

## #114 TAKING BACK WHAT SATAN STOLE

**Q:** "I've really messed up this time. I knew the consequences of what I did and chose it anyway. Can I ever get back what I've lost? Will I ever see God's blessing again?"

**Q:** "I've come from a dysfunctional family (neglect, abuse, addiction, abandonment). I want to live a Christian life and be happy, but pieces are missing and I just don't know how. I can't seem to hold on to relationships that are important to me. Why?"

**Q:** "Why won't the pain stop? Will I ever feel normal like other people? If God really loves me, why doesn't he deliver me?"

MARK 4:37,38 "And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it now full. And Jesus was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake Him and say unto him, Master, carest Thou not that we perish?"

**A:** It's Ok to ask why. When the disciples went through a frightening crisis, even those so close to Jesus, saw the great storm and thought He must not care; and even though Jesus was there with her, the sister of Lazarus wept, and Jesus wept with her.

JOHN 11:33-35 "When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, He groaned in the spirit, and was troubled...Jesus wept."

**A:** Jesus cares for you the same as He cared for His disciples in the storm, and for Lazarus' family when He saw the pain they suffered, but they would not trust Him.

MATTHEW 23:37 "...How often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!"

**A:** Jesus longs to gather and teach families His way to abundant life, but when people through ignorance or rebellion will not come, Jesus does not force them. Children suffer most, from the result of Godlessness.

HOSEA 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee...seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

**A:** Whether the separation from God's love that you feel is the result of generations forgetting God (certainly not your fault), or whether you brought the consequences upon yourself, God longs to bless you and have fellowship with you. God's promises are waiting for you along with all the missing pieces to the puzzle of your life. Choose to begin receiving the promises of God with your generation! Begin now!

LUKE 1:50 "And His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation."

**A:** It is simple for Jesus to speak peace and order into our lives; He must wonder why we don't trust Him enough to believe Him!

MARK 4:39 "And He arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And He said unto them, why are ye so fearful: how is it that ye have no faith?"

**A:** Have faith in God's faithfulness, and trust Him. God wants you not only saved but He wants you safe from storms in your life now! Satan has robbed you of all that God has planned for your life, but Jesus came to win it all back for you.

John 10:10 "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

**A:** Jesus came to restore life to you if you will let Him, if you will simply ask Him too. Praise Jesus for what He is about to do!

Psalm 86:12-13 "I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and I will glorify thy name forevermore. For great is Your mercy toward me, and You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol."

**A:** The Psalms came through David who was often in the depths of despair, but he knew that God is always faithful, and that praise invites God's presence. We worship a faithful God whose promise is resurrection! The same powerful God who raises the dead to life, lives in you and He is able to raise you up from your personal deadness.

Romans 8:11 "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."

**A:** When Jesus lives in you through His Spirit, He brings life and resurrection to your life. Not only does Jesus promise to resurrect your life but He promises to restore you.

JOEL 2:25 "And I will restore to you the years that the Locust hath eaten..."

**A:** Jesus will restore what was lost! So when enough is enough? It's time to take back what Satan stole! Many times the difference between being a continued victim of robbery or being blessed and praising, is in how you keep the accounting of your life:

JAMES 1:2-4 " My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; <sup>3</sup> knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. <sup>4</sup> But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

**A: Don't waste your suffering! Don't count your tears as lost years - Count them for joy, depth of character and compassion that few have had the circumstances to learn and praise God for valuable training! Stop looking behind and look forward!**

**PHILIPPIANS 3:13-14** "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, <sup>14</sup> I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

**A: Focus your energy on one thing - New life in Jesus and the joyful end of the race! Stop wasting time on Satan's plans for you and become who you are in Jesus!**

**EPHESIANS 1:19-22** "And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, <sup>20</sup> which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: <sup>22</sup> and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church."

**EPHESIANS 2:6** "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

**A: Remember where you are seated and watch every word you allow to come out of your mouth. Establish the ways and words of God in your life and redeem the time!**

**Ephesians 5:15,16** "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

**PRAYER:** Dearest Father God, thank you for your love and mercy to care so deeply for me. I lay my painful past at your feet and thank you for lessons learned that you use for my good. I love You with all my heart, Lord, teach me Your ways and how to walk in the power of Your Holy Spirit. By faith I take my seat beside You in the heavenlies and by Your grace, Lord Jesus, I commit my way to You, to live my life on earth as it is in heaven, to take back what Satan stole from me, and use it all for Your glory, **In Jesus' name, Amen.**



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