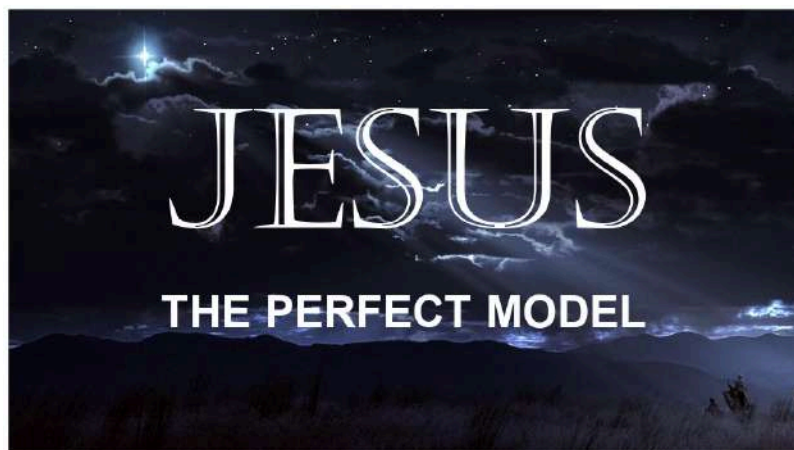


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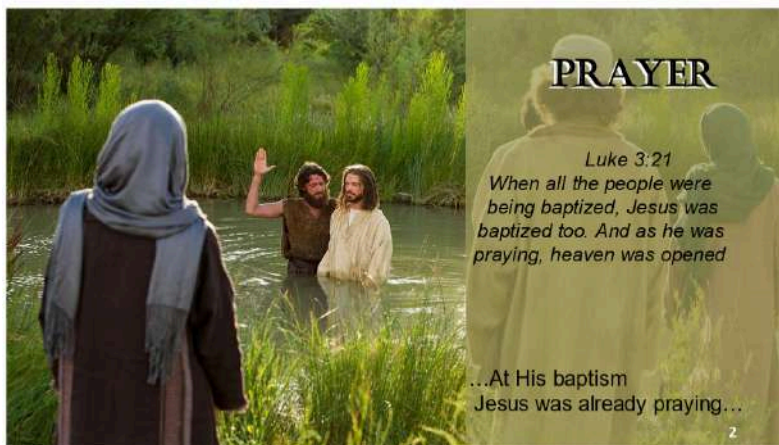
I thank God and declare my dependence on Him and fear of the Lord! I would like to honour the various teachers who taught me the way of the Lord; and today some of them will receive from my life; therefore, I humble myself to receive the Word that comes from the Lord. God is already using my close friend and companion Carlos Mraida to speak about the church, about the body of Christ working in this new reality; and I would like to talk about JESUS CHRIST AS THE PERFECT MODEL.

JESUS THE PERFECT MODEL



At all times I want to look to Jesus as our example to build the church; His example to make disciples !!!

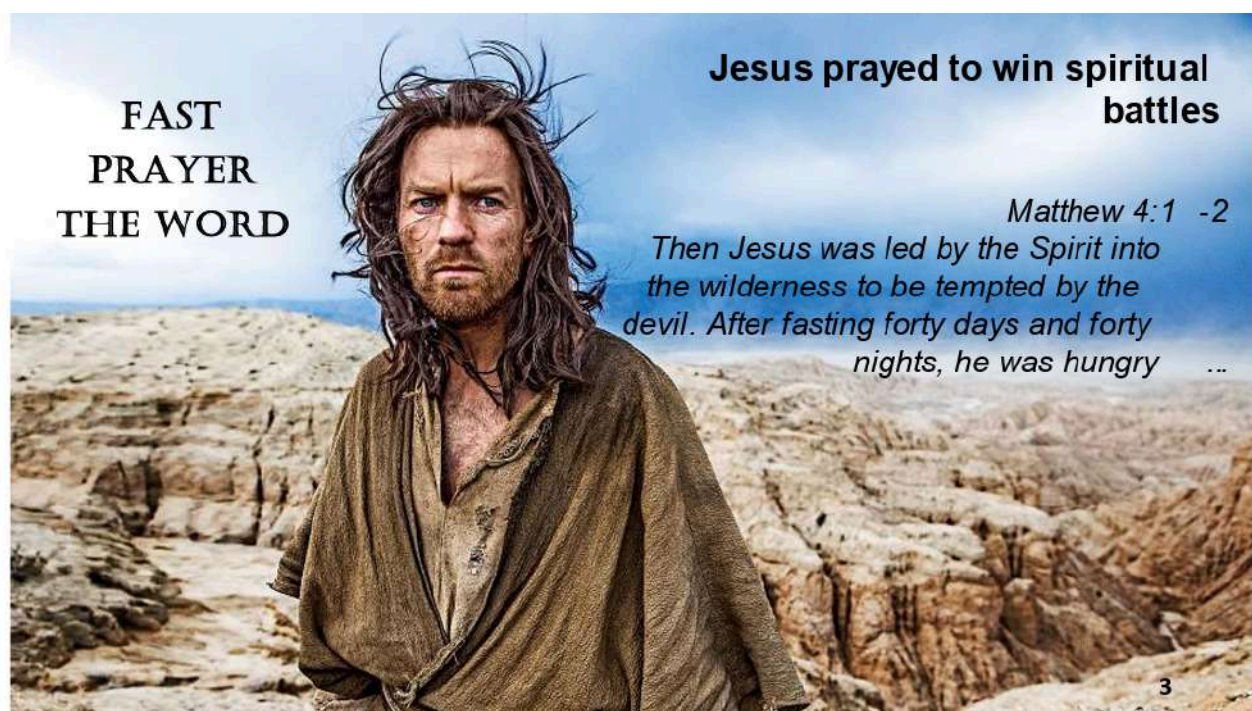
Jesus marks: PRAYER



Luke 3:21 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened. At baptism He was already praying ... A prayer mark! It all starts with prayer! I remembered my three baptisms:

- The first one, I was a baby and I didn't understand anything
- The second one, it was in a traditional group, but it was the beginning of everything
- The third one, it was in a lively group, a new time, I cried a lot, PRAY, I repented of my sins. Jesus was baptised together with the people (HUMBLE), He was already under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus prayed to win spiritual battles

