

Converting and Recovery II

We cannot influence people we do not have access to.

Access is critical for connecting.

David experienced disappointment and failure, however, when he was restored and recovered, he converted and strengthened the brothers and sisters at Ziglag.

KJV Psalm 51:12-13 **Restore unto me the joy** of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy **free spirit**.¹³ **Then** will I **teach** transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

KJV Psalms 119:67 **Before I was afflicted**, I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

To convert means to bring over from one belief, view, or party to another

To convert means to change from one form or function to another.

KJV Luke 22:31-32 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: ³² But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and **when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.**

I

Peter thought his seniority gave him privilege.

Longevity does not necessarily mean loyalty.

Peter rebuked his rabbi, after his rabbi, blessed him with a prophecy and favor.

KJV Matthew 16:22-23 Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, **Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.** ²³ But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Testing and suffering were not part of Peter's paradigm.

□ Even the faithful will be tested.

II

Know Jesus has already prayed for us.

KJV Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and **when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.**

□ Jesus prays that your faith fails not during, the time of testing.

Jesus gives a directive to us “once we are turned around, we should strengthen someone else.”

Peter would later write: *ESV 1 Peter 5:13* She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does **Mark, my son.**

Mark had failure on the missionary journey with Paul and Barnabas.

□ Mark makes his way to Peter and finds strength for the journey.

III

Peter did not consider his confessions and his commitments.

KJV Luke 22:33 And he said unto him, Lord, **I am ready to go** with thee, both into prison, and to death.

Peter thought of himself more highly than he ought to think.

□Peter made confessions beyond his level of commitment.

Commitment means to be bound intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually to a course of action.

Peter's commitment level was on one level and his confession level was on a much higher level.

Every confession and commitment we make in the Lord will be tested.

□What has not been tested, cannot be trusted.

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God's method of testing our commitment is called sifting.

The sifter is called Satan.

□“It's the walk, not the talk”

Converting your thinking:

□Think before you speak.

□Process so you can progress.

☐ Commit before you confess.

☐ When you are converted, strengthen somewhere else.

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