't we fulfill mine now and leave yours pending? Because my plan is better than yours." This is a conflict of interest. You are interested in the things God doesn't want you to focus on.

I challenge you before thinking of your plans, as a spiritual person, you need to understand God's plan is going to come through before yours. On the other hand, the rest of the people who are not spiritual have to understand that they are not going to beat the Lord ever. Meaning, they are not going to accomplish things in life, their plans, because they are smart, and God is just a tool they use for it. No! They are mistaken! Whatever they do, or try to do, is not going to happen unless it is part of God's plan. Nobody is smarter than the Lord. No one is better in planning and executing than the Lord God Almighty. At the end everything always works according with the Lord's Plans.

Do you have an idea what problems may result from going against God's plan? If you are reluctant to abide by God's plan, some problems will become a new norm in your life. Those problems will dwell in your money, family, your health, your company.

True disciples don't fight against God's will. They listen to the Lord and obey what the Lord wants them to do. <<Fulfilling God's plan>> Faithful disciples were listening to Jesus and said, "Well, we will do it." We all need to accept to do the plan of God. He created us as various parts of His body with purpose. <<To serve Him>> Every part has to do its job effectively. And by doing that, God will be pleased that what He gave us works exactly as He intended.

I want you to know this important thing: We have a mind to think and learn. We have a heart to love and give. We have hands to work. All of these organs should complement each other to fulfill the plan of God.

However, it is unfortunate that, we don't want to work. We don't want to do what we need to do. We don't want to love and give. We don't want to reflect and think. We just want to talk all the time. Mouth has substituted and weakened other organs. As a result, we are people of words not actions. We talk about working but we don't work, we talk about love and give but we do neither. Mouth has made other parts dormant.

I remember one funny thing that I said to my kids when they were growing up, they were little. I said to my kids, "I just want you to use more your hands and your feet than your mouth." The kids asked me, "Daddy, what do you mean by that, we don't understand?" I replied, "That means don't talk. Just do what I say. Use your hands and your feet and everything is going to be alright."

God already told us what to do. We find it in the Bible. God isn't pleased with our unlimited words but He is pleased when we do what He really wants us to do. What we need to do is already written near 4,000 years ago in the Old Testament, and others near 2,000 years ago in the New Testament. Read the Bible and do what the Scripture says, because God's plan is going to come through.

Refrain from talking a lot. Understand the will of God with your mind. Believe in love and give with your heart, and **put your hands to work**. We need to work more than talking that's why we have two hands and two legs but only one mouth.

The blood of Jesus Christ

What the blood of Jesus is? Let us read the Scripture from the book of Mark 14:22-21, *"While they were eating, Jesus took a piece of bread, gave a prayer of thanks, broke it, and gave it to His disciples. 'Take it,' He said, 'This is my body.' Then He took a cup, gave thanks to God, and handed it to them; and they all drank from it. Jesus said, 'This is my blood which is poured out for many, my blood which seals God's covenant.'"*

Blood of Jesus is something profound. It cleanses our sins and sets us free.

As believers, we often say so many things related to the blood of Jesus. We pray, say, sing and praise the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. In His blood there is life for all of us.

However we all know that blood is not a good thing. Whenever we see it is perhaps because someone got injured from an accident.

Blood is not a nice thing. It comes out with pain. Blood is something really controversial. When people get sick, sometimes blood goes out in different shapes, ways, places, and people get concerned about blood. The blood of our Lord Jesus was exactly like our blood materially speaking but with a big difference spiritually.

Remember He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. There was no male human involved. Therefore, the blood of Jesus was absolutely different in that regard. But other than that, His organs in the rest of Him, were like the rest of us, because He was a hundred percent human. However, we Christians believe that the blood of Christ is able to wash away our sins.

Materially speaking, thinking that blood can wash away our sins is a little bit confusing. Do you think about the blood of Jesus that way? You are wrong. It's not easy to understand that Jesus' blood can wash out our sins when we think of it in a human standpoint. It's confusing unless you faithfully interpret it in God's perspective.

