

# The Triumphant Life: It's Your Turn

When we are obedient to turn to the Lord, our lives are blessed and restored.

## Solomon's Temple

***Solomon built a temple for the Lord to live among His people. A holy dwelling place.***

### **1 Corinthians 15:45-47 Amplified Bible**

45 So it is written [in Scripture], “The first man, Adam, became a living soul (an individual);” the last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving spirit [restoring the dead to life]. 46 However, the spiritual [the immortal life] is not first, but the physical [the mortal life]; then the spiritual. 47 The first man [Adam] is from the earth, earthy [made of dust]; the second Man [Christ, the Lord] is from heaven.

- Often in scripture, God lays out the natural, temporary model first. Then the eternal spiritual reality is revealed. The natural is the frame or scaffolding that will one day fall away, revealing the eternal picture.
- Solomon built a temple where God's presence would be, and sacrifices would be offered—a place where the law would be kept, and people could **turn to God** and have their sins forgiven.

### **2 Chronicles 6:1-11 New Living Translation Solomon Praises the Lord**

6 Then Solomon prayed, “O Lord, you have said that you would live in a thick cloud of darkness. 2 Now I have built a glorious Temple for you, a place where you can live forever!” 3 Then the king turned around to the entire community of Israel standing before him and gave this blessing: 4 “Praise the Lord, the God of Israel, who has kept the promise he made to my father, David. For he told my father, 5 ‘From the day I brought my people out of the land of Egypt, I have never chosen a city among any of the tribes of Israel as the place where a Temple should be built to honor my name. Nor have I chosen a king to lead my people Israel. 6 But now I have chosen Jerusalem as the place for my name to be honored, and I have chosen David to be king over my people Israel.’” 7 Then Solomon said, “My father, David, wanted to build this Temple to honor the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. 8 But the Lord told him, ‘You wanted to build the

Temple to honor my name. Your intention is good, 9 but you are not the one to do it. One of your own sons will build the Temple to honor me.'

10 "And now the Lord has fulfilled the promise he made, for I have become king in my father's place, and now I sit on the throne of Israel, just as the Lord promised. I have built this Temple to honor the name of the Lord, the God of Israel. 11 There I have placed the Ark, which contains the covenant that the Lord made with the people of Israel."

- One of your sons will build the temple. (God told David one of his natural sons would build the temple; this was foreshadowing as well.)
- Within the temple, the covenant/promise will be kept inside.
- First natural, then spiritual.

## **2 Chronicles 7:11-15 New Living Translation** The Lord's Response to Solomon

11 So Solomon finished the Temple of the Lord, as well as the royal palace. He completed everything he had planned to do in the construction of the Temple and the palace. 12 Then one night the Lord appeared to Solomon and said, "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this Temple as the place for making sacrifices. 13 At times I might shut up the heavens so that no rain falls, or command grasshoppers to devour your crops, or send plagues among you. 14 Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. 15 My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place.

- God chose a temple, a place for making sacrifices, for people to turn from their wrongs and find mercy.

## **The Lord's Temple**

***Solomon's Temple represented the natural place for God's spirit to dwell, where sacrifices would be made, and God would hear His people and bless them. But now the greater spiritual truth has been revealed. We have become His temple and our lives a constant sacrifice. We are his temples who can turn to Him always and forever.***

## **Hebrews 10:16-26 New Living Translation**

16 “This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day,[a] says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”[b]  
17 Then he says, “I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds.”[c]  
18 And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices. 19 And so, dear brothers and sisters,[d] we can boldly enter heaven’s Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. 20 By his death,[e] Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. 21 And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God’s house, 22 let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. 24 Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near. 26 Dear friends, if we deliberately continue sinning after we have received knowledge of the truth, there is no longer any sacrifice that will cover these sins.

### **1 Corinthians 6:19-20 New Living Translation**

19 Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

### **Romans 12:1-2 New Living Translation A Living Sacrifice to God**

12 And so, dear brothers and sisters,[a] I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.[b]  
2 Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

- When we know God’s will and plan, it’s easier to turn to Him.
- The one we turn to has a will that is good, pleasing, and perfect!

## It's Your Turn

***To live the triumphant life, we must repent and follow Jesus. There will be many directions given; we must turn with each command. As you walk with Jesus, don't miss the turns! When it's time to turn, turn! It's your ability to turn that will keep you in victory!***

***"It's Your Turn!" This is a revelation that's empowered with a strategy for triumph. "It's Your Turn" doesn't mean you're next; it means listen for what's next and turn!***

***We have all these issues and circumstances that we're waiting on God to deliver us from. But it's our obedience, our ability to turn from doing things our way and repent and follow Him that brings triumph. We must turn to Jesus!***

### Mary's Turn

#### **Luke 10:38-42 Amplified Bible Martha and Mary**

38 Now while they were on their way, Jesus entered a village [called Bethany], and a woman named Martha welcomed Him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who seated herself at the Lord's feet and was continually listening to His teaching. 40 But Martha was very busy and distracted with all of her serving responsibilities; and she approached Him and said, "Lord, is it of no concern to You that my sister has left me to do the serving alone? Tell her to help me and do her part." 41 But the Lord replied to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered and anxious about so many things; 42 but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part [that which is to her advantage], which will not be taken away from her."

- We must learn to turn from the cares of this life and find rest in Jesus.

### The Invitation to Turn

#### **Matthew 11:28-30 New Living Translation**

28 Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give you is light."

## Bartimaeus' Turn

### **Mark 10:46-52 New Living Translation Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus**

46 Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. 47 When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 "Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here." So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!" 50 Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus. 51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "My Rabbi,[a]" the blind man said, "I want to see!" 52 And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.[b]

- On Feb 20th, God opened my eyes to verse 50.
- 50 Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.
- I thought to myself that it has to be in there for a reason! What is the significance of throwing his coat?
- It was more than likely a beggar's garment worn legally because He was blind.
- In faith, He may have thrown it off, knowing He'd never need to beg again.
- Is there a turn you need to make that involves throwing any old identity off?

## Sopo's Turn

- Sopo went to Jesus 30 days after God gave me a revelation on verse 50, but let's look at 49 as well.
- 49 When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here." So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!" 50 Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.
- On March 20th, Sopo had to make a turn at the Lord's command. Come on He's calling you, she put aside her coat/earthly temple/body, jumped up and came to Jesus.

## **2 Corinthians 5 New Living Translation New Bodies**

5 For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. 2 We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. 3 For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies.[a] 4 While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it's not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. 5 God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit. 6 So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. 7 For we live by believing and not by seeing. 8 Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. 9 So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him. 10 For we must all stand before Christ to be judged. We will each receive whatever we deserve for the good or evil we have done in this earthly body. 11 Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too. 12 Are we commending ourselves to you again? No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us,[b] so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart. 13 If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit. 14 Either way, Christ's love controls us.[c] Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.[d] 15 He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them. 16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! 17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! 18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin,[e] so that we could be made right with God through Christ.