

Set Free Devotional #2

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Tuesday, March 17 (Matthew 17:27) “However, so as to not offend these people, go to the lake and cast a hook; take the first fish that bites, open its mouth and there you will find a shekel; take it and give it to them for me and for you.”

It’s a strange scripture. Time to give money to the Temple so that the ministry God ordained for that place may be continued. But how to give if you’ve not got?

We were doing Faith Promise. The basis was simple: Talk to God and promise to give what He told you He would supply for you to give. One widow in our congregation did just that. She prayed and promised and had no idea how God would supply. But God promised, she believed and that was all it was to it.

One day a stranger knocked on her door. His car was broken down and he needed a phone to call a tow truck (before cell phones). She let him in and showed him the phone. As the gentleman called he looked around the room and saw hand-made quilts everywhere (that was her hobby). After the phone call he verbally praised them and asked if he could buy one. She said yes but didn’t know how much to ask for one. They talked and when the truck came the man left with three quilts. The lady who had talked to God and promised what God had promised her stood on the porch holding that exact amount of money in cash. The money the stranger had said was only fair. She couldn’t wait for Sunday and did she ever excite that church with her story.

Peter had no money. Jesus had no money. The Temple needed money. Jesus sent Peter fishing with line and hook and Peter returned with what the Temple needed! God never asks for what He will not supply.

Prayer Suggestion:

“Our Father, may the words of our hearts and the actions of our hands always be done with absolute faith with your promises. If you lead, we will follow. Trusting you to always supply what is needed. For your glory we live only for you. Amen.”