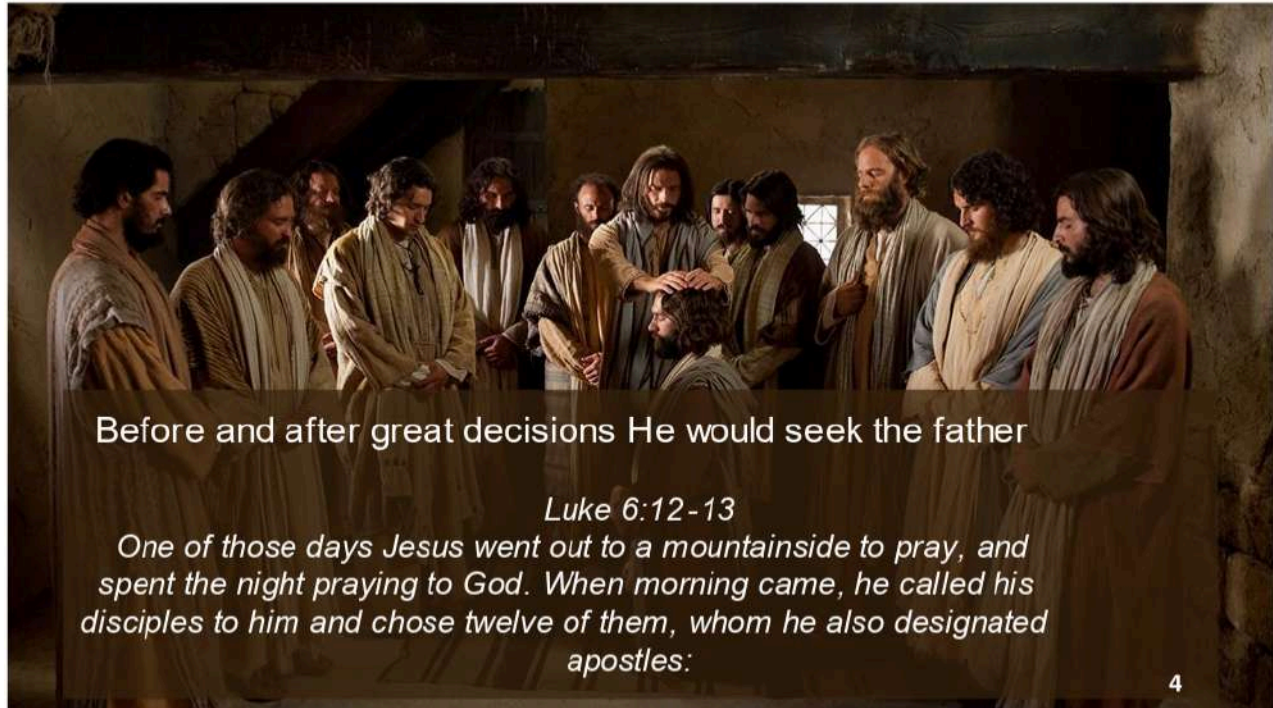


Jesus knew that a spiritual battle was beginning!

Matt. 4:1-11 Jesus prayed to win spiritual battles So he separated himself for 40 days and 40 nights - FASTING - PRAYER - WORD (In this text from Matthew, Jesus is quoting the word in the book of Deuteronomy) He sought intimacy with God! That is why he quoted the Word to the enemy; and it was the fruit of prayer. Jesus CHRIST is not a surname. He is anointed by God - Consecrated. I believe that God wants to remind us how we started: PRAYER, WORD, FASTING, SACRIFICES, HUMBLENESS. Jesus Christ; God's anointed by the power of prayer! He lived a life of prayer at all times, and knew the need to know the Father's will. Before and after great decisions Jesus sought the Father; and He knew fellowship with His father was the best time of the day. Being filled with God's power was always better than working in His own strength; that is why He

needed to talk to the Father. If you study the Word, you will see that his whole ministry was like that. Let's take a quick look:

In choosing the 12 disciples:



Luke 6: 12-13 “One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, **and spent the night praying to God.** When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them,…”

Mark 1:35. **Very early in the morning, while it was still dark,** Jesus got up, left the house and **went off to a solitary place, where he prayed”.**

Why doesn't the church grow?

Why are people not formed?

Why don't we have the manifestation of gifts?

Jesus spent the night praying. He got up early in the morning and went to a deserted place and prayed. This is our greatest need. **The first secret, the first revelation is to PRAY, PRAY, PRAY; to feed on the Word and respond with the Word.**

Before and after the healings, he spent hours in prayer (in the latter case he rose in the middle of the night, and God healed through Him):

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Luke 5:15-16

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Everything he does has the cover of prayer, and in this case he sought a lonely place.

Sometimes we get caught up in facts, in evidences, in miracles. But what moved all of this was prayer. He was and He is the MODEL OF PRAYER because He intercedes for us.

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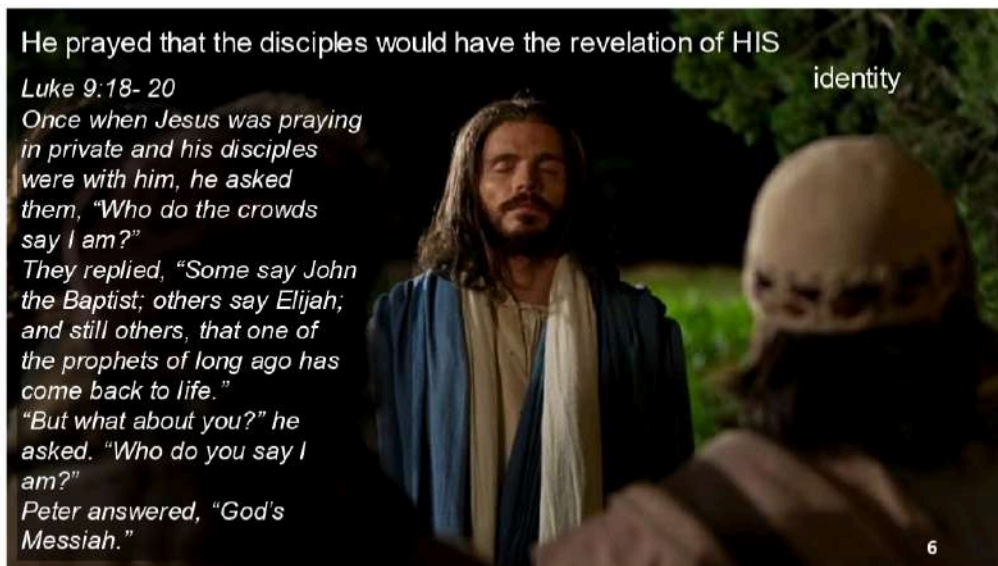
Luke 9:18-20

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, “Who do the crowds say I am?”

