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# MY NEW LIFE

19TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY SERMON

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Life and death are in the power of the tongue. In Genesis 1, God speaks and everything changes. In Ezekiel, when God speaks through the prophet to the dry bones they didn't remain the same. Whenever God speaks to a thing, it has to change. Because God is in us, our words also have power.

When God speaks, He transfers power. He asked Peter "Who do men say that I am?" Peter's revelation of God prepared him for his next. Like Peter, you have a process to be everything God created you to be. He deals with you based on His plan and purpose for your life.

### **THIS WILL BE A RECORD BREAKING YEAR.**

*Matthew 16:18-19 NIV - And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. 19] I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."*

- The revelation of who God is will transform you. Knowing who God is will teach you who you are.
- How you see God will determine what you receive from Him.
- Whatever you declare and decree shall be. One confession can give you a new life.

*Who do you say God is? Who has God shown Himself to be to you?*

**GOD BUILDS HIS CHURCH WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE A REVELATION OF WHO JESUS IS; THAT REVELATION TURNS INTO A CONFESSION AND THAT CONFESSION CREATES PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION.**

### **FOLLOW ME: THE BOAT**

*Matthew 4:19 NIV - "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."*

- Be careful not to let people keep you where they meet you.
- God loves to meet people working because He doesn't have to force you to work.
- Your future is connected to who you follow. There is more to life than where you are.
- Stay connected to people who make you better. Your new life will cost you your comfort zone. You will have to leave your circle to embark on new heights and territories in God.
- You can't see your future until you release your net.

*Who are you connected to? How are you benefiting from the connection?*

## ONE MAN'S OBEDIENCE IS CONNECTED TO SO MANY DESTINIES.

### GET UP: THE MOUNTAIN

Matthew 17:7 NIV - But Jesus came and touched them. "Get up." he said. "Don't be afraid."

- Following God will take you to new levels. God raised you up so you can help someone else get up.
- Your exposure raises your expectations.

*What area(s) in your life is God trying to take you to new levels? What has been your posture as He takes you higher?*

## EVERYTHING IN YOUR LIFE HAS PREPARED YOU FOR THIS MOMENT.

### PUT THAT UP: THE GARDEN

John 18:11 NIV - Jesus commanded Peter, "Put your sword away! Shall I not drink the cup the Father has given me?"

- You have to develop new spiritual disciplines and be willing to do what others won't do.
- You will be tested. God is showing you a new way to react under pressure. Put the "sword" away.
- You have to go deeper in your prayer life. It's your new sword.
- God will allow you to see yourself, not because He changes how He can use you, but so you can see who you are in Him.

*What is your initial reaction to tests - pulling out the sword, or going to God in prayer? How is God shifting you from your old to your new ways?*

## YOU CAN'T HAVE YOUR OLD LIFE AND YOUR NEW LIFE AT THE SAME TIME.

### GET BACK FOCUSED: BACK TO THE BOAT

John 21:17 NIV - "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

- If you love God, you have to get past your past. God is bigger than your mistakes. Don't let what you did stop you from doing what God called you to do.
- You stop growing when you go back to what you stopped doing.
- God will only send you back to deliver someone.
- You can't talk God out of His plan for you.

*What has happened in your past that is holding your future hostage?*

## DO WHAT YOU DO: THE STAGE

Acts 2:14 NIV - ***Then Peter stood up** with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.*

- God has been shaping and preparing you for this new life.
- The moment is now for you to do what you do.
- One opportunity can change your life.

*What has God prepared you for in this season? What revelation have you gotten from your seasons of preparation?*

## YOUR NEW LIFE WILL REQUIRE YOU TO LIVE YOUR REVELATION.

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2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV - *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here.*

- When God speaks He transfers power. It’s already been spoken and it can’t be taken back.

*What is God teaching you about yourself?*

## QUESTION

*Will you live out your revelation and walk out your truth?*

## DECLARATION

*God, I give you a sweet surrender. I will follow you. I will get up the mountain. I will put up my old sword and use prayer as my new sword. I will get back focused and do what you created me to do. I will live in my book of action.*

## PRAYER

*Lord, You have allowed me to sit in the boat of preparation for a time such as this. You have trained and prepared me for my future. I thank You for allowing me to see me just as I am. In spite of my imperfections, You chose to use me. I bind the trauma, hurt, and pain of my past and release Your love, joy and provision over my future. I will be who You called me to be. I will do what You created me to do. In Jesus’ name, Amen!*