

**“A “*Peter*” Moment, A “*Disciple*” Moment,
A “*Glorious*” Moment”
Matthew 16: 21-28**

December 4, 2022

Verse 21

Messiah's Instruction Moment –
“I Must Die”

Messiah came with a mission to seek and to save the lost, and to destroy the works of the devil

Death must occur before glory


Verse 22 - 23

A *“Peter”* Moment
Die? Not on my watch!

**Peter does an amazing thing – he takes Jesus
aside and rebukes Him**

Can you imagine?

The **created rebuking the **CREATOR!****



*"For you formed my
inward parts;
you knitted me
together in my
mother's womb...
Your eyes saw my
unformed substance;
in your book were
written, every one of
them, the days that
were formed for me,
when as yet there
was none of them."*

~ Psalm 139:13 & 16

Peter is having a pride attack – a “ME” moment

Jesus straightens Peter out:

***“Get behind Me, Satan!
You are an offense to Me”***

God is working out ***His plan***

You may not like or understand God’s plan,
but remember: ***You are not God!***

**YOUR
ARMS
ARE JUST
TOO SHORT
TO BOX WITH**

GOD



We see dimly, *but God sees perfectly!!*



*For now we see only a reflection as in a
mirror; then we shall see face to face.*

1 Corinthians 13:12

We are an offense to God when we think our way is better than God's way

The cure for a *“Peter”* moment:

**Rest in the fact that God is God,
*and I am not!!***

Verse 24 - 26

A *“Disciple”* moment

This is for disciples of Christ:

“ let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.”

Jesus is inviting His disciples to die to the self-life (*my will, my way*), daily



**No one is saved to
remain a baby . . .
*God expects growth!!***

There is a difference between Salvation and Discipleship

SALVATION VS DISCIPLESHIP

Part 1: Foundational Differences

	Salvation	Discipleship
#1 - What's Required?	Believe in Jesus as Savior <i>Isaiah 6:3, Romans 3:23, 6:23, John 3:16, Acts 4:12, Romans 10:9, John 5:24</i>	Abide in Jesus and Obey Him as Lord <i>John 15:5, 1 John 2:6, Romans 12:1-2, 1 John 2:3, 2 John 1:6, 1 Peter 1:16</i>
#2 - When Does Each Occur?	When You are Not Saved – “Come Unto Me” <i>Matthew 11:28, Luke 19:10, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23</i>	After You are Saved – “Come After Me” <i>Matthew 16:24, Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 1:9-10, 1 John 2:6</i>
#3 - What's The Result?	<u>SAVED</u> – Forgiven, Debt of Sin Paid, Eternal Life, Indwelt by Holy Spirit, Reconciled to God <i>Colossians 1:14, Romans 8:1, 6:23, Ephesians 1:13-14, Romans 5:9-10</i>	<u>SANCTIFIED</u> – Made Holy, Become Like Christ, Unto Good Works, Obedience, Fellowship with God <i>1 Thessalonians 5:23, 1 Peter 1:15, Romans 8:14, 1 John 2:6, Matthew 16:24, Colossians 1:9-10, 1 Corinthians 1:9</i>
#4 - Cost?	Nothing <i>Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 5:18, John 4:20</i>	Potentially Everything <i>Matthew 10:37, 16:24, Luke 14:33, Philippians 3:7-8, John 15:20</i>
#5 - Frequency?	Occurs One Time <i>John 3:3, 2 Corinthians 5:17, John 5:24, Romans 10:9, Jude 24</i>	Occurs Every Day After Salvation <i>Luke 9:23, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Galatians 2:20</i>