They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life.”

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

Peter answered, “God’s Messiah.”



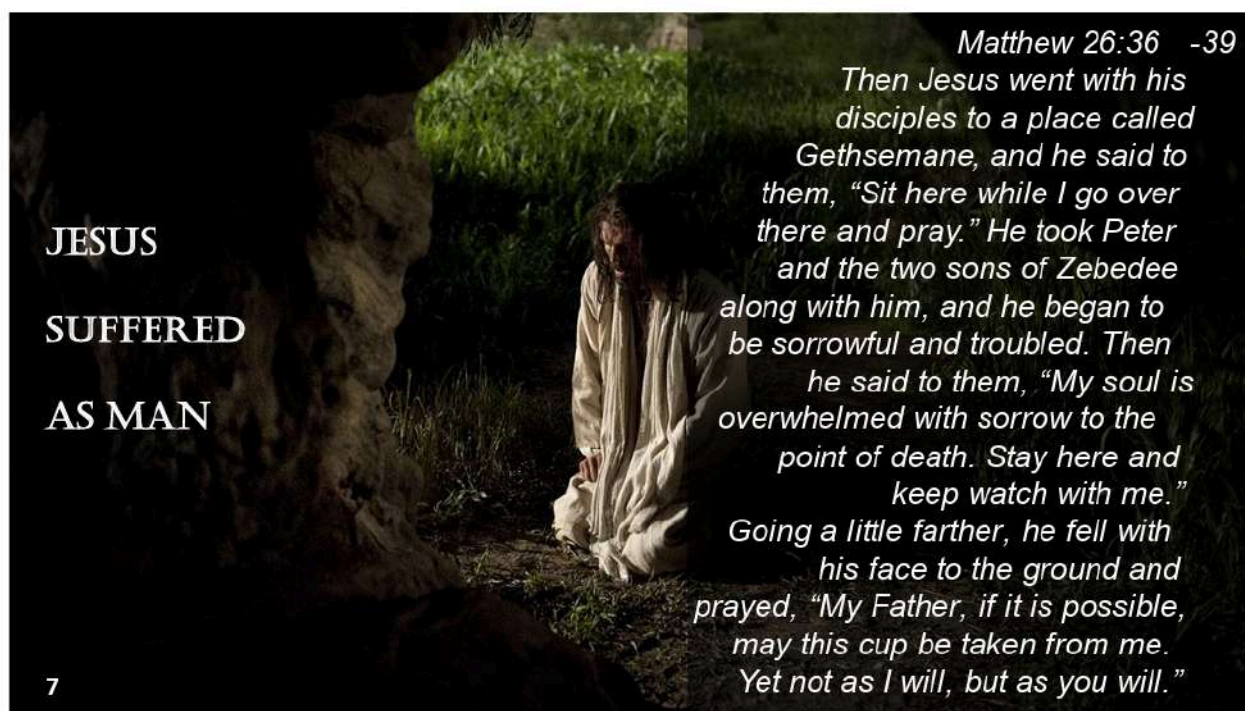
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Matt. 17: 1-8 Such a tremendous experience on the so-called Mount of Transfiguration; that Peter, was with James and John and they asked if they could live there.

Anyway, time does not allow us to give you any more examples; but the truth is that in every ministry of Jesus **the reality of prayer is latent in every word(scriptures)**; and conversions came mainly as a result of **PRAYERS**; and not just preaching.

Jesus had this need - **WHAT ABOUT US?** We create mechanisms, activities, courses, etc., but we don't pray like Jesus did.



Matt. 26: 36-39 Jesus **suffered as a man; suffered as a man; he had started his ministry by praying; ended by praying and calling the disciples to pray.**

He was saddened, anguished, his soul was very sad; he summoned the disciples to watch with him; asked the Father to take this cup from him, ...

Matt. 26: 40-41 He found the disciples asleep, and admonished them.

Matt. 26: 42-43 The disciples are sleeping again; and in verse 44 he goes to pray.

JESUS was sweating drops of blood! Shall we fall asleep like the disciples did?

NO BUT WE'LL DIVE INTO PRAYER.

I Sa. 1:13 ANNA seemed drunk when she prayed asking God for a son

Heb. 7:25 The Word says that He always lives to intercede for us! In the Old or the New Testament, since the beginning of everything; we are marked by many experiences with prayer.

Act. 9:11 **Paul, at the beginning of his encounter with God, was already praying: Ananias, who already had fellowship with God and was praying, entered the house that Paul was in, laid hands on him and prayed.**

We could spend hours and days talking about how God at all times did the work through prayers!

