

# A Jesus Moment

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**This morning at 5 A.M. I awakened and the Holy Spirit began to speak to me about something unusual with this phrase “A Jesus Moment.” What is “A Jesus Moment?” Well, although I could share with you many from my own life or that of my family—and I in point of fact already have in many of my writings and sermon messages—it will be easier to show you from the Scriptures this fact from the lives of others. Then I will share with you how to experience your very own Jesus Moments.**

**In only 9 days we will celebrate Christmas. I love this time of year; the excitement and wonder on the face of children you meet each day; snow on the ground where we live; snow on the tall Blue Spruce trees in my front yard and all the surrounding farm land—how beautiful is God’s creation! But as all true Christians know, Christmas for us is about Jesus—if we will not allow ourselves to become distracted by the media and all the buying of presents; if we will reflect on this fact long enough and meditate the Scriptures concerning what occurred back in 5 B.C. when Jesus was born we will experience our own “Jesus Moment.”**

**The longer I live the more in love with Jesus, the Father and the Holy Spirit I become. This is the result of many Jesus Moments in my own life since I was a baby and can remember Jesus and angels standing around my bed at night and early in the morning.**

**Then there are the “midnight hours” of life—when we are facing extreme trials, financial ruin, disease and death. These are the times where, if we trust God and don’t become angry with Him thinking He caused our misfortune, we will experience a Jesus Moment and like David of old we will come through the trials stronger in our faith and firmer in our relationship with the Lord. It’s in times like this—the times referred to as “the long dark night of the soul”—that we must know and trust the Lord and stand “firm in our faith” as the Apostle Peter wrote by *knowing* both the Scriptures and one very important fact about the Scriptures that we find in the Old Testament and that Jesus Himself affirmed over and over in the Gospels with the phrase, “the Scriptures cannot be broken!”**

**Satan knows this fact as well—that is why he will ratchet up the pressure on your faith to get you to act and speak contrary to the Word. The Holy Spirit showed me this with 2 Corinthians 4:18 when I was writing the Second Edition of *MYSTERIOUS SECRETS OF THE DARK KINGDOM*. Back in 1980 one day out of the blue the Lord just spoke to me and said, “Son, the devil is going to put cancer on more and more Christians” and boy have we seen that come to pass. And I’d recommend that you read an article on this website in the archives titled, “The Spirit of Cancer” that I wrote years ago if you or a loved one has cancer because you need to understand the facts—that cancer is an evil spirit and its job is to kill you or your loved ones.**

**But back in 2008 when I was writing the Second Edition of MSDK I felt impressed to elaborate a bit on the spirit of cancer. At that time the Spirit of the Lord showed me that the main reason the devil has been successful in putting cancer on more Christians and killing them is**

**because he is able to get them to deny the fact that “the Scriptures cannot be broken” and He showed me this from 2 Corinthians 4:18. The fact is, my brother and sister, that most Christians do the *opposite* of what this Scripture says we should do! So perhaps you might mark this verse down in your journal and begin to meditate on it yourself and I believe you will experience a “Jesus Moment.”**

**The Lord Jesus told me one day back in 1985 when I was just staring out the window of our living room watching the gently falling rain, “Son, do you know why I left the Bible? The main reason I left the Bible was to meet the needs of mankind.”**

**Now that was a Jesus Moment in my life. So just think about this: *IF* you believe the Lord said this and that it is true then you can easily conclude that every single need you have or will ever have in your life can be found and answered through the Word of God. But now don’t forget this part—the devil knows that as well and he will be (and in fact is) working overtime to get your mind, soul and spirit “off” the Word of God and onto the circumstances that he is bringing against the Word that you are standing “firm in your faith” upon as Peter recommended.**

**I’ve been blessed in many ways in this life—in relationships (which is the most important thing to the Lord) with both God and man. The Lord has given me the perfect wife and our marriage was a supernatural event that the Lord orchestrated by just plainly telling me, “This is the woman I have chosen for you.” He told me prophetically that “Your wife, your family, will be raised up beside you” and He fulfilled this prophetic word and is still fulfilling it in supernatural ways that we could not even fathom at the time. We have two beautiful, smart and spiritually mature children—Brandi and John—and we are expecting our third child, Taberah very soon. Yes, family itself, if we will trust the Lord, put His will and Kingdom first (Mt. 6:33), can become “a Jesus Moment.” In fact, our whole lives—each and every day—should become**