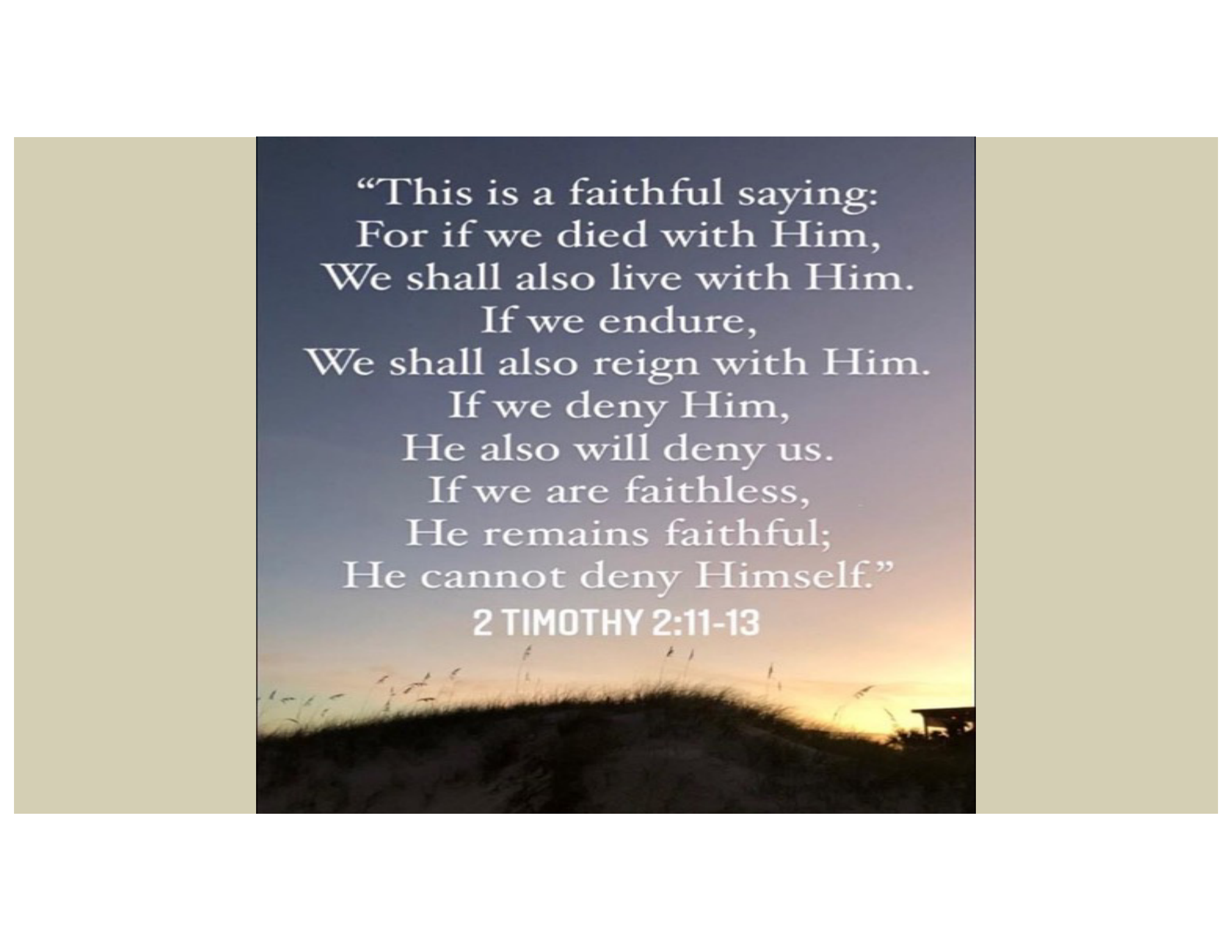
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“Whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My Sake will find it”

Jesus is very clear; *it may cost you your life to follow Jesus*

Denying Christ, at the moment of truth, *is not an option!*



“This is a faithful saying:
For if we died with Him,
We shall also live with Him.
If we endure,
We shall also reign with Him.
If we deny Him,
He also will deny us.
If we are faithless,
He remains faithful;
He cannot deny Himself.”

2 TIMOTHY 2:11-13

Jesus asks every person that has ever lived this question:

“For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

NOTHING!!

All the pleasure, wealth, power, or fame –
nothing is worth your soul!!

Verse 27

Jesus' return – A “*Glorious*” moment

Jesus will come and Jesus will reward the faithful

Watch Church, keep watch – Matthew 24: 42 & 44

Watch for the signs of the times leading up to His return

Don't be caught sleeping, being lazy, uninformed and ignorant – 2 Thessalonians 5: 6

**Jesus holds every
person responsible
to know the signs
of the times**

**Ignorance is no
excuse, pretending
it is not true will
not work**



The true Church is to be *aware* of the antichrist and false prophet; we are *not* looking for them

We are looking for **HIM, Jesus**, to return for His bride

Verse 28

A sneak peek at the “*Glorious*” moment

A sneak peek at the Glorified Jesus
(coming next week)

CLOSING THOUGHTS: *MOMENTS!*

There was *no MOMENT more significant than* our LORD dying on the cross and raising from the dead

The cross was awful, the cross was brutal!
Death is awful, **because sin is awful!**

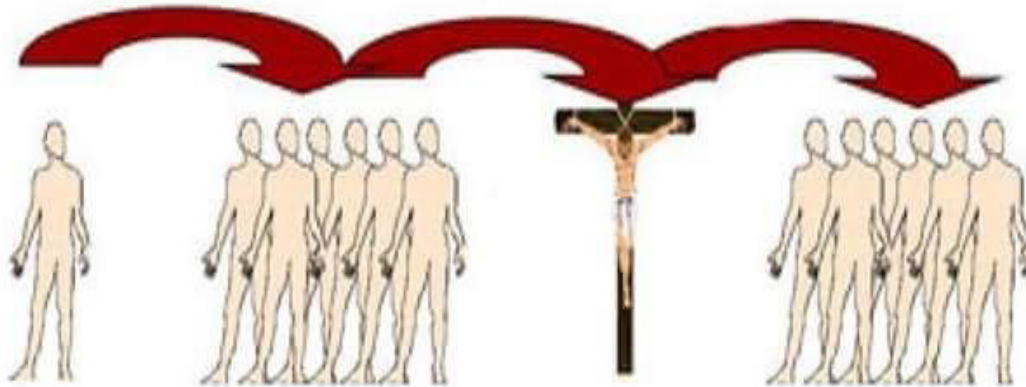
The Giving God gave His Only Begotten Son *so believers could live forever with Him!*

