

GET THEE BEHIND ME

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Read Mark: 31 Then Jesus began to tell them that the Son of Man[c] must suffer many terrible things and be rejected by the elders, the leading priests, and the teachers of religious law. He would be killed, but three days later he would rise from the dead. 32 As he talked about this openly with his disciples, Peter took him aside and began to reprimand him for saying such things.[d] 33 Jesus turned around and looked at his disciples, then reprimanded Peter. "Get away from me, Satan!" he said. "You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's."

Being a Christian is often seen as "Keeping Rules." And yes, there is a right way to live, and that means doing good things, and NOT bad things. But being a Christian is about SO much more than simple rules.

In this story, we learn about Peter struggling to understand the difference between a human point of view, and God's point of view.

DO YOU REMEMBER WHY JESUS HAD BEEN BORN?

Matt 1: 21

And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name [h]Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

So Jesus tells his disciples that

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This is where Jesus reprimands Peter, and points out that Peter is seeing things through a human point of view, NOT GOD's point of view.

HOW DO WE SEE THINGS FROM GOD'S POINT OF VIEW?

THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

- 1.) Does the bible tell me what God thinks about something? If so, then we have to stand upon the bible
- 2.) Has God given us a promise? If we has then we must believe that promise.
- 3.) Am I praying about things in my life, asking God for his guidance? Or am I just worrying about things?

Parents, ask your kids these questions. Give a personal example from your own life. Pray with them to have our eyes opened to the things of God, and the kingdom of God.

Now, pray over them, then ask them to pray for you. Let each child lead family in prayer. If they feel emotional, reassure them, they are feeling the presence of God. They could receive the gift of tongues in your home.