**a scrapbook collage of “Jesus Moments.” At the end of our lives on this earth in the arms of loved ones or when we get to Heaven we should be able to sit down and go through this scrapbook and point out the “Jesus Moments.”**

## **Peter Had His Jesus Moments**

**Because Paul wrote about 2/3 of the New Testament, most preaching and teaching involves his writings so unless we’re raised as Catholics we don’t know too much about Peter—we tend to focus on his negatives, e.g., that he denied the Lord. But one of the wonderful things about the Scriptures—and incidentally also a proof of their validity—is that they don’t gloss over or paint through the sins of others.**

**No, David’s sins of murder and adultery are there for everybody to see and this was, in fact, prophesied to him by the Lord. But let’s face it; if the Scriptures were not divinely inspired and written by the Holy Spirit these “facts” would be omitted. Moses himself would not have written how his sin when he face the Rock the second time and disobeyed the Lord disqualified him from entering the Promised Land. God’s great man of signs, wonders and miracles—God’s prophet for the hour in Egypt and out of Egypt made a dreadful mistake that cost him his life early even though he lived to be 120 years old.**

**But I want to focus on Peter because the Spirit showed me a few of his Jesus Moments this morning and I think they are instructive for all of us who wish to be called and anointed by Jesus for ministry. And the first Jesus moment for Peter is found in Luke 5:8. This occurred not too long after Peter first met Jesus when Jesus came to his home and prayed for his mother in law who had a high fever. Jesus had just begun His ministry in Nazareth and Capernaum and people saw the miracles and healings. Peter experienced his own Jesus Moment shortly after this when Jesus aided their fishing expedition. Peter was an experienced fisherman; he did it for a living. He and his group had**

**“toiled all night” (Luke 5:5) and had not caught anything. But by obeying Jesus’ word (v.5) he let down the net and caught so many fish that the net was breaking and they had to call for help to gather in all the fish which were so many that both boats almost sank.**

**Notice Peter’s response to this miracle: “When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.”**

**Quite an unusual response wouldn’t you say? What happened to Peter that caused him to feel this way? What thoughts were racing through his head? A Jesus Moment causes us to see Jesus in an altogether different light—it often is a moment of divine revelation. Peter knew that he was not in the same league as Jesus. The presence of the Lord and their interaction had caused this Jesus Moment in Peter’s life which set him on a course to becoming a disciple, an apostle and a miracle worker.**

**There are many Jesus Moments in the Scriptures where Peter was concerned and I won’t discuss them all but would encourage you to look for them throughout the Gospels and Acts. Peter’s second Jesus Moment came when there was an opportunity to walk away from the Lord and become offended. We’ve seen the devil use this tactic with many today and they lose their ministry. In John 6:66-68 we find these words: “From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then Jesus said unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.”**

**Wow! What a Jesus Moment! What an astounding and remarkable statement by Peter who was now “one of the twelve.” This is a Jesus Moment that should impact us as we read and meditate on it. Listen closely! No matter what Satan does to you or tries to do to you it really doesn’t matter. You must already have your mind made up that you won’t forsake the Lord because only He “has the words of eternal life.”**

**And although there are a dozen more Jesus Moments for Peter recorded in the Scriptures I want to discuss one last one found in Matthew 14:22-33 which is the testimony Peter walking on the water of the sea with Jesus. We are all familiar with these verses and the miracle that took place but if we look closely at this and recognize it as a Jesus Moment we understand why Peter asked Jesus, “If it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.” Even then his faith was weak because as alluded to earlier he did the opposite of 2 Cor. 4:18; he began to “look at the things that are seen” instead of the things that are unseen. Jesus rebukes him for this in v. 31 by saying: “O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?” But before we get too hung up on Peter’s lack of faith let’s look back at the boat and realize the other eleven weren’t pushing each other out of the way to be the next one to walk on the water.**

**When Jesus and Peter both got into the boat the wind ceased and then all twelve had a Jesus Moment and exclaimed, “Of a truth thou are the Son of God.”**

**So I want to encourage you today to reflect on your own Jesus Moments and to do so in the future to those that will occur because each one has a purpose and each one requires a response from us. If we respond correctly, we will advance spiritually along the path that the Lord has chosen for us to walk. If we respond incorrectly, our spiritual growth will be stunted or worse, we can begin to make a series of choices that would lead us down a deathly spiral of a road into oblivion.**

