

Moments In Time - God's Time

Resurrection weekend has just passed and with it an opportunity to acknowledge and say YES to the Man with the power to change lives. I think we can all agree that we have things in our lives that need changing and we would not want to pass that opportunity or that moment in time by saying "no" to the One presenting it.

What reasons might people like you and I have for saying "no" to this man who is also God and for allowing Him to pass us by? Lack of knowledge of the truth may be one. The truth is Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The lie and/or mockery are a bunny named Easter, chocolate and eggs. The truth is that "you will know the Truth and the Truth will set you free". Wow! What a promise! 1Peter 3:8 and 4:6 explains this to us as follows: "For Christ (the Messiah Himself) died for sins once for all, the Righteous for the unrighteous (the Innocent for the guilty), that He might bring us to God. In His human body He was put to death, but He was made alive in the spirit. For this is why the good news (about Him) was preached so that man might live in the spirit as God does."

Now that you have knowledge of the truth you are able to make an informed decision to say YES to this moment of opportunity. **Don't let Jesus pass you by.**

Another reason people like you and I might have for saying no to this man is fear. We may be more fearful and concerned with what other people will say or think than be concerned with what the Lord may say or think. We are not alone. Peter, a good friend and a faithful follower of Jesus, was more concerned for himself and what others would think about him than he was for his friend Jesus. He said yes to total strangers and said no to the Lord of the Universe! He denied he even knew Jesus.

No doubt many of us can identify or have identified with the humanity we see in Peter. The Lord knew Peter well; He knew what was in his heart. He told Peter ahead of time what his responses would be. (Luke 22:34). Peter did not believe Him but in verses 60-62 we are told that at a precise moment in time the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And then Peter remembered His words and went out and wept bitterly. He realized the error of his ways. When the Son of God turns and looks at us with such love and knowing, will we realize the error of our ways and say YES to this Man, the Lord Jesus? Will we say "no" to our own fears and concerns?

Isaiah 8:13,14a says, "The Lord of Hosts—regard Him as holy and honor His holy name (by regarding Him as your only hope of safety), and let Him be your fear and let Him be your dread (lest you offend Him by your fear of man and distrust of Him). And He shall be a sanctuary to those who reverently fear and trust in Him".

In conclusion then, do not let this opportunity, this moment in time pass you by. In Matthew 7:7 Jesus tells us to "keep on asking and it will be given to you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you." He has already said YES to you.

Will you take the Jesus challenge and knock on His door?

In Revelation 3:20 Jesus tells us this: " Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears and listens to and heeds My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him/her and will eat with him/her, and he/she will eat with Me." Will you take the Jesus challenge and open the door to your heart and let Him come in? The Lord wants to reveal Himself to you as the One in the universe who knows you the best and yet loves you the most. Once again you can make an informed decision. **Don't let Jesus pass you by.** This is a moment in time, a God moment. Don't let it pass you by.

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