

藉我赐恩福 – 2

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING – 2

1. Hello, listening friends.
亲爱的朋友，你好。
2. We are delighted that you tuned in today.
我们很高兴你今天能收听我们的节目。
3. We have just started a new series entitled “Blessed to be a Blessing”
我们刚开始讲一个新的系列信息：“藉我赐恩福”，
4. which is based on I Peter.
所根据的经文是彼得前书。
5. In order to understand the Word of God found in I Peter,
为了要了解彼得前书中神的话语，
6. we must first know more about Peter, the man.
我们必须多一点认识彼得这个人。
7. Peter had to lose his false sense of security.
彼得需要放下他那虚假的安全感，
8. Why?
为什么？
9. So that he could be filled with the security found only in God.
这样，他才能得到神所赐的真实保障。
10. The Lord did this by methodically stripping Peter of his false confidence.
于是，主耶稣按部就班的拆除彼得那虚假的自信心。
11. God had to strip him of his false confidence in the places where Peter felt completely at ease.
神要在彼得觉得最安心的场合里，来对付他那虚假的自信心。
12. In this broadcast, we will look at the next episode of Peter’s stripping,
在今天的节目里我们要看彼得第二次被神对付。
13. and this second stripping-down is found in Matthew, Chapter 8, verses 23 to 26.
这件事记载在马太福音第 8 章 23-26 节，
14. Peter was born a leader.
彼得是个天生的领袖，
15. There’s nothing wrong with that.
这没什么不对，
16. Jesus didn’t have a problem with that.
耶稣也不认为这是个问题。
17. Jesus just wanted to make sure that Peter would not become a problem leader.
但耶稣必须确定，彼得不会成为一个麻烦的领袖。
18. Peter had pride problems.
彼得有骄傲的毛病，
19. Peter had self-confidence problems.
彼得有自负的毛病，
20. Peter had self-adequacy problem,
彼得有自大的毛病。
21. and most of these were related to water, the sea and the fishing;
这些大部分都和航海捕鱼有关，
22. and they were related not just to any sea, but the Sea of Galilee.
不是一般的海域，而是加利利海，
23. That was Peter’s second home.
那里是彼得第二个家。
24. Half of his day was spent there,
他一半的时间都在那里度过的，
25. and that’s where Jesus encounters him again and again.
他也在那里一再的遇见耶稣。
26. This is how the story begins.
事情的开始是这样的：
27. The disciples all get in the boat.
门徒都上了船，
28. Most likely was one of Peter’s family fishing boats.
很可能这是彼得家里的渔船，
29. This was Peter’s place of confidence and adequacy and boasting,
也就是彼得自信、自满、自夸的地方。
30. and no sooner than they got into the boat,
正当他们刚上了船，

31. when one of those well-known wind storms that the Sea of Galilee is known for begins to rage,
就遇上了加利利海所闻名的风暴，
32. and they were all panicked.
他们都惊慌起来。
33. Obviously, this storm was like no other storm they had experienced,
很显然的，这是他们从来没有遇到过的风暴。
34. but do you know who panicked the most?
但你知道谁最惊恐吗？
35. Can you guess who yelled out to Jesus?
你猜得到是谁向耶稣喊叫吗？
36. You guessed it correctly. It was Peter.
你猜对了，就是彼得。
37. What was going through Peter's mind, do you think?
你猜当时彼得心里想些什么？
38. He probably was thinking, "I thought I knew this lake like the back of my hand."
很可能他想，我以为我对这一带的海域已经了若指掌了，
39. "I thought I was an expert in this area."
我以为我是这一带的专家了，
40. "I've never panicked before."
我从来没有惊慌失措过，
41. "I'm always confident."
我一向很有自信的，
42. 'What's happening to me?'"
我是怎么回事了？
43. And that is the second stripping of Peter,
这是彼得第二次被对付，
44. and his self-confidence and courage was shaken.
他的自信心和勇气都动摇了。
45. At that point, Jesus, with all the authority of the Creator God,
就在这时候，耶稣凭着创造主的权柄，
46. tells the storm to hush and it does.
命令风暴平静下来，
47. The storm obeyed.
风暴服从了。
48. You will find the third stripping of Peter's self-confidence in Matthew 14:22 to 31.
马太福音14章22-31节，你会看到彼得的自信心第三次受到对付，
49. Once again, the Lord strips Peter right in the very center of his field of expertise.
主耶稣再一次在彼得最专长之处来对付他。
50. How did this happen?
事情的经过是怎样的？
51. By now, Peter has begun to learn few lessons from his previous strippings.
经过了几次的管教之后，彼得已经学到一些教训了。
52. By now, Peter has begun to exchange his false self-confidence for confidence in the Lord.
这时候，他也开始将虚假的自信心转变为对主的信心。
53. Now, my listening friends, did you notice I said, "he began."
你有没有注意到，我说的是：他“开始”转变。
54. The important word here is "began".
关键就在于“开始”这两个字。
55. Do you remember when you got to the highest class in your elementary school,
你还记得当你读到小学最高班时，
56. and you thought you were on top?
你以为自己已经爬上峰顶，
57. When you were at the highest grade, you looked down on other kids in the lower grades.
你是从最高班，往下看那些低年级的小朋友。
58. Then, you went to the upper school.
当你进入中学后，
59. Suddenly, you are down at the bottom of the heap again.
突然你发觉自己又跑到斜坡的最底线去了。
60. Do you know how that feels?
你能体会那种感觉吗？
61. That's where Peter was.
彼得就在这样的处境中，
62. Peter had just begun.
彼得才刚开始呢！
63. Peter had risen to the highest class in elementary school,
彼得在小学里已经升到最高班了，
64. but, by the third episode, here he goes to the bottom of the heap in the upper school.
但到了第三次的事件时，他就等于进入高一级学校的最低班。
65. This time Jesus wasn't in the boat,

