

PETER: LESSONS FROM A “LITTLE STONE”

Pt. 1: Surrender

•The Question:

-How can we _____ when everything _____ in life?

•Despite being discouraged, Peter was willing to:

#1.) ... _____ the Master. (Lk 5:1-3)

#2.) ... _____ the Master's _____, even if he didn't fully _____. (Lk 5:4-5)

#3.) ... _____ his _____ to the Master and _____. (Lk 5:6-9)

#4.) ... _____ to _____ the Master. (Lk 5:10-11)

•The Main Point:

Despite being discouraged and hopeless, Peter was willing to let Jesus _____ him that He has a _____ for his life, and allowed Him to _____ it.

•LESSON 1:

The first step in the sanctification process is to _____, to _____ everything behind and follow Jesus.

•The Application:

But what do we give up, when we give all? A sin-polluted heart, for Jesus to purify, to cleanse by His own blood, and to save by His matchless love. And yet men think it hard to give up all! I am ashamed to hear it spoken of, ashamed to write it.

God does not require us to give up anything that it is for our best interest to retain. In all that He does, He has the well-being of His children in view. Would that all who have not chosen Christ might realize that He has something vastly better to offer them than they are seeking for themselves. Man is doing the greatest injury and injustice to his own soul when he thinks and acts contrary to the will of God. No real joy can be found in the path forbidden by Him who knows what is best and who plans for the good of His creatures. The path of transgression is the path of misery and destruction.

It is a mistake to entertain the thought that God is pleased to see His children suffer. All heaven is interested in the happiness of man. Our heavenly Father does not close the avenues of joy to any of His creatures. The divine requirements call upon us to shun those indulgences that would bring suffering and disappointment, that would close to us the door of happiness and heaven. The world's Redeemer accepts men as they are, with all their wants, imperfections, and weaknesses; and He will not only cleanse from sin and grant redemption through His blood, but will satisfy the heart-longing of all who consent to wear His yoke, to bear His burden. It is His purpose to impart peace and rest to all who come to Him for the bread of life. He requires us to perform only those duties that will lead our steps to heights of bliss to which the disobedient can never attain. The true, joyous life of the soul is to have Christ formed within, the hope of glory.

(Steps to Christ, p.46-47)