

PURSUING RIGHTEOUSNESS IN PRAYER

“Prayer is the key and faith unlocks the door”

“And Peter answered Him and said, “Lord if it is You, command me to come to You on the water.” 29. So He said, “Come.”

Matthew 14: 28; 29 NKJV

YOU JUST TRY IT

Growing up in the midlands of South Carolina was an enriched experience at many levels. Learning how to fight early was not just a survival technique, but quite simply it was a way of life. There were those times however; when I was confronted and challenged by somebody whom I felt I'd have no problem whipping. At those times, there was a very familiar phrase we would say. After the challenger told you exactly what he was going to whip or all the things he was going to bust. We would square up face to face and say “you just try it.” That same bold and bravely stated phrase of my youth has now evolved into a new and profound meaning for me today. “When I was a child, I spoke as a child ...But when I became a man I put away childish things.”

In our focus scripture we find Peter issuing a bold and brave challenge to Jesus. And Jesus simply responded to him “come.” That response, come, is to me just like saying “you just try it.” Not in the same tense as the challenges of my youth, but in my profound understanding as a man. Today “you just try it” has a wonderful three in one meaning. I now see it as 1) you just Trust it; 2) you just Repent it and 3) you just Yield it. These three elements were very necessary for Peter to achieve in the natural, such a supernatural feat. Trust, repentance and yielding are the same elements required to overcome the challenges of today. Far too often I find myself overwhelmed and feeling defeated, because I really didn't TRY. Peter walked on water when he, unlike the rest of the disciples, decided to TRY.

As we pursue a “Return to Holiness” this year, let's make every effort to TRY it. TRY it when trouble comes our way. TRY it when sickness invades our bodies. TRY it when family and friends are out of reach. TRY it when the pain of loss over shadows us like a thousand midnights. Trust, repent and yield it, is the gateway to a more happy and Holy life. Jesus said, I come so that you might have life and that life more abundantly. Jesus has already completed the hard part, we now just need to TRY it. The next time I am faced with a high mountain to climb, a deep river to cross or a walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I plan to tell myself “you just TRY it.” My momma use to say “He may not come when you want Him, but He is always on time.” Don't grow weary of trying, the victory is already won. Trust it, Repent it and Yield it. “You just try it.”

((A church that prays together, grows in faith together))

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