- 这一次耶稣不在船上，
66. but He came walking on the water,
但祂走在水面上。
67. and most of the disciples did not know if it was a ghost.
大部分门徒还以为是鬼呢！
68. Peter, who had just graduated from elementary school of faith,
彼得刚从信心的小学毕业，
69. he thought now that he had learned his lesson.
他自认为已经学会了。
70. Was he right?
真的吗？
71. He was wrong.
他错了！
72. Peter said,
彼得说：
73. “Jesus, if this is you, just tell me to come and I will walk on water.”
耶稣啊！如果是你，请叫我从水面上走到你那里去。
74. He now had confidence in Jesus Christ.
他现在对耶稣很有信心了。
75. Do you see Peter had learned some lessons?
你看见彼得学会了什么功课吗？
76. Peter’s confidence in Jesus had grown to the point of knowing that, if what he saw on the water was the Lord,
彼得相信耶稣到一个地步，当他看见是主走在水面上时，
77. the Lord would empower Peter to walk toward Him on water;
他相信主必定给他能力，让他也从水面上走到主那里去。
78. so Jesus said, “Okay. Walk to me, Peter.”
耶稣说：彼得，你来吧！
79. So Peter got up and, after taking few steps on the water,
于是彼得就从船上下去，在水面上才走了几步，
80. he began to sink;
他就往下沉。
81. and Peter’s cry is not, “Look at me, guys!” but, instead, “Lord, save me!”
彼得没有喊着说：喂！大家看我的！他说：主啊！救我！

82. Peter had to learn to trust in Christ’s sufficiency and not his own self-sufficiency.
彼得必须学习完全信靠基督，而不是依靠自己的能力。
83. This was stripping number three.
这是第三次的对付。
84. I want to stop here and tell you something of uttermost importance.
让我暂停一下，我要告诉你一件非常重要的事。
85. My listening friends, please listen carefully.
亲爱的朋友，请留心听，
86. God does not enjoy seeing His children suffer the pain of stripping.
神并不喜欢看见祂的儿女被管教时受苦。
87. If an earthly mother or father hurts, suffers with their children,
如果世上为人父母的，都会为自己的孩子感到伤痛，
88. how much more does God’s heart ache when He sees us suffering growing pains?
那么，神的心岂不更会为了我们成长所经历的痛苦而伤痛吗？
89. But let me tell you something important.
但重要的是，
90. God knows that you have to grow up.
神知道你需要成长，
91. You cannot be a spiritual toddler for the rest of your spiritual life.
你不能一直停留在属灵婴儿的阶段。
92. This next time, stripping of Peter is found in Matthew 16:21 to 23.
彼得所受的下一个管教，记载在马太福音 16 章 21-23 节。
93. This has to do with false self-confidence and outward courage.
这是有关他那虚假的自信心，和血气之勇。
94. In other words, this has to do with the area of boasting.
换句话说，也就是他的自夸自大。
95. This has to do with false self-image that we often want to project about ourselves.
往往这是来自我们虚幻的自我形象，
96. It often has no relation to the truth about us.
跟我们真实的自我毫无关联，

97. It has to do with that religious mask that we wear.
却和我们所戴的宗教面具有关。
98. When Jesus was telling the disciples about His up-coming death and crucifixion,
当耶稣告诉祂的门徒，祂将要死在十字架上时，
99. guess who rebuked the Lord?
你猜是谁竟敢责备耶稣？
100. Peter.
彼得！
101. It was as if he said to Jesus, “Jesus, You don’t understand who’s company You are keeping!”
他似乎在说：耶稣啊！难道你不明白你的伙伴是谁吗？
102. Or “Jesus, You are with the mighty Peter and Peter will take care of You.”
或者说：耶稣啊！你是和彼得老大在一起，彼得会照顾你的啊！
103. Are there any of you listening think that you can help God?
收音机旁的朋友，你是否认为自己可以给神帮忙？
104. Then, listen carefully,
如果是的话，请留心听，
105. and learn from Peter’s false boasting.
并且从彼得虚浮的夸口中学习教训。
106. Jesus looks at Peter and says, “Peter, you are the mouthpiece of Satan.”
耶稣看着彼得说：彼得，你只不过是撒但的传声筒。
107. Oh, how those words must have hurt Peter!
彼得听了这句话一定很伤心，
108. This is stripping number four.
这是彼得第四次被对付。
109. Next, we will look at the stripping down we find in Matthew 26:33-35.
接着我们要看，马太福音 26章 33-35节。
110. The night of the crucifixion, Jesus was preparing His disciples for what was coming,
耶稣被钉十字架的前夕，祂要预备门徒的心，接受将要发生的事。
111. but Peter wasn’t listening.
但彼得根本没有听，

