

LESSONS FROM JUNIA - BHEKI ZULU

In Romans 16, Paul is writing to different people and then we come across this man who is not well known.

Romans 16:7 - Greet Andronicus and Junia, my fellow Jews who have been in prison with me. They are outstanding among the apostles and they were in Christ before I was.

Junia was apparently a Jew. There are four things that we see about this man:

1. As a Jew he was faithful. Don't change who you are because God will call you and use you the way you are. He will use your background. He will use whatever you are born into. Remember that God is a faithful God. There are people who abandon their own backgrounds, they abandon who they are and sometimes they are ashamed of who they are because of what that is attached to. But remember that God will use your background to affect and change people. God will use your background so that other people can accept you. So Paul calls this man a fellow Jew because he was also a Jew.
2. But there was also a little thing about this man that he mentions. He says that *'he has been in prison with me.'* What this man did was through thick and thin and in times when things were not going well he was with Paul. They were together chained for the sake of the gospel. Remember that no matter what your background is, you may come from a poor background or a rich background, but no one is immune to imprisonment. This man went to jail for the sake of the Gospel.
3. He was outstanding among the apostles which means that there was something that made him stand out in his faithfulness, in service for the Lord.

4. Lastly, he was saved before Paul. Paul acknowledges that there were people that were saved before him. Remember that in serving God it does not matter where you are in line. Remain faithful and serve God as you would serve him at any other time.

Lets pray. Thank you Lord for these men who served You and Lord, may I be as faithful as this man. May I love you and worship You and know that You are God in Jesus Name amen.