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BUT IF IT IS OF GOD

“But if it is of God”

“Now in the present case let me say to you, standoff (withdraw) from these men and let them alone. For if this doctrine or purpose or undertaking or movement is of human origin, it will fail (be overthrown and come to nothing); But if it is of God, you will not be able to stop or overthrow or destroy them; you might even be found fighting against God!” **Acts 5:38-39 AMPC**

Whatever God has asked you to do will certainly be established and successful.

No matter how strong and ferocious the opposition maybe it will not fail.

All kinds of people opposed the Apostles but the Word of God continually prospered in their hands

“You see, every child of God overcomes the world, for our faith is the victorious power that triumphs over the world.” **1 John 5:4 (TPT)**

You were born, called and deployed by the Victorious God.

Remain strong and focused in your God-given purposeful assignment

No Shaking

You may be a minority

You may be alone and lonely

God that has commissioned you will surely show up and back you up.

“But if this movement is of God, you won’t be able to stop it. And you might discover that you were fighting God all along!” **Acts 5:39(TPT)**

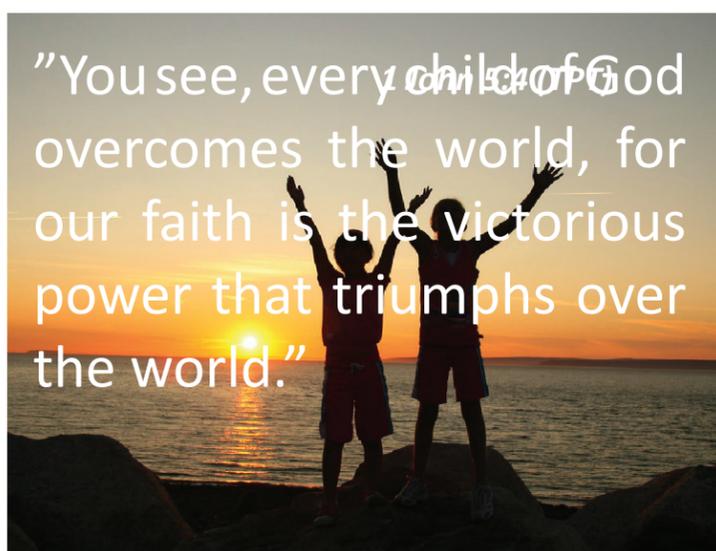
Do they want to fight God’s assignment in your life?

Let them ask Pharaoh.

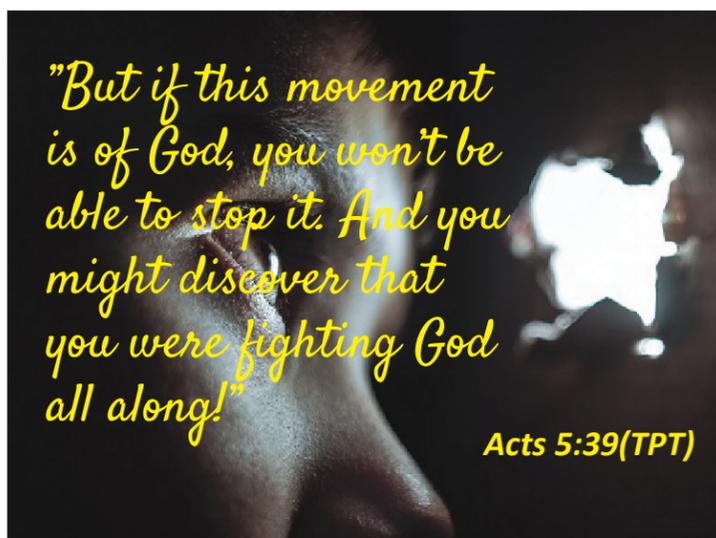
Let them ask Nebuchadnezzar.

Check out what became of Herod.

They cannot fight God in you and succeed.



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DOING THINGS IN SECRET

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“No one can see what you’re doing here in the backwoods of Galilee. How do you expect to be successful and famous if you do all these things in secret? Now is your time—go to Jerusalem, come out of hiding, and show the world who you are!” **John 7:4 TPT**

There is a right time and right place for your purposeful life. **(Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)**

Some people wanted to push Jesus into the limelight based on their own calculations

However, Jesus knew when and what about his time **(John 12:23)**
Do you?

Don’t follow another person’s timetable for your own life
Find out from God and not friends your own timing

“For God is at work within you, helping you want to obey him, and then helping you do what he wants”

Philippians 2:13 (TLB)

“It is through him that we live and function and have our identity; just as your own poets have said, ‘Our lineage comes from him.’”

Acts 17:28 (TPT)

Don’t allow popular opinion to run your life.

God who has commissioned you will provide all the resources you need including the time.

“The steps of the God-pursuing ones follow firmly in the footsteps of the Lord, and God delights in every step they take to follow him.”

Psalms 37:23 (TPT)

Follow God at all times not the “CNN opinion poll” being given to you.

