

Get Back What You've Lost

Joel 2:12- “Yet even now, declares the Lord, return to Me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...”

2Kings 8:3-

Seven years she was not living in the land, but appealed to the King and received her land back also with the earnings the land would have yielded had it been worked.

- She got her land back.
- The King was so generous that he even gave her all the profits she would have made had she been there.
- Wouldn't it be great to go on vacation and come back and have more waiting on you than when you left?

There is a principle I want to share with you today that will work in your life to help you **“Get Back What You've Lost”**

If you are going to get back what you've lost – you have to go back to what you've left!

- **If you have leaving on your mind – you have losing in your destiny!**
- **If you leave something – you lose something!**
- **If you want to get back something you've lost – you have to go back to who or what you've left!**
- You can't expect to have the benefits of the company you are with if you leave that company. You lose the benefits of the paycheck, insurance, retirement plan.
- When you leave the Word, the church fellowship of believers, the intimate consecration of commitment to the Lord – you cannot leave something without losing something.
- When you lose something that used to work, the only way to get that back is to go back to what you left.
- If you lose your health, you have to return to good eating habits, exercise, sleeping well to restore your health.
- If you leave these principles, you will lose your health – naturally and spiritually.
- It is just a matter of time before you lose your health.
- The good news is: If you want to get back what you lost, return to what you've left.
- As a society: we have left modesty, fear of the Lord, morality, and have therefore lost the smile of God.
- We cannot leave holiness and not lose Godliness.

- We cannot leave separation and not lose distinction.
- If you've lost joy – you need to return to praise. You can stay depressed and sad, and you will just stay there until you decide to return to joy and praise.
- If you've lost victory – return to the Word of God.
- You can't leave the prayer room without losing some things in your life.
- Do you have a prayer life?
 - You have an internet life.
 - You have a Facebook page life.
 - You have a Net Flicks life
 - You have an HBO and sports life.
 - BUT, DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER LIFE!

You cannot leave a prayer life and not lose.

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It is costing you something not to be close to God!

- You can't leave a consecrated life, a dedicated life, having standards and purity, and not lose some things.
- You can get by with that for a while; but you cannot leave without losing!
- If you want to get back what you lost – you have to go back to what you left.
- The reason Samson lost power is because he lost purity.
 - Power only comes from living a pure life with God.
 - He kept his vows – he had power; when he left his vows, he lost his power.
 - When Samson left what he vowed to do for God, God left what He promised he would do through Samson's life.
- When we leave the precepts and principles of God, it is only a matter of time before you lose His presence.
- You cannot consistently leave and keep thinking that you will not lose.
- **The curse of this generation is that it wants back what it lost – but it doesn't want to go back to what it left.**
- We've left prayer, we've left consecration, we've left brokenness, we've left absolute selling out to God, we've left taking up our cross, living for things and pleasure and not living for sold out lives to Christ.
- If we want the joy of that, we will have to go back to what we've lost. Money doesn't buy it, things don't provide it, relationships don't offer it.
- Fame and popularity doesn't make you happy.
- Followers/likes on the internet doesn't make you somebody, Jesus makes you somebody.
- Jesus fills you with joy, peace and purpose.

Nobody can afford to lose the presence of God:

- Samson lost his **vision**, his **liberty**, he lost his **usefulness** to God, he lost his **reputation**, he woke up one day and knew not that the Spirit of the Lord had departed from him. Judges 16:
- He lost because he left his consecration – he left his commitment – he left his purity.
- Have you left the place of purity, nobody may know what you’re doing in secret; but God sees it. “Your sins will surely find you out!”
- If you lose the concept of purity and principle you lose the power in your prayer life and your walk with God.
- **If you leave, you lose - If you come back: you can get back-**
 - In your marriage, your finances, your health, your spiritual life.
 - If you return to what you left – you can recover what you lost.

2Kings 8:3-6 “At the end of the seven years, when the woman returned from the land of the Philistines, she went to appeal to the king for her house and her land. Now the king was talking to Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, tell me all the great things that Elisha has done. And while he was telling the king how Elisha had restored the dead to life, behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life appealed to the king for her house and her land. And Gehazi said, My Lord, O king, here is the woman, and here is her son whom Elisha restored to life. And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed an official for her, saying, restore all that was hers, together with all the produce of the fields from the day that she left the land until now.”

Seven years’ worth.

- **Notice the key to the principle:**
 - She left her house and land.
 - After seven years of being gone, she goes to see the king to appeal to him for her house and land/farm.
 - **If you want to get back what you lost – you have to go back to the KING!**
 - You come back to Him and bow your knee and confess Him as Lord and surrender your life to Him.

- Some of you have lost so much and you keep losing and think you can make a success out of sin & you can't.
- As long as you leave Jesus and leave His Word and leave the principles and concepts of consecration, purity, holiness & being set apart by God for His purpose – when you leave that – **YOU LOSE ALL THE BENEFITS THAT COME WITH HIM.**

The key is if you are going to come back – you have to come back to the KING.

- **Are you thinking that you want what you lost but you don't want to return to what you left?**
- I want that feeling and that joy and that sense of purpose of life that I used to have.
- I want the tears, the Spirit, the anointing – I want to feel what I used to feel in His presence. – but I don't want to go back to what I left.

Many people are living at a low level of spirituality and it's called the curse of luke warmness.

- **Many of you here today are under that curse of Luke warmness.**
 - Rev. 2:4 “I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first – the first love for Jesus.”
 - Rev. 2:5 notice what He says – REPENT, or I will come and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.”
 - The Lord of the candlestick says if you leave me, it's only a matter of time before I come and take away your fire – your passion – your light.
 - All God has to do to bring judgement into your life is to turn the lights out – you won't know where you're going, what you are doing, you can't even catch your next breath because He holds our breath in His hands.
 - You can lose the illumination of the purpose God has for your life.

That's a bad thing, but the good news today is that you can regain what you once had by returning to what you once were.

- You can get your fire back.
- You can get your tears back,
- You can get your praise back.
- You can get your joy, vision, direction and purpose back.

Luke 15 The prodigal son left the fathers house.

- He left the father, the farm, the produce, the blessings of a future with a good father.

- When he left it, he didn't even know he lost.
- He never thought he could lose, he left the father's house thinking he didn't lose anything and it's the same old lie satan is telling people today.
- You can leave the father and His house and think you haven't lost anything.
- I've got all this money, all these friends, all these connections.
- It may take away, but it will run into a wall and it will all run out.
- He's smoking weed, he's backing it all up in the club and paying for all the drinks, he's thinking he hasn't lost anything.
- It might take a minute, but it will all fall around you.

But I promise you: **If you leave the principles of the Father's house, you will lose something, it will be a matter of time and you will be broke, down, tore up from the floor up and messed up.**

But the good news is that the Father is saying COME BACK – COME BACK. He is waiting for you because He is plenteous in mercy.

Nobody can leave righteous without losing. He left, he lost and so will you.

The church has lost what the early church had in Acts 2

- We've lost radical living for Jesus.
- We've lost radical praise.
- We've lost the truth of the power that is in the blood of Jesus to redeem us.
- We've lost the signs and wonders and miracles produced by the Holy Spirit.

The reason that we've lost is that we've left the message of Acts 2.

If we will get back what we've lost – let's tell people **there is power in the Name of Jesus.**

There is power in the Holy Spirit. There is power in the blood of the Lamb. There is power when we pray in the Holy Spirit.

If we'll go back to what we left – we'll get back what we lost.