SHIFTED TO THE NEXT DIMENSION!

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31 And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. 32 But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.”

- In one of the quintessential moments of Christianity, the Lord Jesus Christ, speaking to Peter, tells him that he has been selected for a targeted attack from Satan!
- Jesus even goes into the details of the attack, revealing that He has full knowledge of what the devil wants to do to Peter!
- The crazy part is that Heaven’s greatest opponent just asked to SIFT the ONLY Apostle with the revelation of the Christ, AND JESUS DIDN’T EVEN TRY TO STOP IT!
  - Look at this! Just a few days ago, Jesus promised that He would build the Church on Peter! Now, He’s giving the devil permission to SIFT him!
- The word sift in the Greek suggests that something is proven by trials, riddled, shaken, and inwardly agitated until it is almost overthrown!
- The fact that it was Peter who was chosen for such an ordeal indicates that both Jesus and Satan understood how vitally important this one man would be to the next release of the Kingdom of God!
- The enemy asked to sift Peter because he knew that the revelation of the Christ was in HIM!
  - The devil knew that the Church was going to be built on Peter!
  - He knew that the next great release of the Spirit of God was going to come from what Peter would become!
- The question is, why would God risk losing such a VALUABLE asset?!
  - The answer comes in two parts! First, Jesus allowed this trial because He knew that the church would not come forth in power if it still struggled in its identity!
    - If you read the Gospels and associated commentary, you’ll find that until the Resurrection of Christ, Peter has three names!
      - In one place, he’s Simon. In another, he’s Peter, and in yet another he’s both (Simon Peter)!
      - One translation of the name Simon is ‘reed’! Reeds are very fragile! They shake and move with any gust of the wind!
      - Yet, at the same time, He is being called by His new name Peter, a large rock that is firm, stable, and strong!
      - James 1:6-8 says “6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”
    - Until his identity issues were settled, his destiny as the GATE to the next great move of God would be frustrated and never manifest!
    - Until the Body of Christ settles who they are, we will never be able to SHIFT into the next move that God desires to release into the earth!
  - That’s why Jesus allowed Satan to SIFT Simon! The old man (Simon) had to be separated and Peter had to be SHIFTED INTO person God created (Peter)!
    - Jesus also understood that the most important thing that Peter contained was faith! In order to move mountains, raise the dead, and shake the systems of the world, it would require FAITH that was greater than he currently had!
    - It was the trials and testing that purified his faith, and now he was ready to lead the charge into the next dimension!
    - Thousands of years before Peter was born, the Prophet Joel began to declare that a sovereign move of God would come forth to bring forth restoration, restitution, and the release of the Spirit of God!

Joel 2:23-30
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23 Be glad then, you children of Zion, And rejoice in the LORD your God; For He has given you the former rain faithfully,[a] And He will cause the rain to come down for you — The former rain, And the latter rain in the first month.
  - It is no coincidence that God has spoken this thing today, while we are in the FIRST month of the Hebraic calendar!
  - It is time to rejoice in the Lord our God! His RAIN and SOVEREIGNTY have come to release restoration!
24 The threshing floors shall be full of wheat, And the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil.
• The wheat speaks of harvest and answered prayer!
• There shall be release of new dimensions of God’s glory and anointing!

25 “So I will **restore** to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust. My great army which I sent among you. 26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the **LORD** your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. 27 Then you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel: I am the **LORD** your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame.

• God is declaring TODAY the anointing for restoration and restitution is upon us!
• Those years that we spent in toil, labor, and sacrifice with no breakthrough and no increase will now turn into prosperity, power, and praise!

God’s Spirit Poured Out

28 “And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions. 29 And also on **My** menservants and on **My** maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

• Peter suffered, got sifted, and almost lost it all for “those days” verse 29 speaks of!
• All of your trials and pain were not for nothing, they are for “those days” that God has already declared over your life!

Acts 2:14-20

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

• After Peter had publicly denied Christ, he went through a private restoration amongst the brethren, but now it was time for the world to see the Apostle that God called to found His church to rise up with power to declare and prophetically unlock a generation!

• Peter’s trials sifted him until only the new thing remained! Now it was time for him to rise and SHIFT the Body of Christ into the NEXT DIMENSION!

15 For these are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is **only** the third hour of the day. 16 But this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. 18 And on **My** menservants and on **My** maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. 20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the **LORD**.

• As Peter stood to prophesy and declare the words of Joel, it signified the release of the next dimension of the Church, an **ekklesia** of power and authority, filled with the Spirit of God!
• The Next Dimension is Here! It’s time for us to stand up and raise our voices and declare that which God has spoken, for now is the time of manifestation!