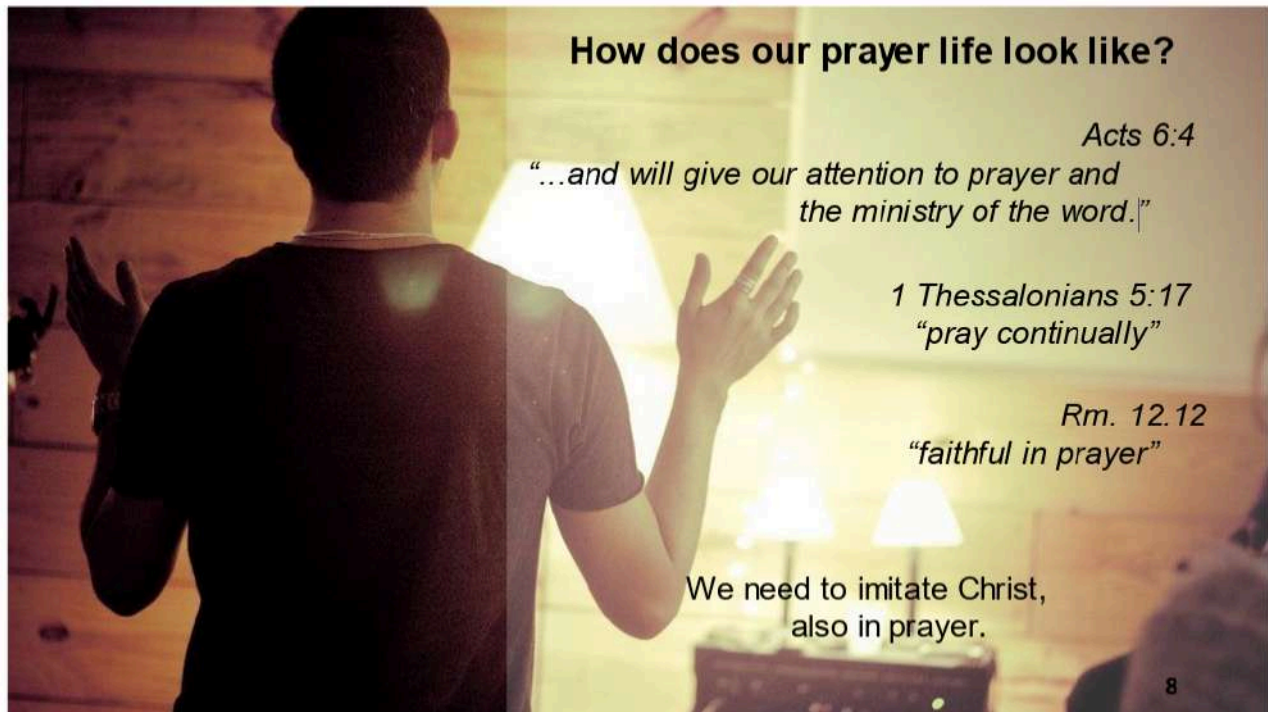
It is our first call! Spend time with him; to know him, to cry with Him, to pour ourselves out in prayer.

We will get nowhere without prayer.

The first "SECRET" is prayer!

The first revelation is to PRAY, PRAY, PRAY !!!

How is our prayer life?



The church life will only change when my prayer life changes! We have no strength in ourselves; we can say that we have tried everything ... Acts 6:4 In those days there were many tasks that tried to divert the apostles from the main task (PRAYER) God spoke to me a lot when I saw that the order is this: "and as for us, we will consecrate ourselves to prayer" and to the ministry of the Word. We live in a time of many preachings, ministry on the internet, and there are many people who feed on listening, listening and listening, and nothing changes; but we have to convert these times into times of prayer ...

The problem is not to start praying; but keep praying, persevere

Rm. 12:12 Says: "In persevering prayer" and we have many examples as in Luk.18:1-8 Jesus said about the duty to pray always and never to falter (The judge and the widow)

Isa 62: 6-7 and Habakkuk Chapters 1, 2, 3 tells us much about prayer, and leads us to understand that we are like guards in a watchtower; that day and night watch, and cry out for the church, ...

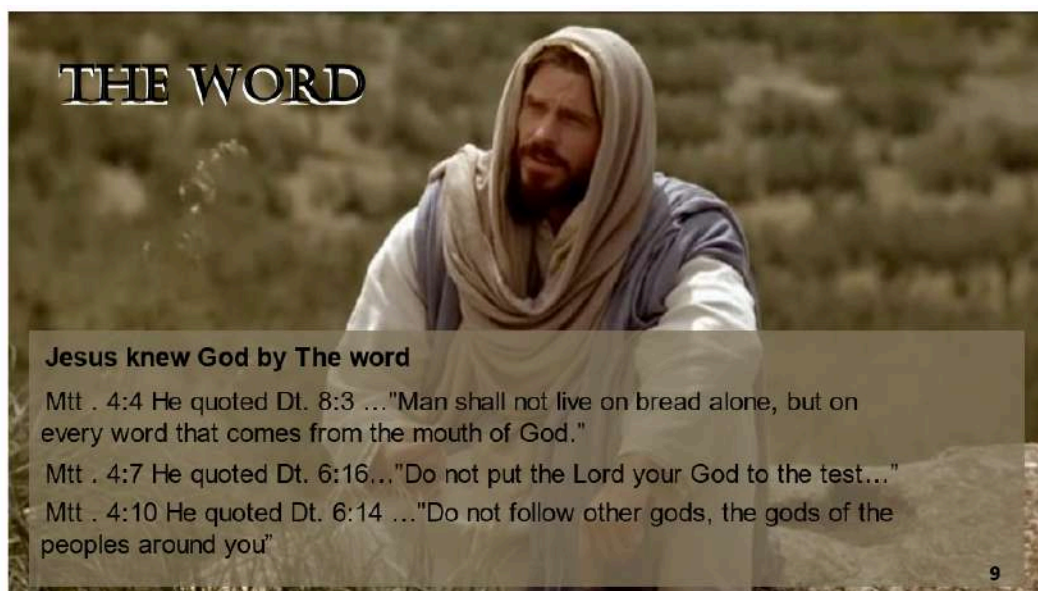
I Th.5:17 "Pray continually"

A good example of this is George Müller who spent 3 hours a day in prayer (5 to 8 am. In his biography, is mentioned that he said 3 thousand prayers), and all were answered. We feel frustrated because we are unable to pray 30min or we spend days without spending quality time in prayer; but God is not talking about repeating George Müller; he wants us to have our own experience.

"Pray without ceasing" it is compared to breathing/ We will not stop breathing to pray; but we will always pray; while we are breathing...

If Jesus showed this mark of prayer, being the Son of God; we received this message from the Lord; to imitate him.

The second mark: The WORD



Matt. 4: 1-11 Jesus makes it clear how he spent his time with the Word; because when He was tempted , and tried by the enemy, He responds with the Word.

All of Jesus' answers and quotes were based on the Word of the Lord.

Matt. 4:4 He quoted De . 8.3 ... “you that man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD”.

Matt. 4:7 He quoted Deu. 6.16... “Do not put the LORD your God to the test”

Matt. 4:10 He quoted De . 6.14 ... “do not follow other gods, the gods of the peoples around you ” Jesus knew God by His word! He heard everything from the Father!