Three Imputations

Adam's sin
to mankind

Mankind's sin
to Christ

Christ's Righteousness
to believers of 1Co 15:1-4 KJV



Adam

In Adam

Christ

In Christ

Ro 5:12 KJV

2Cor 5:21 KJV

Ro 3:22 KJV

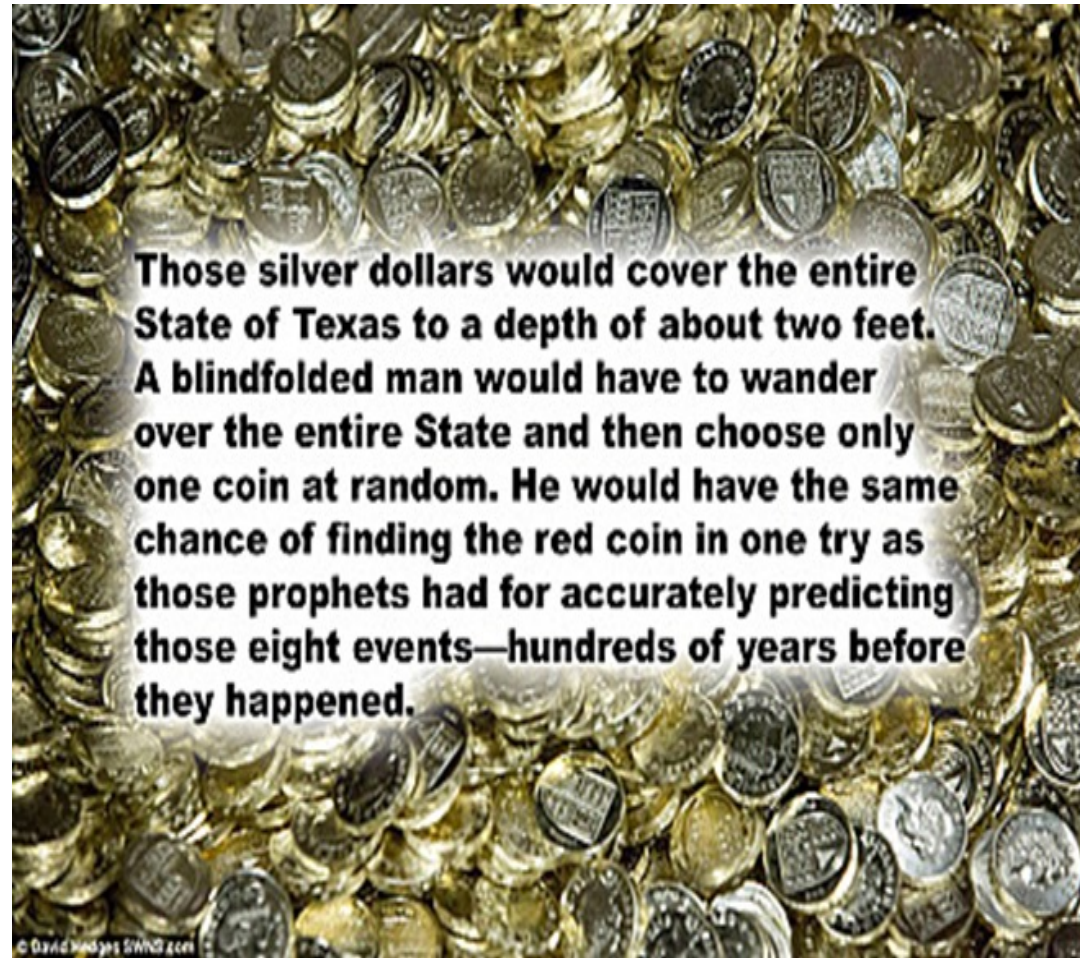
Jesus had a
“die for us”
MOMENT

The Greatest
MOMENT
of all!

Fulfilled prophecy is amazing,
a *“God only”* MOMENT

What are the Chances?

Peter Stoner calculated that the chances of one person fulfilling just 8 specific prophecies throughout their life are: 1 in 10^{17} .



Those silver dollars would cover the entire State of Texas to a depth of about two feet. A blindfolded man would have to wander over the entire State and then choose only one coin at random. He would have the same chance of finding the red coin in one try as those prophets had for accurately predicting those eight events—hundreds of years before they happened.

For us, there are *MOMENTS*; some good and some bad, but there will be *MOMENTS*

MOMENTS when life doesn't make sense, and *MOMENTS* that are spectacular

We will all have *MOMENTS*; call these *OPPORTUNITIES*, good or bad

OPPORTUNITIES to shine for our Lord!

Jesus had a ***MOMENT*** that changed the world

Peter had a ***MOMENT***, the disciples had a ***MOMENT***, and you will have a ***MOMENT***

Make your ***MOMENTS*** glorious ***MOMENTS*** for our Lord

Life is filled with ***OPPORTUNITIES***

SEIZE THE MOMENT!!

A photograph of a path winding through a forest with trees having yellow and orange autumn leaves. The path is covered in fallen leaves and leads into the distance.

**In the happy moments
praise God.
In difficult moments
seek God.
In the quiet moments
trust God.
In every moment
thank God.**

