

Personal Lessons

What does this all mean to me?

Simeon & Anna

- ✓ Even in old age we can maintain a level of enthusiasm that is inspiring to others.
- ✓ Our conversation should revolve around our expectancy of the Kingdom of God.
- ✓ Be fervent in spirit, devoted to serving the Lord
- ✓ Remember key concepts - waiting, serving, looking

The answer to old age
– Christ as the consolation of Israel



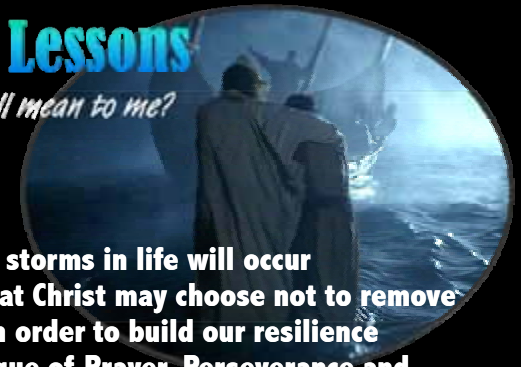
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Peter

- ✓ Recognise that storms in life will occur
- ✓ Understand that Christ may choose not to remove the difficulty in order to build our resilience
- ✓ Use the technique of Prayer, Perseverance and Participation.
- ✓ Don't try to "go it alone" or do the impossible

The answer to inconsistency
– Christ as the powerful saviour



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Woman with an issue

- ✓ We will all experience sickness, whether in ourselves or people we are close to
- ✓ Long term sickness teaches us to trust in God
- ✓ We need to do more in our relationship with Christ than just go along "with the crowd"
- ✓ Only Christ has the ultimate cure for sickness

The answer to physical sickness
– Christ as the great physician



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The Sinner Woman

- ✓ Don't treat our relationship with Christ like Simon the Pharisee.
- ✓ Be careful not to be overcritical of others and their lives - but not our own.
- ✓ Be appreciative and emotionally affected by the MIRACLE of forgiveness

The answer to sin
– Christ as a man of compassion



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Joseph & Nicodemus

- ✓ Don't let situations for support and help slip by
- ✓ Be spontaneous and responsive in service to Christ
- ✓ Have courage to openly identify with Christ
- ✓ Be prepared at times to show extravagant love for Christ.

**The answer to procrastination
– Christ as the true Messiah**

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Mary & Thomas

- ✓ Be prepared to deal with sudden change or trauma
- ✓ Be careful not to miss meetings – they could be the source of great encouragement.
- ✓ Try to be compassionate in reaching out to discouraged brothers and sisters

**The answer to confusing change
– Christ the risen Lord**

TEACHING OUT FOR CHRIST?

Do we really look forward to the return of Christ? Because it will be of very little comfort to have Christ revealed to us in that day, if he is not also revealed WITHIN us now.

If we fail to reach out and appreciate Christ's work now, then perhaps when he returns he will not to reach out for us either...

The Challenge

Where do you go from here?

Complete the following statements...

Think of a time in your life when you failed to take hold of an opportunity to serve your God or ecclesia...

I reached out and changed someone's life by...

When Christ returns I will have no hesitation in displaying my love for him because...

Christ will embrace me and say "Well done good and faithful servant" because...

When I'm gone people will remember that I...