How many things have we done; but we lack “Word, foundation, biblical support, founded on God. Many live a life on the margins of The Word, but Jesus always wanted to hear from the Father. Love the Word, be transformed by the Word, obey the Word, live the Word. What a delight is the WORD!

We already understand that we cannot live without the WORD!

The third: THE HOLY SPIRIT



Gen. 1:2 From the beginning the Spirit of God hovered / moved over the waters
 Gen. 1.26 “Let us make mankind in our image, according to our (His) likeness”

The three were already there (Father, son and the Holy Spirit)

There is no way to do the Work if it is not with the Holy Spirit! How many times we lack dependence on the Holy Spirit (listening to the Holy Spirit)

Luke 3:22 “...and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a

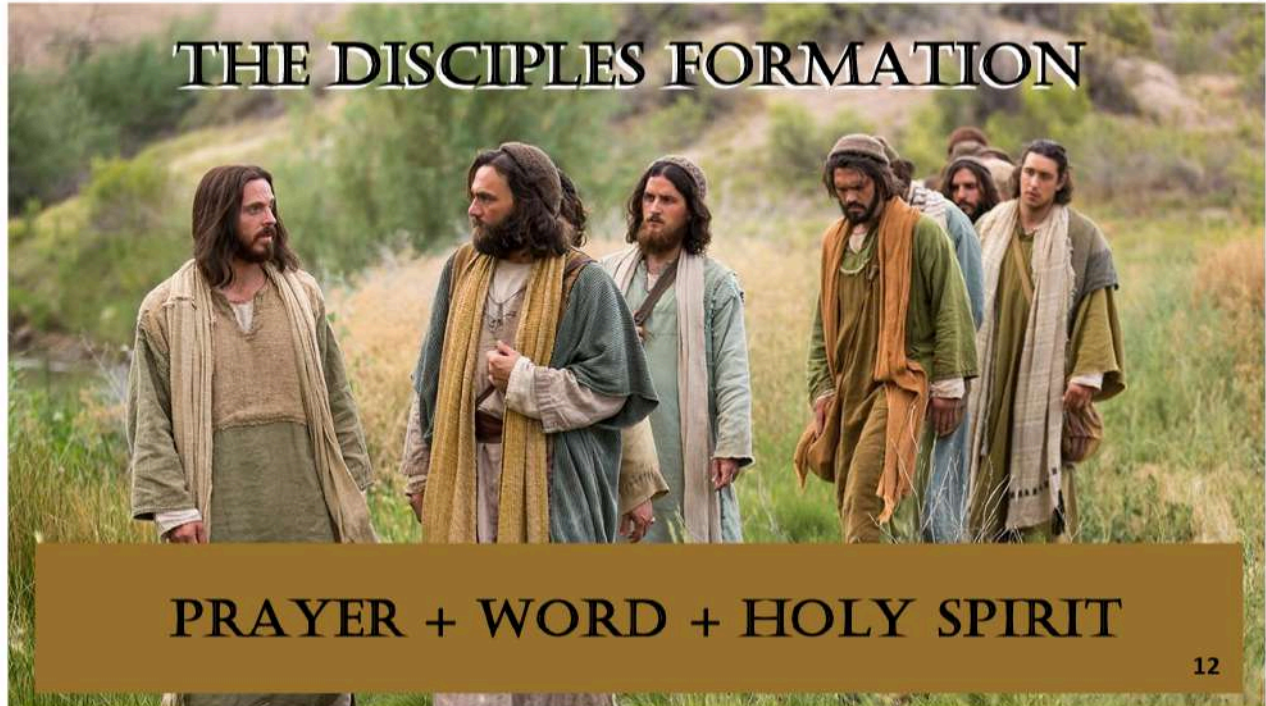
voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” Since His baptism, in the beginning, in the first battle, He was taken to the desert by the Holy Spirit to be tempted.

Luke 4:14 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about Him spread through the whole countryside.

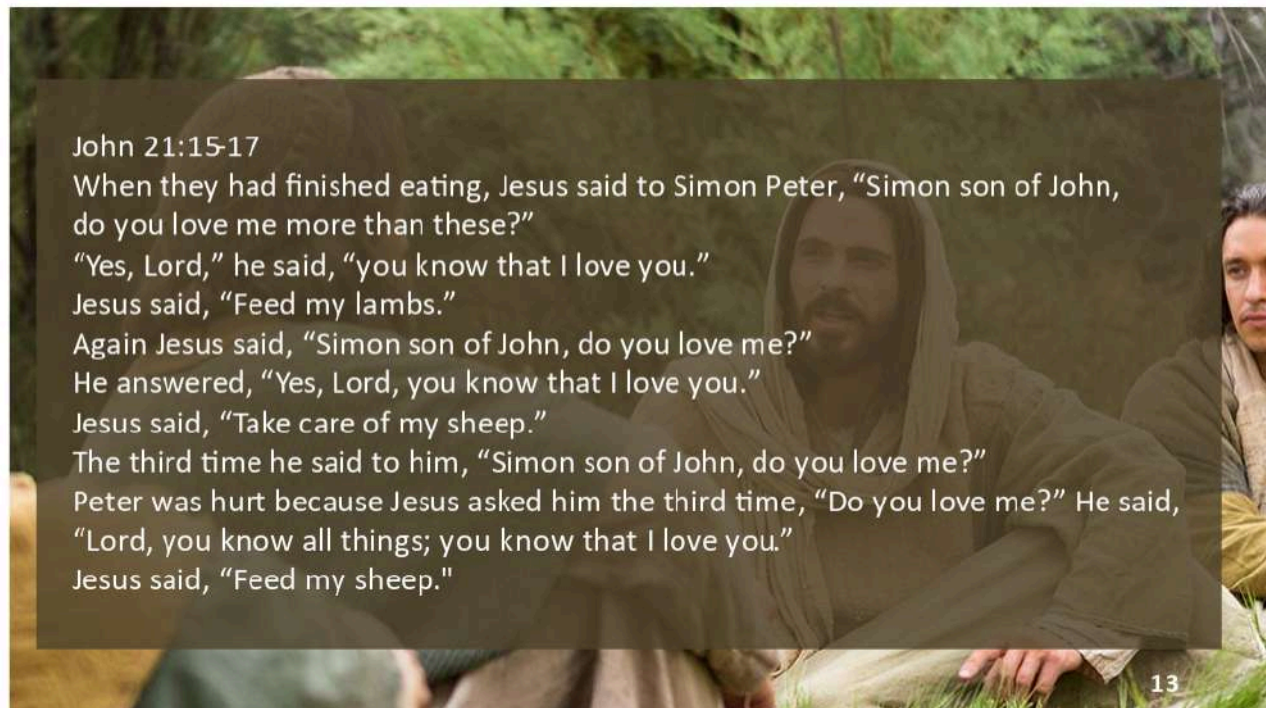
His mission begins in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Luke 4:18-19 The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” The text begins by saying that the Holy Spirit is upon me, ... Dear ones, looking to Jesus as a perfect model; we must follow these truths faithfully; or we will have problems. We will be limited, cold, empty, inconsistent, vulnerable, disappointed, sad, sick, unfit, underused, fearful, uncharacterised, and so many other situations that do not express Jesus. It will always depend on these three truths (Prayer, The Word, and the Holy Spirit) Prayer because Jesus depended on the Father and sought to speak to Him, The Word because He faced the enemy with the Word, and the Holy Spirit, because He was guided by Him at all times.

