

Lord, Save Me

Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

These are the words of Peter as he was sinking in the water. The story is told in the 14th chapter of Matthew. He had asked to be allowed to come to Jesus on the water and had come partway before starting to sink. When he allowed other things to take his mind off of Jesus, the trouble started. However, he was aware enough to realize that only Jesus could, and would, save him. The plea has been said by many others in the years since then.

I wonder if the other disciples laughed at Peter since he faltered and had to ask for help. Sure Peter failed when he looked at the conditions around him and let them take his mind off the Lord. At the time he probably didn't think, or care, that the others would mock him for trying and failing. All he was sure of was that he wanted to be saved and he made his plea to Jesus. When he did, he was lifted up and returned to the boat.

How many of us can identify with Peter in this situation? I suppose that everyone could if they would admit it. This symbolizes the person who has tried to walk to the Lord in faith and has faltered along life's pathway. Peter looked at the waves and the wind and felt the fear of drowning. We look at the things of this world, it may be money, pleasure, pride, the opposite sex, or any of the other things that we face in this life. Any, or all of them, can and will turn our hearts from the Lord if we focus on them and not on Jesus.

When we let anything, or anyone, come between us and the Lord, we find that we are not looking to him as we had been. If we are not focused on him there is a good chance that we are not going in the right direction. Just as a person can't think on two different things at once, he can't go two different ways at the same time either. To serve the Lord and to walk with him means that he, and he alone, has to have the preeminence in our lives.

When we are buffeted by the things of this life and they overrule our faith we are headed for a fall. It may be gradual and not even noticed at first, or it may happen suddenly, but the results are the same

either way. We find ourselves not getting closer to the Lord, but settling deeper into sin. When this happens the thing to do is to immediately call on Jesus to help us. No one else can, even if they wanted too.

Some people find that they have fallen away from the Lord, but seem to be embarrassed to admit before people. They continue on acting as though everything is alright when they know that it isn't. No one should worry about what other people might think of them. The only one that we need be concerned with is the Lord and what he thinks of us. As I have told people before, the Lord's people will be glad for you and pray for you, and what does it matter what the devil and his people think anyway?

There is no one who has not sinned, no matter how much they love the Lord and seek to do his will. Why? Because we are all in the flesh. If someone tells you how holy he is and how that he never sinned, stop him and tell him to repent of pride and lying. I have failed, and although I know some fine people and sincere Christians, I don't believe anyone but Jesus is without sin. I mean before they became a believer, and after as well.

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