

Matthew 16:13-20

## GET BEHIND ME SATAN

## God's Exhortations - Joshua 1:6-9

- Be strong and very courageous.
- Do according to all the law.
- Do not turn from it to the right or the left.
- Meditate on and speak God's word.
- Do not fear.

In preparations for the battles to be fought, we need to hear the message, keep focused!

## What Jesus said...

In Matthew 16:21 we read that Jesus began to tell/show His disciples that He *"must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things..., and be killed, and be raised on the third day"*.

The context?

## What Peter Said...

- Verse 22 records that Peter *"took Him aside and began to rebuke Him saying, 'God forbid it Lord! This shall never happen to you.'"*
- The impetuosity of Peter. Matthew 17:1-10
- Did Peter really understand what he was suggesting? What was Peter's mindset? Where was his focus?

## Lesson #1

- Think about what we have to say and think about our thought process when we do.

- What Peter did...
  - Took Jesus aside...
- What Peter said...
  - He "began" to rebuke Him.
  - *"God forbid it Lord! This shall never happen to you"*
  - Will we decide God's will for ourselves? Will we quarrel with our Maker?

- Why would Peter say this?
  - Where was his focus? Spiritual or Physical?
  - Pattern of thinking this way... Acts 1:6; Matthew 20:21
  - What type of love are we displaying in our life? John 21:15-17
  - Peter was letting his *phileo* love govern his life.

## Lesson #2

- Let *agape* love rule your life & your relationships rather than *phileo* love and see the big picture.

## Jesus ' Response

- **Get behind Me Satan**
  - Literally Satan?
  - The word "Satan" means "an adversary," or one who opposes us in the accomplishment of our designs.
  - The thoughts expressed by Peter were opposed to Jesus and His plans and purpose.

## Jesus ' Response

- Jesus had the weight (sin) of the world on His shoulders...
- Another way? Matthew 26:39, 42
- Focus on Jesus' mission.
- Similar to Paul in Acts 21:13

## Jesus ' Response

- **You are a stumbling block to Me.**
  - A snare, an occasion to fall.
  - Have we determined... Romans 14:13
  - Woe to him... Luke 17:1-3
  - Are we our own worst enemies? Matthew 18:7-9

## Lesson #3

- What is your mission and purpose in life?
- Are we doing anything to hinder our common mission and purpose in others or ourselves?
- Have I become a stumbling block to myself or others?

## Jesus' Response

- **You are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's.**
  - What is our mindset? Colossians 3:1-2; Romans 8:6-8.
- What is in God's interest? Deuteronomy 10:12-13
- What is in man's interest? Colossians 1:10; Galatians 1:10

- How do we keep from losing our focus? How do we prevent the obstacles and stumbling blocks in our life?
- Consider the context following? Jesus turns to all the disciples and urges them to:
  - Deny himself
  - Take up his cross
  - Follow Jesus
  - Don't focus on temporal life but on eternal.

## The Good News

- **Jesus overcame every temptation!** Hebrews 4:14-16.
- **Through Christ we can resist the Devil and also overcome.** Ephesians 6:13; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9