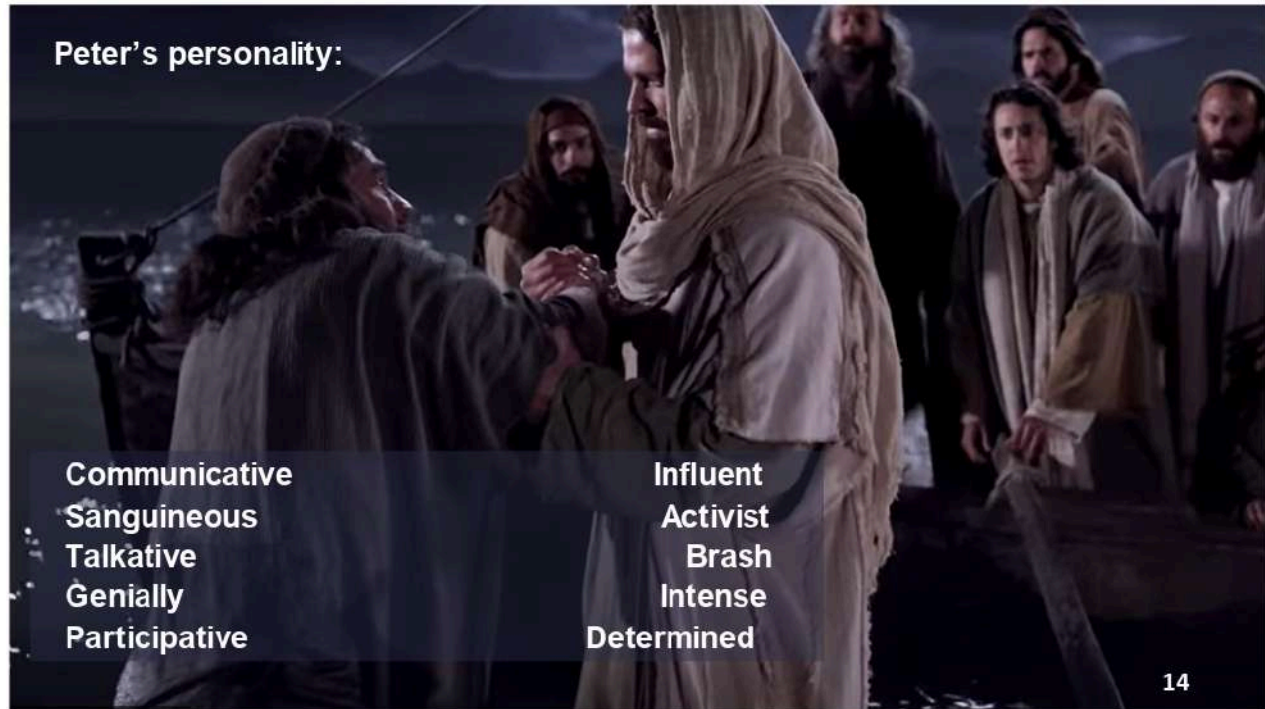
The fourth: The formation of the disciples

Let's take a man who exemplifies all the work of making disciples through Jesus:

PETER:

Full of life, participative, he was influential, activist, full on, impulsive, gives 100%. He is brash, intense, selfless, determined...

How was his first encounter with Jesus?

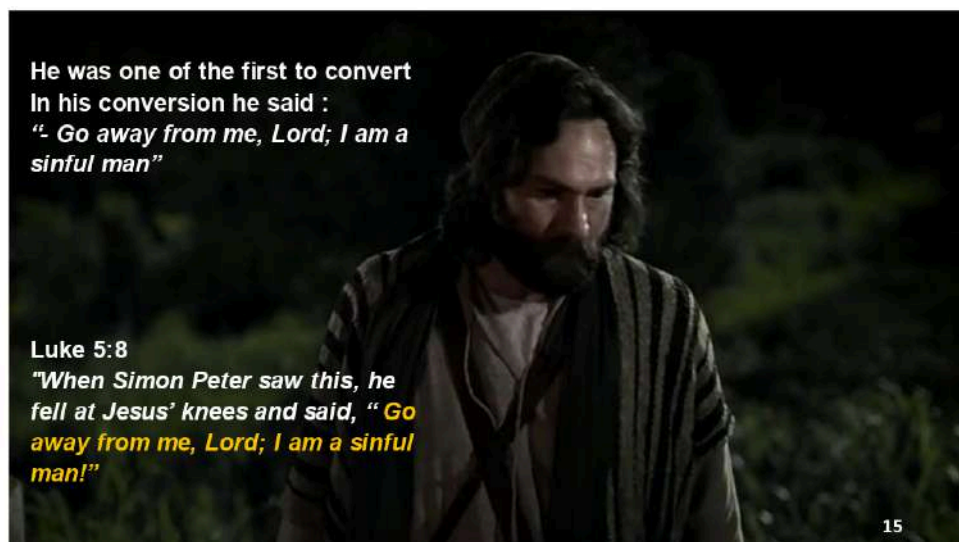


When we have a first encounter with Jesus, we are overcome by a divine conviction ...