Some people reject this fact. They think, “How in the world the blood of someone can make us clean?” Telling these people that the blood of Jesus can cleanse their sins provokes them and become angry. They think about the blood from their human standpoint. It takes faith to understand and accept the fact that the blood of Jesus can set us free of sin.

The difference between believers and the rest of the people is faith. Non-believers reason about the blood on the basis of what they understand with their mind. Believers, on the other hand, have received the revelation of what the blood of Jesus is by faith.

In fact, everybody was like the rest of the people before becoming believer. It was unthinkable to all of us until we received the grace of God that helped us understand the blood of His Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We became believers after receiving the word of God which is capable of changing anyone to somebody God wants to be.

When you hear the word of God as you read it right now, miracle happens. Those words go through the air and transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into another important element: <<Faith>> Faith makes you believe the preaching of the Word. The Word makes you believe how truthful the Bible is. Furthermore, by listening to the Word of God you can testify the truth that Jesus is the Son of God who died for you. But if you don't have the faith, don't get discouraged. Don't give up. Don't think that you are not one among the chosen ones. Don't think that way. It is matter of time. You need to be patient and continue reading and reflecting.

I thank you that you are taking your time reading. I assure you that once you start listening to and understanding in your heart this spiritual discernment, things are going to be clearer to you. Don't feel frustrated, discouraged or disappointed. If you have certain questions, don't hesitate to reach me via email info@vchurch.us. All your questions will be responded accordingly, faithfully.

Death of Jesus Christ

Before looking at the death of Jesus Christ ask yourself a couple of questions. “What comes to my mind when thinking of the death of Jesus Christ?” “How do I perceive it?” Jesus came to earth as Savior of humankind. His death was obligatory. He could not save us without dying because He was the Lamb of God.

Jesus died on our behalf. His death is enough to make us spiritually alive. He died for us so we can live forever. His death restored the Kingdom of God, that we lost after rebelling God in Eden.

Unfortunately, so many people are yet to believe that the death of Jesus Christ was real, and it was imperative to save humankind through His precious blood. Do you believe that Jesus really died and risen? Yet again, it is unthinkable to believe that the death of Jesus Christ on the basis of human standpoint. It needs spiritual understanding.

We as devotees believe that He died and came back to life. Have you ever seen somebody like that? Of course, we have been hearing stories of some people who almost died and then they came back to life after intensive operations. But, Jesus death was quite different. Jesus was confirmed dead and His body stayed three days in a tomb. After three days He came back to life, presented Himself to His disciples as the One who had died now is alive. Before ascending to Heaven Jesus commanded His disciples saying, *“Go and preach my word, make disciples everywhere because I will come back.”*

Resurrection of Jesus Christ

This is quite different to what has ever happened to other people who claimed were raised to life. And after presenting Himself to His disciples, He further said to them, “I’ll be back.”

What is going on in the world? Does it similar to what Jesus said as signs of the last days? Are we living in the last days of humankind? Not yet in 2021, a lot are yet to be seen before the end. The Bible foretells many signs that would culminate in the last days.

However, you need to be prepared. It doesn’t matter the fact that the end is still too far to come. But your end could be today or tomorrow so is my end and somebody else’s. Don’t be occupied by what is going on in the world. Your time to get prepared is now as you read here.

Perhaps you have no idea how to go about preparing yourself. We start preparing by repenting for our sins, by receiving forgiveness from our Lord Jesus Christ, believing that He lived a holy life, He gave His life for your forgiveness, and by His precious blood you were washed all your sins away. **Believe in the FIVE profound things about the work of Jesus in saving humankind to the last days of His return. Those things are: Blood, death, resurrection, ascension, and return.**

Return of Jesus Christ

Jesus will come back not as a Lamb of God but as Lion of Judah invested with power on His shoulders. No enemy could stand against Him, the Lord will win. He will be the only name that will be exalted and every knee will bow. Every tongue will confess that Jesus is the Lord.

The power of singing

“Then they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.” Mark 14.26.

Now let's talk about singing for a moment. I love music. Some people like music as well. Regardless you are a musician, a singer or not musical inclined, when you hear kids singing you feel really inspired. Watching kids singing Christmas songs, singing and playing at school is something beautiful. Sometimes kids sing joyous songs but their faces and posture don't reflect the songs yet we see them adorable just like that. We just love kids.

