

## TEXT:

**John 12:32: “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”**

**On Dec 9, 2018, we examined this topic focusing on “how we can lift Jesus up from the earth.”**

- ✓ Use Your Gift to Bless Others
- ✓ Giving to the Needy
- ✓ Prayer

**Today we will examine how Jesus will “draw people to Himself”**

**In Matthew 16:16, Peter lifted up the name of the Lord by declaring the He is the Lord. <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”**

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, **and upon this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.**

**19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”**

**Brethren,**

- Peter tapped into the Spiritual realm and got himself power for life. We know he tapped into the spiritual because Jesus said unto him ***“this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven.”***

- If anyone taps into the spiritual realm, he/she will get himself/herself power for life.

Jesus is interested in working through each of us to cause people to say “WOW to the miracle of in you” and want to know our God.

**From that moment on, Peter became a different Peter.**

Peter is described to have character traits of: self-confidence , impetuosity (emotions/impulse) outspokenness, and extravagant

devotion to Jesus (Matthew 14:28-33; Luke 5:8; 22:33; John 6:68-69; 13:6-10; 20:2-10; 21:7, 15-19).”

**In Matthew 14:28-33, for instance,**

<sup>28</sup> “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” <sup>29</sup> “Come,” he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup> **But when he saw the wind, he was afraid** and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!”

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

**Brethren,**

**Jesus is ready to make us walk on water, if we lift Him up.**

Ask God to reveal your gift to you and enable you to use it.

Peter said, God if it is you, tell me to come. And Jesus said come.

And Peter began to walk on water.

He walked on water until storm came and his responded badly:

- He shifted his eyes from looking at Jesus and rather feared about the storm
- his faith, therefore, shook because of storm.
- He began to sink.

Jesus is interested in working through each of us to cause people to say “WOW to the miracle of in you” and want to know our God.

**We must know that storm will come along the way and how we respond is key.**

**“FEAR NOT, FOR I AM WITH YOU” is what God says. (Isaiah 41:10)**

**“do not be dismayed (concerned and distressed), for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10).**

**In Luke 5,** “<sup>3</sup> Jesus got into one of the boats, which was Peter’s, and asked him to put out a little distance from the shore. And He sat down and *began* teaching the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When He had finished speaking, He said to Peter, “Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch [of fish.” <sup>5</sup> Peter replied, “Master, we worked hard all night [to the point of exhaustion] and caught nothing [in our nets], but at Your word I will [do as you say and] lower the nets [again].” <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets were [at the point of] breaking; <sup>7</sup> so they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both of the boats [with fish], so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw this, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!” <sup>9</sup>**For he and all his companions were completely astounded at the catch of fish which they had taken;**

Brethren, God will do miracles that will astonish us and make people saw WOW, but first we must yield yourself to be used of God and our faith must be strong.

Peter released his boat for Jesus to use for sermon.

“Seek you first the kingdom of God and the righteousness of God, and every other thing will be added unto you.”

**Prayer and Righteousness position us to be blessed by God.**

- Our prayers help us connect with God.
- Our righteousness exalts us before God.
- Anybody can pray but God only listens to the prayer of the righteous man.

**“We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but he is ready to hear those who worship him and do his will.” John 9:31**

**“So then, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you will be healed.” James 5:16**

Peter failed many times including denying Jesus three times, as Jesus had predicted.

But the good news is the repentance and forgiveness that followed.

“Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, ‘Before a cock crows, you will deny Me three times.’

**And he (Peter) went out and wept bitterly.” – Matthew 26:75**

**Our success is not by our power or our might but by the Grace and Mercy of God. We must ask for forgiveness when we fail.**

“But don’t take any of this for granted.” Ephesians 2: 11-13)

**Bible says, “Should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? <sup>2</sup> Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? (Romans 6:1-2)**

## Conclusion

“If we lift Him up, he will draw people to Himself”

He will give you experience and miracle that will make people say “WOW”, I want to know your God.

In **Acts 2: 21-41**,

After the Holy Ghost had descended on the disciples, people surrounded them wondering what had happened. It was a WOW moment.

“Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean? “Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd.... With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation. “Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.”

Brethren, as we continue to lift Him up, Jesus will show up big for us, in any way we need him.

**God Bless You!**

# **2019 PRAYER POINTS**

- 1. Pray over today's message. Ask for wisdom and discernment to always lift Jesus up**
- 2. For KCM to continue to fulfil its mandate as "the house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:7), extending God's love to all the nations.**
- 3. Prayer for the Leaders of Nations**  
For wisdom, intelligence and discernment to lead well.  
Proverbs 11:14 - For lack of guidance a nation falls. Ask for them to hear the voice of God.  
Pray for their righteousness.
- 4. Thank God for stopping wars in nations and ask him to help us let peace reign.**
- 5. Continue to ask God to have mercy on our land, forgive our sins & heal us (2 Chro, 7:13-18).**
- 6. Pray for Ministers and Missionaries.- Ask for wisdom and discernment to always lift Jesus up**
- 7. Pray for Marriages, Children and families. Ask for wisdom and discernment to always lift Jesus up**
- 8. Pray for Members of the fellowship for Ask for wisdom and discernment to always lift Jesus up.**
- 9 Pray for the needs of the members & fellowship, and special request.**  
Ask for wisdom and discernment to always lift Jesus up.
- 10. Also pray for next Sunday.**