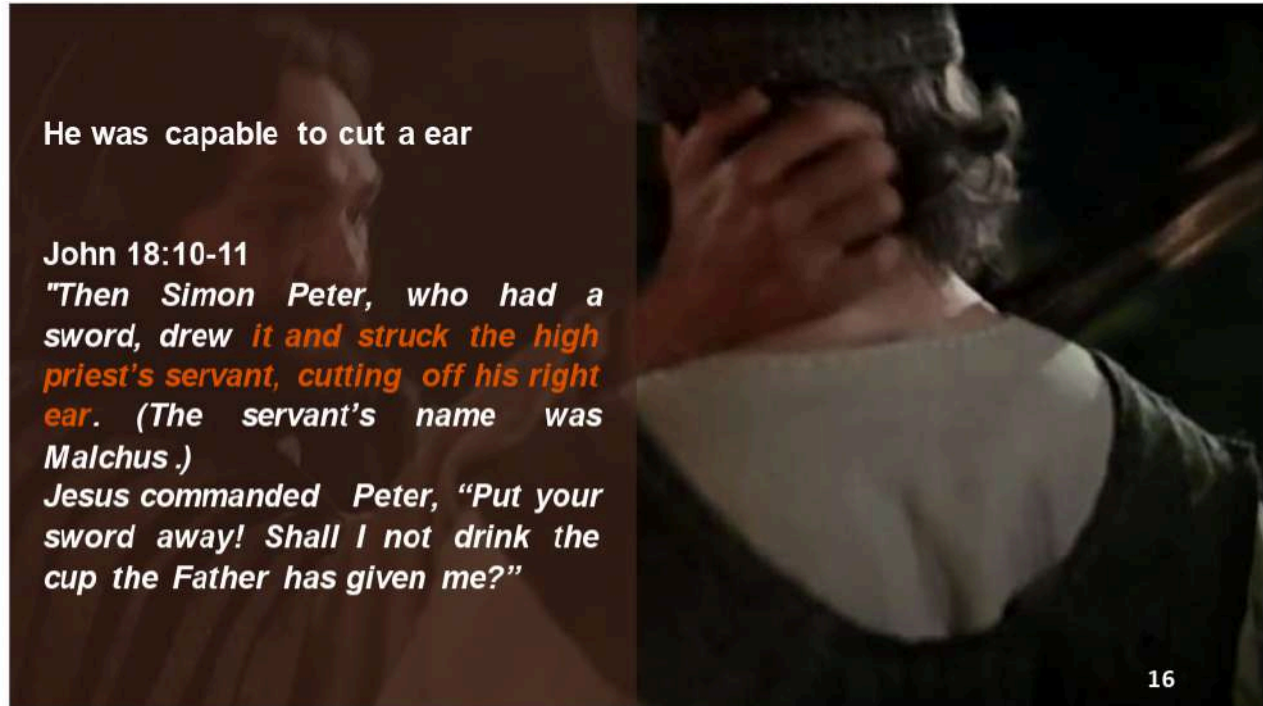
- A fear
- A desperation
- Humility
- Brokenness

Whoever meets Jesus recognises his brokenness.

Peter was close to Jesus along with James and John, who were partners in the fishing company (the three of them)



PETER WAS IMPULSIVE, EMOTIONAL, INCONSISTENT... BUT IT WAS JESUS' TASK TO MAKE HIM A DISCIPLE. JESUS DEMONSTRATES PRAYER, POWER, COMPASSION, PATIENCE WITH PETER. HE WAS AN EXAMPLE OF SELF CONTROL, FULLNESS OF GOD, AND SO MANY OTHER REVELATIONS FOR WHO WAS FOLLOWING HIM.



At the same time that Peter says: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God, he also says "Never Lord, this will not happen to yo"..

Peter still needs real experience and keeps on speaking impulsively.

After Peter reprehends Jesus, He says to him: "Get away from me, Satan; you are a stumbling block to me, because you do not consider the things of God; but those of men.

He had to be apprehended a few minutes later

“ Get behind me, Satan!”

Matthew 16:21-23

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. “Never, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to you!”

Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.”

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Jesus ministers to Peter's heart with prayer, with the Word, with the Holy Spirit directing and giving discernment.