On the other hand, we often hear women singing in the church in every events. Men are rarely engaging in singing. It's not a good thing though. God wants all of us to praise and worship Him. The poor and the rich, educated and non-educated, the sick and healthy ones, young and adults, men and women, wife and husband, all races throughout the world. Men are muscularly strong but some guys are emotionally weak or totally non-emotional. Men are not as emotional as women. Sometimes it becomes difficult to connect themselves with God because they are not emotionally.

I want to let you know one thing. When men sing that is very special. Singing men is powerful. I challenge all men to start singing today for the Lord.

Some men think that singing is for kids and women. Remember the disciples sang with the Lord Jesus to praise the Father in Heaven. God will be pleased to hear your powerful voices. Most men feel uncomfortable singing in the church and wherever. And the reason why we men feel this way is because we have trouble to connect with our emotions. But we can change it by learning from what Jesus Christ and His disciples did. This should serve as a lesson for all men who think singing is not for them. Jesus Himself sang. Men should take a lead in singing in homes, church and everywhere. As God created us head of the family, we need to lead others in singing for the Lord. Ask yourself this question, “If Jesus sang why should I be reluctant in singing?” Does it please the Father in Heaven?

Men and husbands, what are you waiting for to lead your children and wives to sing to God? Until when will you leave your kids singing alone while minding your own business?

We need to show everybody that men can sing to God. There is power in singing for the Lord. Heavens open every time we worship the Lord God.

PETER

Let's continue reading Mark 14.30-31 “Jesus said to Peter, *“I tell you that before the rooster crows two times tonight, you will say three times that you don't know me.”* Peter answered even more strongly, *“I will never say that, even if I have to die with you.”*

We always say promises like this but when the trial become real, fear, circumstances, and doubts grab us and change our promises. This is a betrayal but Peter confessed and repent. This case is different from what Judas did. Peter was not tempted by money. He felt guilty of his promises to the Lord. Judas was grabbed by his intention for material stuff. <<Greed for money>>

JUDAS

The Lord Jesus knew what Judas was doing. He knew what exactly Judas wanted. He told him, “Do quickly what you want to do.” This was a trial for Judas, and he failed overcoming it only to find himself betraying Jesus Christ and hang himself. Jesus knows our intentions. He knows exactly what, where, and when we want to do.

What are your intentions in your life? Are they pleasing the Lord or not? Whether good or bad you know it very well. If bad why do you continue doing them? Do not endorse and normalize bad things just because you want something in your life. Be wise, don’t be controlled by your greed but take full control of it. Jesus wants you to be a decent person capable of saying no to bad intentions.

Judas had an opportunity to stop but he didn’t. He went on to receive the money because he promised them to betray Jesus. At this moment, he didn’t feel bad about it. He did something against God because of the greed for money. Later on he realized that he was wrong and he felt awfully. It was a horrible experience and, because of that, he opted for hanging himself on a tree.

Many people can be confuse about the soul of Judas. Some say he went to the hell. Other people just say “who knows?”, others say “Maybe he repented before the moment he died.” This is similar to some individuals that are suffering with terrible illnesses. There are countries with legally allow people to disconnect equipment that keeps them alive, or proceed with certain things in order to end their lives because of sufferings they go through.

There is a lot to talk about the ethics behind it. But the truth of the matter is no one of us really knows about their souls until one day we will be in Heaven and we will figure it out there what happened with Judas and what exactly was in his mind in the last moments of his life on Earth.

In this trial, however, we find that Judas had a chance to change his mind but he didn’t. He could stop his intention, and what he was doing because it went through stages.

I want you to learn something here. This is not a mere story of the Bible. It happens in our lives. It’s applicable. And I want you to see this because it is so important for you. When you are planning of doing something against God that is wrong, evil, and sinful. The Lord knows it, and of course, you know that it’s not a good thing but what if you keep on doing it.

