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How To Get Unstuck

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INTRODUCTION

Have you ever felt stuck in your faith before? It just feels like the flow of God is not happening in your life. There is nothing happening spiritually, and you are just going through the motions with your wheels spinning. In today's key passage of Scripture, Jesus was talking to a group of people who were stuck. They were average people who wanted to know God. This Scripture passage is important for us because Jesus wants the flow of His Spirit to happen in our lives. He wants us to move forward and not stay where we are. If you are feeling stuck today, I want to share with you a few things that will help you get unstuck in your walk with Christ.

KEY POINTS

1. Invite Jesus To Join You

If we will ever get unstuck, we must come to Christ and invite Him into our situation. He is the only One who can get us out of the situation that we are in spiritually, relationally, financially, as well as in our profession. We need Christ! The man or woman who chooses to live dependent upon Jesus for everything in their life, every area of their life, is the man or woman who is mature in their faith.

The Christian life is not independent, saying, "Oh God, give me the strength." Rather, it is, "Jesus, I need you. I need you every hour. I need you in my situation. I need you in my marriage. I need you and my finances. I need you in my job. I need you in my life." He is the fulfillment of all things.

We need to realize that He is the only One who can get you unstuck. The sooner you cry out, "Oh, God, help me," the sooner you will get out of the situation that you are in; you need to realize that God is in the business of completing His Word.

2. Focus On The Word

We need to focus on the Word because it shows us where we are in life. When you read all of the "do not's" in Scripture, you realize how many of the "do not's" you have broken. The reason Jesus was saying that we need to focus on the Word is for us to realize where we are and how much we need Him.

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God does not want us to live under the law. He wants us to live under the freedom that is in Christ. He wants us to have traction in our life, but until we begin to focus on the Word and realize what we have done, we will never get unstuck and start moving again.

3. Get Help

There are five specific ways I want to share with you that will allow you can get help when you're feeling stuck:

- Take a look at yourself spiritually
- Seek help from Christian counselors
- Beware of false teachers
- Get help from friends
- Get help from a medical community

4. Look At The Horizon

The only way that we can get unstuck, not only spiritually, but in every area of our life, is to realize that Jesus paid it all. This is the great thing: in Him, we might become the righteousness of God. Not only did Jesus take all of your sin, but He made you righteous.

The reality is that God has given you a spiritual position, that you are righteous in God. You are totally acceptable in Christ. You are forgiven. God considers you beautiful in His eyes and He doesn't want His beautiful children stuck in the mud, stuck in their life, and stuck spiritually. He wants you to live like who you are and how He has remade you in Christ Jesus.

5. If Jesus Lives Inside Of Us...

If Jesus lives inside of us, several things will happen:

- There will come quality, not just quantity.
- There will come an internal experience and not just an external walk.
- There will come an unlimited, not just a limited, mentality of service.
- A spontaneous and not forced lifestyle.
- It will be positive and not negative.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. Are you feeling stuck in any area of your life right now? Explain your answer.
2. Do you need to seek help in any of the five specific ways outlined in this message? If so, which one(s)?
3. How can you focus more on God's Word in the upcoming week as you move toward getting unstuck?