Peter denies Jesus and weeps bitterly

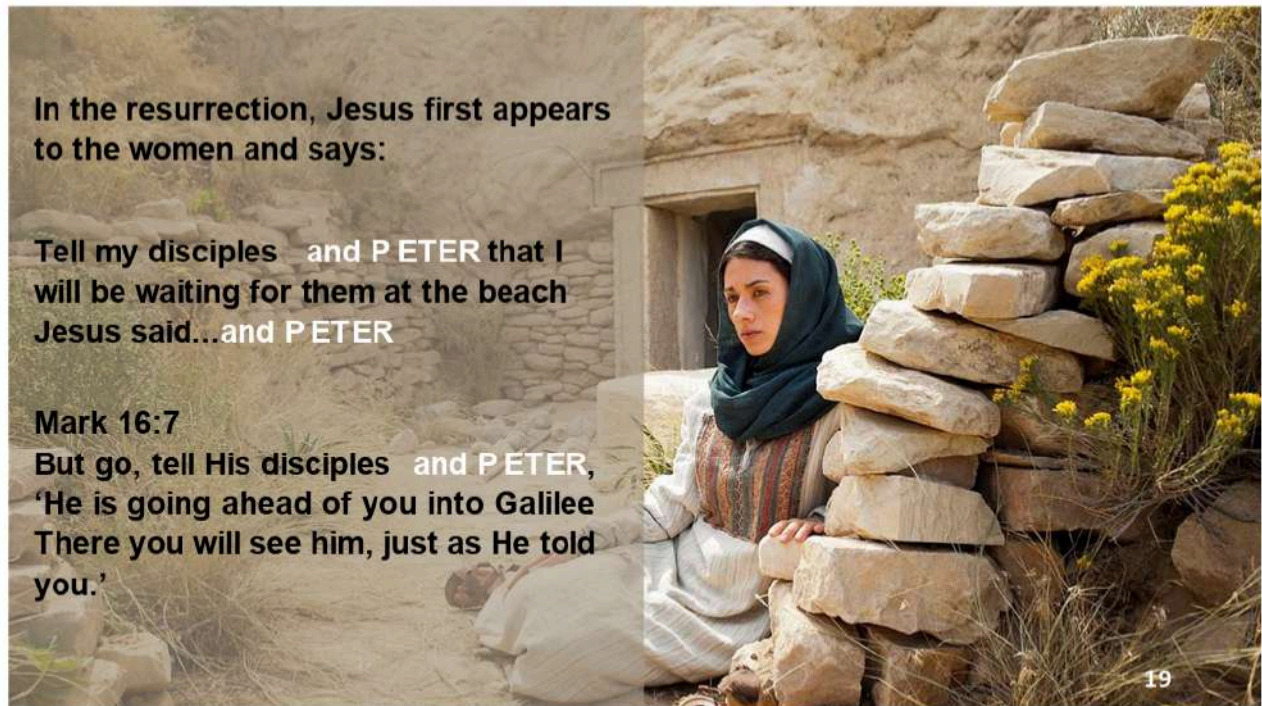
Luke 22:61-62

“The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: “Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.” **And he went outside and wept bitterly .”**

Matthew 26:75

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In the resurrection, Jesus first appears to the women and says:

Tell my disciples and PETER that I will be waiting for them at the beach
Jesus said...and PETER

Mark 16:7

But go, tell His disciples and PETER, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee There you will see him, just as He told you.'

Peter had denied Jesus, and was disappointed in himself. He had cried intensely, He was in agony Jesus uses a "scalpel" to heal Peter's heart (Jesus' discipleship); it has no impositions, rules, obligations, but it reveals love to a person; and calls this "sic" Peter by name. We have to go back to the first text; which is the text of the real conversion of Peter. The text shows that the Christian life is a journey, until God is formed in us fully.

NOW COMES THE CONVERSATION THAT WILL BE CONVERSION:

John 21:15-18

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?”

“Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”

Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”

The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?”

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you love me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things ; you know that I love you.”

Jesus said, “Feed my sheep. Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.”

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Jesus asked three times:

Do You love Me?

He had to be healed from the memory of denial (3 times he denied), by the miracle of conversion (3 times Jesus asked)

Do you love me?

We have to study to see the 3 types of love

Eros: The flesh love, “ selfish”, sex al, fire of the flesh, of a man and a woman. Love that KILLS / PASSION, and passion kills.

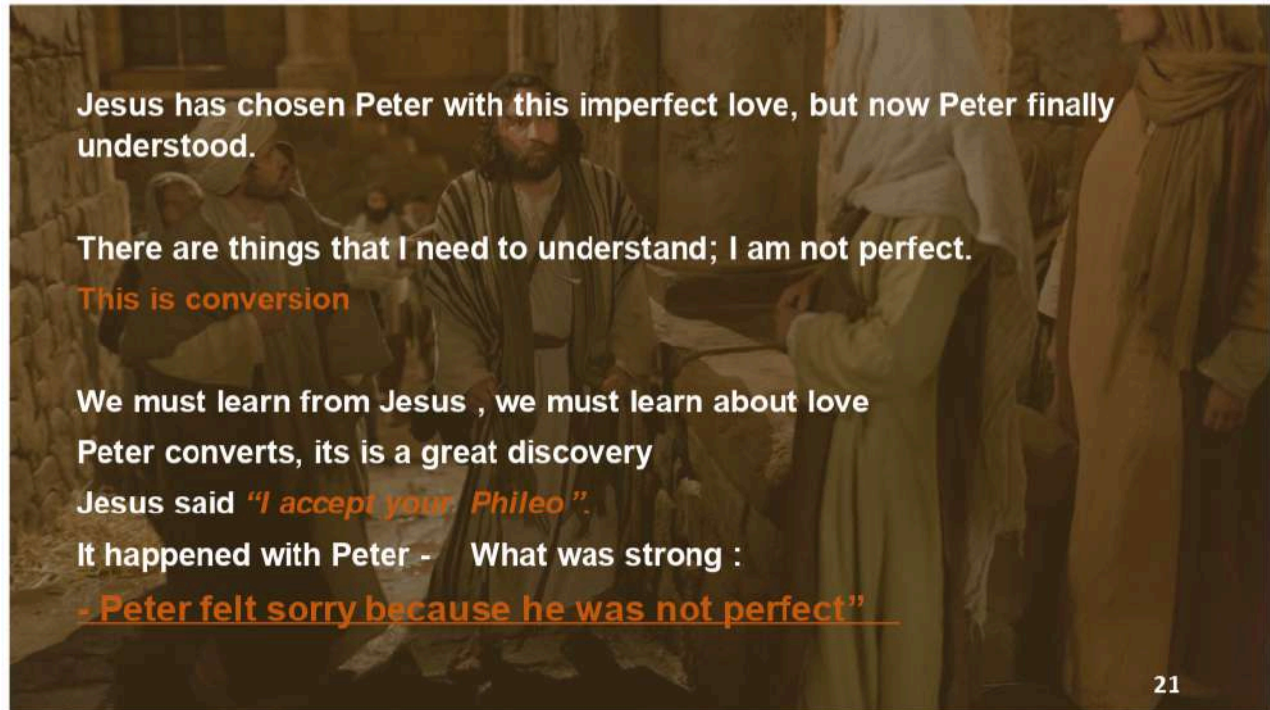
Phileo: Brotherly love, sympathy, affinity, love that expresses LIKE, perennial love

Ágape: Love that DIES FOR, respects, is selfless , is outpoured, unconditional, consistent love.

“Yo now all things and yo now that **Phileo** you”

"THEN THE REVELATION HAS COME"

Peter was converted, transformed, and began his tremendous ministry in Acts The work is done by the Lord; and it was at this moment that Peter felt limited, weak, impaired. All the time Jesus says:



Start to cry now, to outpour, with authenticity, truth and honesty, and say:

- Lord, you know who I am, but I ask for Your grace, I cannot do anything in my strength
- Lord, I am no longer deluded about myself. Peter changes in such a way that he remains faithful to Jesus until the end. He didn't feel worthy to be crucified like Jesus, but he asks Nero to be crucified upside down.

JESUS IS THE PERFECT MODEL THAT TRANSFORMS MAN

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