You know that at the end you are going to feel so bad that you will like to hang yourself on a tree. So whenever you are in that process, stop it immediately. You need to see yourself getting out of that predicament. <<Evil intentions>> If you feel aggravated, assess your life. The Word of God may arise that feeling of anger if there evil inside of you. But the word of God will save you. In fact, you run mad because the truth and the lie are colliding. Each one wants to dwell in you but the TRUTH will win. Think about Judas. Don't get mad. What is the truth? It is the voice that keeps reminding you not to go on with evil intentions.

If you are doing something wrong and you hear the Word, stop what is wrong. The Word is meant for you. It wants you to refrain from doing that. God is trying to stop you.

GOING BACK TO PETER

Peter denied the Lord, we all know what happened. The denial was Peter's words that contradicted his previous promise. He promised that he was ready to die with Jesus. The Lord said, *"You're going to deny me quickly before the rooster crows three times."* Peter angrily and energetically replied, *"No, Lord, I cannot do that."* Peter gave a promise.

We often promise many things to others in life. And in some cases we take oaths, through which we declare that everything is going to be as what we said – it will be fulfilled faithfully. Those are promises. We take marriage oaths. We promise to fulfill our obligations and commitment through contracts with companies we work for. Unfortunately, some breach those contracts by stealing, disclosing proprietary information, profiteering from company's property, and all like that. That's us.

It's Peter in us. It is a trial we all face. At some point, we believe that we will be faithful to our promises. We make promises that later we feel guilty of because we couldn't fulfill. This is what happened to Peter. Peter loved Jesus, and he didn't see himself betraying Him by any way. So, humanly speaking he was sure to fulfill his commitment. Peter thought, "I believe it with all my heart, I am absolutely convinced that I won't deny you, Lord." It is unfortunate, though, that he didn't fulfill his promise.

Let's continue reading Mark chapter 14.61-64: *Questioned by the religious leaders would not say a word. Again the High Priest questioned Him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the blessed God?" Jesus answered, "I am, and you will all see the Son of Man seated at the right side of the Almighty and coming with the clouds of heaven." The High Priest tore his robes and said, "We don't need any more witnesses. You heard His blasphemy."*

CRUCIAL DILEMMA

This is the dilemma that everyone goes through. Do you believe that He is the Son of God? Do you believe that He will come back? That's the crucial dilemma. Ask yourself, "Do I really believe that Jesus is the Son of God, that He will come back one day in the clouds to bring peace to all humankind, establish His Kingdom with authority and take me with Him forever?"

Some people will be saying, "I'm reading this because I'm curious about how this is going to end. Honestly, I have doubt about the Bible and the church. So I do have still questions."

The important thing is that the dilemma has to get an answer eventually. And the answer for the dilemma is your responsibility. Nobody else will get you the answer, not your husband or wife; not your father or mother; not your supervisor at work or coworker; not your pastor or any church leader. Nobody else has the responsibility to answer your crucial dilemma. Do you believe that Jesus is the Son of God that will come back in His power or not? Think about it. That's the crucial dilemma.

Now let's read verse 72, *"Then a rooster crowed a second time, and Peter remembered how Jesus had said to him, 'Before the rooster crows two times, you will say three times that you do not know me.'"* Peter broke down and cried.

Peter cried. Let's look at the trial. Peter was called and asked, "Why are you crying?", He answered, "I remember what happened that day." —Tell us please. **Peter says, "Honestly, I believed with all my heart that I will be faithful to God. I believed that He will save and rescue me. I was ready even to give my life to Him. So I promised Him that I will be faithful. But fear grabbed me after seeing all these soldiers arresting Him, throwing Him here and there, and beating Him. I just couldn't believe it. And I was really frightened and so nervous because I felt I have seen Jesus healing the sick, multiplying food on people's tables. I saw Him walking on water. I remember when He changed water into wine. The other day we were in a boat, and the storm hit roughly, He woke up and stopped the storm. He taught us about the Kingdom of God. I believed that He was unstoppable. And suddenly He was stopped. I was frightened. And I thought they would imprison and kill Him. I thought that they could do something similar with me as well if they catch me. I felt I couldn't bear it that's why I failed."**

We all go through this situation in life. We promise to love God all the time but when we fall into crisis we change and forget what we promised. It's like we regret our commitment when we are engulfed with fear or facing hard times. We promise God to be faithful to our spouses forever, but sometimes we do the opposite. We promise God to help those in need but when threatened, we step backward. We promised God to do the right thing, but we often fail when fear, circumstances, and doubts grab us.

