

**John 214 “Loyal To A Fault” John 14:1-4; Exodus 14:5-14**

**Undeniably, Peter meant what he said but at the same time, he didn’t fully understand his unreliable heart.**

**Activated faith means we understand what our Lord has said and we believe it and then we recognize our part in the plan of God as being a constant response to His truth by walking in it or applying it to our experience.**

**It’s simply saying: “I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and I also believe what He says, therefore I live to do what He says I should do.”**

**So, the Lord Jesus says in effect: “Relax Peter, I know you’re going to fail and now you know it but our relationship doesn’t depend on your ability to hold on to Me or even your ability to trust Me, it depends on My ability to hold on to you and secure your destiny!”**

**“Peter, Peter, right now and forevermore, you’re in both Mine and the Father’s Hands and I’m not now nor will I ever be in your hand.”**

**Our Lord gives us 3 comforting facts about death:**

- 1. He’s going to Heaven to prepare a place for us.**
- 2. He’ll return for us just as He said He would.**
- 3. We’ll never be separated from Him again!**

**The Jewish race began with Abraham in the Era of Formation in 2090 BC and the basic elements of this and any nation are: a. People b. Law and c. Land and the Jewish nation began with Moses.**

- 1. The Theocracy (God rules) 1445-1043 BC**
- 2. The United Kingdom (A human king rules) 1043-931 BC.**

**Then the kingdom divides:**

- 3. The Northern Kingdom (Israel) 931-722 BC.**
- 4. The Southern Kingdom (Judah) 931-586 BC.**
- 5. Restored Judah (Post-exile) 516 BC-AD 4.**

**After His miraculous deliverance, God tests Israel because He wanted them to express what the Lord Jesus is telling Peter and the other disciples here that they need NOT let their hearts be troubled to the point of emotional breakdown.**

**And in similar fashion, after God’s miraculous deliverance of us in His so great salvation plan, we too can relax during adversity realizing that this is God’s way of preparing us for victory!**

**Freedom demands responsibility without which, uncertainty, insecurity and irrationality reign supreme.**

**Every test that we face today is designed by God to make us stronger tomorrow.**

**God took care of our greatest problem which was spiritual death and He will certainly take care of our smaller everyday issues as well.**

**Our reward is strength for victory tomorrow from our success today and that prepares us for our homecoming in the future!**

**The plan of God does not call for sincerity; it calls for the application of biblical truth.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15:22-23 But Samuel replied: “Does the Lord delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? To obey is better than sacrifice and to heed is better than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the Word of the Lord, He has rejected you as king.”**

**There is also no place in the plan of God for human viewpoint and human good and for that reason, we all have to learn the mind of Christ to protect ourselves.**

**Proverbs 4:4 Then he (Solomon's father, king David) taught me and he said to me, "Take hold of my words (which were God's Words spoken to David) with all your heart; keep my commands (God's mandates) and you will live (prosperously).**

**Philippians 1:3 I thank my God every time I remember you.**

**Even when a believer hits 'rock bottom' there's still a room awaiting him at his Father's house in Heaven!**

**The Lord Jesus has told Peter that he is going to fail to the maximum and interestingly, His speech did not contain any sympathy.**

**When a believer in Jesus Christ is down, he needs one thing only; information by which to get back up, he doesn't need sympathy.**

**Sympathy actually neutralizes our faith-rest response to adversity.**