

BORROWED TO BLESS

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic
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We all have something that Jesus wants to borrow. For instance, Jesus wants to borrow our voice. He does not mind if our singing voices are not that great, but what matters is that we lend our voices to praise Him. God wants to borrow our eyes – to see the people that need to be helped. Everytime Jesus returns something that He borrows, He always blesses it. Blessings will abound when we allow Him to borrow us for a time.

1. The Lord promises

- 1.1. Good stewardship of our body, talent, time, and resources.
- 1.2. We will be lenders not borrowers. The Lord will open the heavens, the storehouse of His bounty ... (Dt. 28:12-13).
- 1.3. We should avoid getting into debt; God does not want us to be slaves to the lenders (Prov. 22:7).
- 1.4. He borrowed the rod from Moses and he used it to create miracles (Exo. 4:2).
- 1.5. Our Lord has to borrow things to get His job done. However, everything we have belongs to God (Hag. 2:8). Each of us has a particular gift from God (1Cor.7.6) and we are all instruments for His exclusive use. When the Lord borrows our time for His work, He will return it better than ever.

2. Jesus borrowed 6 things during His ministry.

- 2.1 God borrowed the **manger** for His Son because all the rooms in the inn were occupied (Lk. 2:7).
 - Are we all occupied with many things that we do not have room to serve Him?
- 2.2 God borrowed the **house** where Jesus healed the paralytic (Lk. 5:17-20). Are we willing to let the Lord borrow our time to bring someone close to God?
- 2.3 Jesus borrowed **Peter's fishing boat** to use as His pulpit.
 - When Jesus borrows, He blesses abundantly. Because Peter lent His boat, and the other people lent their

time, Jesus blessed them with a bountiful of fish (Luke 5:1-3).

- When we obey, other people will be blessed; our children will also be blessed.
- When Jesus borrows something, He will fill it. He gives more than enough (Eph. 3). We must be willing to be like the Apostles who pushed ahead with faith.
- The apostles recognized His Lordship. The Lord assured Peter that he would be a fisher of men (Lk. 5:10-11).
- Everyone who has left houses or their families to follow Jesus (as Peter and the apostles did) will receive a hundred times more (Mt. 19:27-30). Job served God despite pressure from his wife, and was rewarded double what he lost and longevity of life (Job 42).
- God empowers His followers. It is God who works in us to fulfill His good purpose for all of us (Phil. 2:13).

(To be continued # 4 to 6 that Jesus borrowed).

Conclusion:

Today, Jesus wants to borrow our voices, our bodies, our time, our resources, our talents. Are we willing to let Him borrow our life for the greater use in His kingdom?

Reflection:

1. What would Jesus borrow from you?
2. Are you willing for the Lord to use you in mighty ways, even in tough situations or challenges?

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