Peter had bad feelings, and he cried because he couldn't live at the standards he wanted. Peter was a man of his word, unfortunately, he messed up with God, he failed to many people that trusted him, and to himself. His crying was real. And to be reminded that he failed, hurt him severely because he believed he had love for the Lord Jesus.

This made Peter cried, and he did that because he was in need of a forgiveness. Imagine staying in a corner alone and crying. Can you feel the remorse of failing, by not fulfilling promises given to our beloved ones? We cry because we want people to understand that we didn't plan to fail, but it was unfortunate. It was beyond our capacity. That is the big difference between those who just cry for different things and a cry for the Lord, asking God for forgiveness.

MY TRIAL

In my personal experience, being confronted with the reality of my life, made me see the truth of myself. And the other day I decided to do something about it. I did it and it changed my life.

I decided to put myself on a trial before God. I didn't care if my accusers would like to beat me to pieces. If they wanted to kill me, or crucify me. If they wanted to put me in whatever kind of situations of pain or misery, I didn't care.

No matter they were mocking at me, embarrassing me in front of people. I didn't care about Mr. Prosecutor, because I believed that this time I was going to win. No failure any more. I decided to let my own DEFENDER, my Lord Jesus, to save me even with all the mistakes I made. I put all my trust in Him and accept my failure before the presence of the Lord God Almighty. The evidence was presented. They were facts. Proof of my wrongdoings. It was obvious the verdict and all my enemies, the darkness, the devil, his demons, evildoers, all of it was laughing like beasts, awful expressions on their faces, thinking "we got him!".

Big surprise, the Lord Jesus showed his hands and feet. He showed his wounds, He showed the evidence that erase all my failures in life: HIS PRECIOUS BLOOD. That what's it! All my adversaries ran away, they couldn't take that evidence. The most powerful element in the Universe: The Sacrificial Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. That was it! That's it! I am forgiven because I found my refuge in Jesus. I just humbled myself before Him. I bowed my head before Him. I was on my knees asking Him to forgive me. He looked at me and said "I got this!", and smiled. Then He presented the evidence that released me from the punishment I deserved. Praise the Lord Jesus!

JUDAS vs PETER

Judas and Peter, both of them failed. One was interested only in material stuff, and the other feared death. Although they both failed the difference between them is quite big. And the difference was in repenting, admitting, confessing and changing. Judas did not admit nor repent, but Peter confessed and repented that's why he cried for his failure by not fulfilling his promise to God. He was looking for the truth.

We need to learn to accept whenever we are wrong not only to God but also to our family, friends, and whomever. Admit it, confess it and change. That's the big difference. We are not different from Peter and Judas. We are human beings, therefore, we also often fail. But if we really want to learn, we have to admit whenever we go wrong. Admit your wrongdoing and change. It doesn't matter how painful or shameful it is to confess, but God is pleased when we admit it and change.

"If you want do this read the word of God from Romans 10.9, "If you openly say, Jesus is my Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from death, you will be saved." That's all what you can say to save your soul today.

Prayer to connect you with God

Should you want to confess your sin, and reconnect with God in order to save your soul, say with me this prayer:

*"Dear God, I don't want to end like Judas. I understand that pride can kill me. Please give me a humble heart. Help me, God. I am so sorry. Please forgive me. You are the **ONLY ONE** that is certain in life. You are my God. I opened my heart to You, Lord. I confess my sins before you. I need to change. I want to obey You and trust You and serve You forever, my Lord. Starting today, I want to see life and people exactly as you do. Please help me, Lord."*

It is on the beautiful cross of our Lord Jesus, where our hope is, and that's all what we need. With faith say these words: *"I am forgiven and saved by faith in Jesus. Therefore, I can also declare, my life is going to be great and blessed."*

May you receive the blessing in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. The peace of God comes upon you. May His face shine on you, amen.

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