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## MOMENTS FROM THE MOUNT

### “Refuse to Regret”

The lesson on this evening, and this *new series* that we shall be talking about is titled: **“Refuse to Regret.** This study will be divided into *three* parts; and it may last for about **4** weeks. This will be our outline for this series:

**Part A:** Regret

**Part B:** Recycle

**Part C:** Righteousness.

Okay, so during our past series, we talked about **“Consist and Resist”**. When the devil is *persistent*, we must be *consistent*.

Now, you **MUST** know about two of the *main* things that keep Christians from consistently moving forward. These are two of Satan’s *greatest* **“spiritual”** weapons!!

- 1). **Regret-** To keep *looking backwards*. To be stuck in the past.
- 2). **Dread-** To be afraid of *looking forward*. To be fearful and uncertain about your future.

#### I. **Regret**

We first of all must accept the fact that *regret* and *dread* are **demonic spirits**, whose assignment is to “keep you from moving forward”. They operate on “distraction”. Their motive is to take your focus off of **“today”**, get you to be obsessed with **“yesterday”**, and frightened about **“tomorrow”**. Now, do not think that you’re dealing with something *“emotional”*. It is *“spiritual”*.

There are *two* things that will shape, and determine what kind of future you will have:

- 1). **Hope-** This is something positive.
- 2). **Hurt-** This *can be* something negative. Regret is self-hurt.

Now, as far as “**regret**” is concerned, God does not “*replay*” your mistakes, He “*recycles*” them. Satan is the author of “*replay*” and “*regret*”. That’s his approach!

**DOCTRINAL POINT:** When you find yourself constantly and mentally “**replaying**” your past mistakes in your head, and then “**regretting**” what you see, you are under a spiritual attack. The *demonic spirit of regret* is trying to distract you. **YOU MUST REBUKE IT!!!**

You **MUST** believe that you can do this. Or else, you will allow these demons to defeat you.

1). **Luke 18:18-** “.....*Whatsoever* ye shall **bind** on earth shall be **bound** in heaven: and *whatsoever* ye shall **loose** on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Some people have gotten *old*, and live nearly every day, regretting what they did when they were *young*. That’s no way to live my friend. God doesn’t want you to live that way.

\*\*\*\*\* **Five- Star sentence:** Jesus is the *same* “**yesterday**”; but He is not the God of “**yesterday**”. He is the God of **TODAY**.

He said “**I AM**”, not “**I WAS**”, or “**I USE TO BE**”.

1). **Exodus 3:14-** And God said unto Moses, **I AM THAT I AM:** and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, **I AM** hath sent me unto you.

2). **Matthew 14:27 (AMPC)-** But instantly He spoke to them, saying, Take courage! **I AM!** Stop being afraid.

3). **John 8:58-** Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, **I am**.

God wants you to enjoy “*today*”, and not live “*regretting*” yesterday. **YOU CANNOT UNSCRAMBLE SCRAMBLED EGGS.**

\*\*\*\*\* Get my booklet, “**Moving Beyond Mistakes**”- *What to do When You Have Made a Mistake.*

**4). Lamentations 3:22-23-** <sup>22</sup> It is of the LORD's **mercies** that we are not consumed, because his **compassions** fail not. <sup>23</sup> They are *new every morning*: great is thy faithfulness.

**QUESTION:** \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No Has anyone ever made more than 5 mistakes in your life?

We have all made mistakes, and we will make some more. The positive side of mistakes is that they can be a good indicator that we are simply having *growing pains*. It is *best* to learn from the mistakes of *others*. But sometimes, you will end up learning from your *own*.

Now, whenever anyone teaches on/about “*regret*”, they should explain what is called, “**The Ole Satan Two Step**”.

**1). Step 1-** Satan will *tempt* you to sin.

**a). Matthew 4:1;3;7- (vs. 1)-** Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted** of the devil. <sup>3</sup> And when the **tempter** came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not **tempt** the Lord thy God.

**b). Luke 4:13-** And when the devil had ended all the **temptation**, he departed from him for a season.

**2). Step 2-** Satan will then *accuse* you for yielding to **his** temptation.

He will *tempt* you, and then make you feel bad, about doing what *he* suggested and encouraged you to do.

a). **Revelation 12:10b**- for the **accuser** of our brethren is cast down, which **accused** them before our God day and night.

Now, let's look at a woman in the bible that *could have* lived her entire life-time under a *cloud of regret*. She represents all of us, for we all make mistakes; just not the same ones.

Satan is an equal opportunist. He gives each of us the opportunity, to live the *rest* of our lives, with a *spirit of regret* **controlling** us.

**DOCTRINAL POINT:** Jesus has set you *free* from the *spirit of regret*.

a). **John 8:36**- If the Son therefore shall make you **free**, ye shall be **free** indeed.

- **Rahab**

If you were a stranger in Jericho, just about any man on the street could tell you how to get to Rahab's house. This woman had probably done twice as much than we have done, *before* her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Nearly every time her name is mentioned in the bible, her *profession* is also listed. Her reputation was wide-spread. No one refers to *you* as, Shelia the nurse, Ronald the trainer, or Carlos the plumber. But this sistah was so tough, she was KNOWN by her profession:

**1). Joshua 2:1 (AMP)**- Joshua the son of Nun sent two men as scouts secretly from Shittim, saying, "Go, view the land, especially <sup>at</sup> Jericho [the walled city]." So they went and came to the house of **a prostitute** named **Rahab**, and lodged there.

**2). Joshua 6:22-23; 25- 22** But Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, "Go into the **prostitute's house** and bring the woman and all that she has out of there, as you have sworn to her."

<sup>23</sup> So the young men, the spies, went in and brought out **Rahab** and **her father** and **her mother** and **her brothers** and everything that she had; they also brought out **all her relatives** and allowed them to stay outside the camp of Israel [at Gilgal during the time required for ceremonial cleansing].

Just **imagine** how her daddy must have felt. *Every man* in town knew *his* daughter. This was his *baby girl*. He had saved and planned for her to attend Jerusalem Junior College!!! Her mother had to hold her head down in shame every time she shopped at the Food Giant Store called Goliath! **Imagine** the embarrassment of her brothers: all of their friends "*knew*" Rahab. And picture the embarrassment all of her other relatives.

<sup>25</sup> So Joshua spared **Rahab the prostitute**, with her **father's household** and everything that she had; and she has lived among Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers (scouts) whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

**3). James 2:25- Rahab the prostitute** is another example. She was shown to be right with God by her actions when she hid those messengers and sent them safely away by a different road.

**4). Hebrews 11:31-** It was by faith that **Rahab the prostitute** was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God. For she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

The sister had such a bad **reputation**, and a *past* that was full of **regret!!!** She only had **ONE** friend:

**5). Luke 7:34- The Son of Man,..... a friend** of tax collectors and other **sinner**s!

**SHOUTING POINT:** God can take what it took you *40 years* to mess up, and turn it around in *one* day.

The two spies that showed up at Rahab's house, were the first two strangers that ever knocked on her door that didn't want *sex*. They were actually there to provide her with *safety*. This encounter changed Rahab!

Finally, someone showed her some respect. She felt like a person of value again. She had been far from a lady, that she knew. But at least now she once again felt like a person.

1). **Matthew 1:5**- And Salmon begat Booz of **Rachab**; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

**NOTICE, SHE IS NO LONGER REFERRED TO AS A PROSTITUTE!**

How many prostitutes do you know, who can say that they are personally related to **Jesus**? She was the great-great grandmother of **King David**.

**“Regret”** is no longer attached to her. Now she is **“royalty”**!