112. He was thinking while the Lord was talking and he insisted on saying,
耶稣说话时，他自顾自的想心事，然后坚持的说：
113. “Lord, I told You I’ll take care of You.”
主啊！我说过我会照顾你的！
114. But Jesus looks at Peter and says,
但耶稣看着彼得，对他说：
115. “Peter, a few hours from now,”
彼得，几个钟头后，
116. “before the cock crows,”
在鸡叫之前，
117. “you will deny Me three times.”
你要三次不认我。
118. That probably hurt Peter deeply - worse than anything else.
这可能比任何一次更使彼得伤心。
119. Let me speak to all of you who are Peters, both men and women.
不论你是男的女的，如果你和彼得一样，让我告诉你：
120. God is not looking for, nor is He impressed with your adequacy.
神没有寻找，也不看重你是多能干的人；
121. God is not looking for, nor is He impressed with your false confidence.
神没有寻找，也不看重你是多有自信的人；
122. God is looking for your willingness to be stripped of all that is natural
神要找的是，愿意让祂对付你天然本性的人，
123. so that He can build you up with the supernatural.
以致于祂能建立你成为超凡的人，
124. That’s what God is looking for.
这是神所要寻找的人。
125. I know several people who are craftsmen with wood.
我认识一些手艺很好的木匠，
126. They tell me that, when they get a piece of wood that has a lot of varnish and paint on it,
他们告诉我，当他们找到一块木料，上面有旧的油漆。
127. it is important to do something first before they repaint it.
在重新油漆前，最重要的就是，

160. and do you know what the Bible says at this point?
你知道圣经怎么说?

161. The Bible says, in Luke 22:61,
路加福音 22章61节, 圣经说:

162. "And Jesus turned and look straight at Peter."
主转过身来, 看彼得。

163. Oh, I can tell you one thing about that look.
我可以告诉你, 主看他的这个眼神,

164. Peter never forgot that look.
彼得终身难忘。

165. I want to tell you something else about it.
让我再告诉你,

166. It was not a look that said, "Peter, I told you so."
主看他的意思, 并不是说, 彼得, 我早就告诉你了。

167. No.
不是。

168. It was the look that said,
主看他的眼神是要告诉他,

169. "Peter, I still love you and I'm ready to forgive you. Peter, I understand."
彼得, 我仍然爱你, 我愿意原谅你, 彼得, 我了解。

170. How do I know it was that kind of a look?
我怎么知道主看他是这个意思呢?

171. Because after Jesus had risen from the dead, he appeared specially one on one to Peter.
因为当耶稣从死里复活以后, 祂有一次单独向彼得显现。

172. Why?
为什么?

173. Because Jesus want to say to Peter,
因为耶稣要对彼得说:

174. "Peter, I stripped you of all those false idols, not to hold them against you, but to forgive you."
彼得, 我拆除你心中许多虚假的偶像, 不是要跟你作对, 而是要饶恕你。

175. "I pulled down all these false confidences and false adequacies, not to tear you down, but to build you up in Me."
我拆毁你那些虚假的自信心, 和你的骄傲自满, 不是要摧毁你, 而是要你在我里面被建立起来。

176. "I did these things because I love you and I want you to do great and mighty things for Me."
我这么做, 是因为我爱你, 并且我要你为我成就伟大的事。

177. "Peter, you have an option."
彼得, 你是有选择的。

178. "You can allow self-pity and sorrow to pull you down,"
或者你让自怜和忧愁拖垮你,

179. "or, you can move forward in My power."
或者你靠着我的大能勇往直前。

180. My listening friends, I want to tell you something very, very important.
亲爱的朋友, 让我告诉你一件非常非常重要的事。

181. You can focus on what you have lost and stay where you are,
你可以停留在原地, 埋头为自己失去的东西而悲哀;

182. or, you can look straight ahead to the gain that only God can give you.
或者抬头仰望乐意赏赐的神, 继续向前走, 并得到满足。

183. It is my prayer that you will look forward.
我祈求神, 让你能勇往直前。

184. In the next message, we will see Peter's last encounter with the Lord Jesus.
下一次的节目里, 我们要看彼得最后一次见耶稣的情形。

185. Until then, I wish you God's richest blessing.
愿神大大的赐福给你, 下次节目再会。