

State of Your Faith 1/15/21

Unveiling Me: Revealing Your Greatness

1 Peter 2:15-16 – “It is God’s will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. For you are free, yet you are God’s slaves, so don’t use your freedom as an excuse to do evil.”

Don’t worry about what you can do because you can do nothing. But when you’re walking in the mission and the vision from God, all things are possible.

You may have failed in the past because God was not in the picture. However, your past cannot hold you back when you’re walking with God. It is not a ball and chain holding you back from following the path God has set for you. Walk with God, and he will use you and your past to shame those who speak out against you.

Isaiah 54:4-5 – “Fear not; you will no longer live in shame. Don’t be afraid; there is no more disgrace for you. You will no longer remember the shame of your youth and the sorrows of widowhood. For your Creator will be your husband; the Lord of Heaven’s Armies is his name! He is your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, the God of all the earth.”

The Lord God of heaven is going to be your partner, your husband. He is going to put an unbreakable bond between you and him. He is going to be beside you throughout your journey, helping you and supporting you when your own strength fails.

God’s perfection will be shown through your imperfection.

Isaiah 54:6-8 – “‘For the Lord has called you back from your grief—as though you were a young wife abandoned by her husband,’ says your God. ‘For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will take you back. In a burst of anger I turned my face away for a

little while. But with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,' says the Lord, your Redeemer.”

We all have something in our past we regret, and our biggest fear is that someone will pull this greatest regret out of the closet and reveal it to the world. As we continue to fixate on it, this regret continues to slowly eat away at us. As Christians, many of us fear that our past mistakes will disqualify us from the love of God. How many of us have revealed this deepest regret to the Lord in prayer? God already knows what you have done—all will be revealed in the end—but he wants you to come to him with the burdens of your past. The only reason this regret still has power over you is because you are keeping it hidden; by revealing it to God, you will be released from its hold over you.

Yes, God may have been angry with you, but that anger only lasted a moment. Out of his loving grace, he is willing to welcome you back with open arms. Come to him, and all will be forgiven and forgotten.

But you must be willing to let the past go.

Jeremiah 1:17-19 – “Get up and prepare for action. Go out and tell them everything I tell you to say. Do not be afraid of them, or I will make you look foolish in front of them. For see, today I have made you strong like a fortified city that cannot be captured, like an iron pillar or a bronze wall. You will stand against the whole land—the kings, officials, priests, and people of Judah. They will fight you, but they will fail. For I am with you, and I will take care of you. I, the Lord, have spoken!”

You are already equipped to fight and win the battles against the enemy. You might have to stand up against your own managers, church leaders, etc., if they are violating God’s commands, but God will make you victorious.

But first, you have to have a relationship with God—not by simply going to church on Sunday, but by having a real personal relationship with a living God. You have to be willing to give your life to God.