

The Lord's Look

"The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. He (Peter) went outside and wept bitterly." Luke 22:61, 62.

A discouraged, disillusioned, scared and confused Peter is following Jesus at a distance, still within each other's sight, to see what will happen to the Master. A couple of questions and assertive statements made Peter disown Jesus. "I don't know him, I haven't been with him, I haven't even seen him before" - these could be the words came out Peter's mouth because he was so scared and disappointed. He forgot the big catch of fish he had, he forgot feeding thousands with the lunchables of a little boy, he forgot the deliverance of the vicious, evil possessed man, and he even forgot his own out of the world experience of walking on the water in the tumultuous Sea of Galilee. For a few hours he had a mental block of everything of the past three years. To escape from the dreadful possibility of being arrested, finding guilty by association, and even being crucified, he conveniently disowned the One who made him who he is.

The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Jesus simply turned around and looked as he heard the familiar voice of Peter. Not a word, just a look. It broke down Peter. He became very conscious of the warning Jesus gave earlier and how he boasted on his strength and power. His memory was refreshed and all the great experiences of the past flooded into his mind. The Master calling him and his brother to follow him, giving him a prominent place among the disciples, the grace and love he received, an unknown fisherman beholding the glory of the Almighty, his feat of walking on the water which no one ever dared to do, they all flashed before him. He just realized what a grave sin he committed and could not hold his grief bottled in any more. He went outside and wept bitterly.

A look melted his heart, changed his life and future. He let just a look to transform him.

What was in that look? Was there harshness, revenge? Blame? A message of 'I will deal with you later'? Or was it compassion, mercy and I love you still? What made Peter break down?

What would be my response: when the Master looks at me when I disown him? When I walk away from him? When I grieve his heart? When I bring shame and disgrace to him? Would I just harden my heart more, try to find excuses, blame others (even the devil) or would I break down at that look? Would I have remorse and repentance?

I know that look is a gentle, gracious look with a call (second chance) to come back, a look which says, 'no matter what you have done, I still love you'. Peter needed only one look, but I need that look numerous times. O Lord, never stop looking at me and help me to have Peter's heart and response every time you look.

CHURCH PICTURE & LUNCH

We will have
Lunch and Church Group Picture
taking on July 26

"I am the LORD who heals you"

Please pray for:

**Mrs. Marykutty Thomas (Sist. Suja's Mom),
Pr. Mathew Samuel, Bro. Babu Thannickal,
Sist. Shiny Chacko, Sam Mathew, Ammini George, Mariamma
Johny (Kunjumol), Usha Danielkutty
Kiran (Dr. Jolly Mathew's granddaughter),
Nirmala (Friend of Snehalatha Nair), Bro. Jose Ponnolil
& all who are sick among us.**

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	Country	Popula- tion (in millions)	Chris- tians	Evan- gelicals	President	Prime Minister
Sun	Mauritania	4.1	0.3%	0.1%	Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz	Yahya Ould Hademine
Mon	Mauritius	1.2	31.5%	8.2%	Ameenah Gurib	Anerood Jugnauth
Tue	Mayotte	0.2	1.7%	0.1%	<u>Soibahadine Ibrahim Ramadani</u>	
Wed	Mexico	126	94.8%	8.4%	Enrique Pena Nieto	
Thu	Micronesia	0.1	95.6%	22.5%	Peter M. Christian	
Fri	Moldova	3.5	75.5%	3.5%	Nicolae Timofti	Chiril Gaburici
Sat	Mongolia	2.9	1.7%	1.1%	Tsakhia Elbegdorj	Chimed Saikhanbileg