

Crossover Ministries Scriptures from 5/23/07 Sermon

“Forgetting What You Know” Making Room for Increase or Decrease

Forgetting what you know!

Luke 5:1-7 (NKJV)

1 So it was, as the multitude pressed about Him to hear the word of God, that he stood by the Lake of Gennesaret, 2 and saw two boats standing by the lake; but the fishermen had gone from them and were washing their nets. 3 Then he got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat. 4 When he had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your Word I will let down the net." 6 And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. 7 So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

To Forget what you know, is to Deny Yourself and to Start Again.

Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me..."

- Deny what you think you know and re-learn what he wants to teach you—even if it seems elementary or too hard.
- Deny the need to do your own thing and trust the word you hear; the word is not meant to tickle your ear or meant to get you excited and emotional—it is meant to transform you into a new creation that is prepared to live a successful life
- You can't follow Jesus, until you deny yourself!

To Forget What You Know, You Must Be Willing to Forget!

John 10:17-18 (NIV)

17 The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father."

- God does not push the Cross on you. You must take it up of your own free will
- The Cross brings New Life when you willing submit to forget what you know (your old life), if you have reservations, complain or fight to keep your understanding of how things are or need to be—the Old life remains to insult those who wish to become NEW! (**ref. Luke 23:39-43**)
- WHO ARE YOU? Are you willing or reluctant to forget
- If you are not where you want to be in life will you forget what you know and allow me to re-teach you the gospel. Make room for your increase!