FAITH FARM

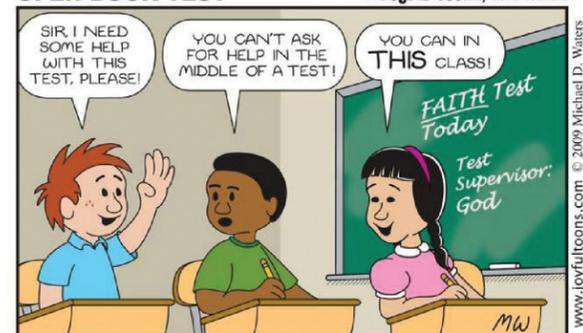
A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



He replied, “Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.” — MATTHEW 17:20 NIV

OPEN BOOK TEST

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If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. — JAMES 1:5 NIV

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TREACHERY WILL DESTROY YOUR DREAMS

“Integrity will lead you to success”

“Integrity will lead you to success and happiness, but treachery will destroy your dreams.”

Proverbs 11:3 TPT

Jesus is the perfect example of a man of integrity.

Satan came to Him at His weakest to try to break His integrity and corrupt Him.

He did not compromise

He spoke the word of God at every point of temptation

He never sinned (*Hebrews 4:15*)

We are saved and called to be like Him.

Our lives should line up with our belief in God

We should walk the talk. (*Proverbs 3:5-6*).

“To the faithful you show yourself faithful; to those with integrity you show integrity.”

2 Samuel 22:26 NLT

King David declared :

“I know, my God, that you examine our hearts and rejoice when you find integrity there. You know I have done all this with good motives, and I have watched your people offer their gifts willingly and joyously.”

1 Chronicles 29:17 NLT

What is being said about you ?.

Integrity will enable you fulfill your dreams

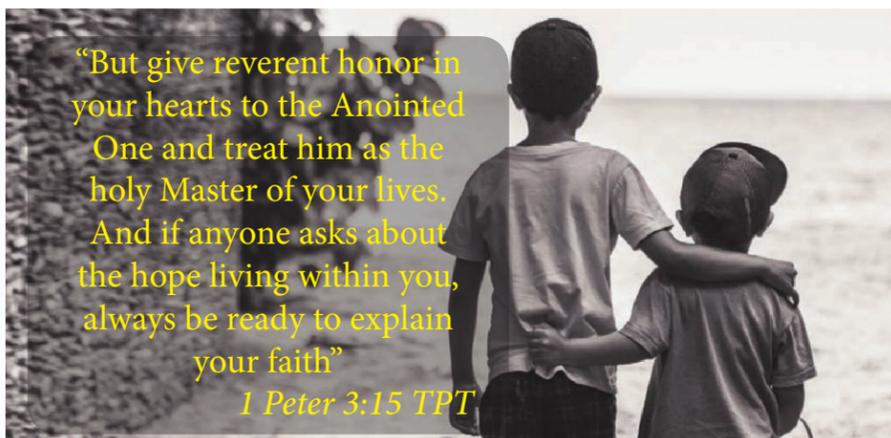
Treachery in any form or shape will destroy your dreams

Don't pull down others so that you only can shine.

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Proverbs 11:3 MSG

The desire you followed



“But give reverent honor in your hearts to the Anointed One and treat him as the holy Master of your lives. And if anyone asks about the hope living within you, always be ready to explain your faith”

1 Peter 3:15 TPT

The desires you followed when you didn't know better. “As God's obedient children, never again shape your lives by the desires that you followed when you didn't know better. Instead, shape your lives to become like the Holy One who called you. For Scripture says: “You are to be holy, because I am holy.”

1 Peter 1:14-16 TPT

What type of desires are you manifesting as a child of God? Some are exhibiting things that clearly by the fruits that are not of God.

Burning strange incense on the altar of God.

They carry over the things of the world into the kingdom of God Jesus our Lord and Savior is the truth

“He never sinned and he never spoke deceitfully.”

1 Peter 2:22 TPT

How come the lies and deceitfulness in the Church? When the tendency is to manipulate and put others down? When it is all about you alone shining?

If any man be in Christ he is a new creation

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Don't let the old man in the flesh rule

Completely nail it to the Cross

Get rid of the various worldly desires

Don't let the spirit of mammon drive your program in the Church of God.

Do God's assignment the way God has directed.

Some of the confusion arising in the body of Christ is due to the fact that “men and women” of God are carrying out there race, old school, and business groups agenda. It's not about being a representative of God first and foremost.

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Are you honoring God with what you are doing?

Check your inner heart again, where is that desire coming from?



THE WRATH OF MAN

"for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God." *James 1:20 (NKJV)*

My Senior friend recently tweeted "*American #Christians, like their forefathers who used the Bible, wrongly, to justify slavery, are finding themselves once again on the wrong side of history regarding important social issues: proliferation of gun violence, denial of #healthcare for all and support for #Trump*" Emmanuel Fashakin@mdfash (2/17/19)

Christian leaders have often used the Bible globally at the expense of the Kingdom of God.

Politicians on each side of the divide not only quote from the Bible to justify their political ideology but unfortunately have some "men of God" endorsing their actions with "approval" from God.

In most regions of the world where the Church leaders with Bibles had descended into the murky waters of politics has largely been due to their personal economic gains, popularity, and fame with men.

Samuel in the Bible heard from God directly and told the nation what to do and never personally enriched himself through that responsibility of watching over that nation.

Yes, they do access "corridors of power" but at the end the day they and their personal families are enriched with visible wealth not for their denominations but for the personal family dynasties.

The kingdom of God can only be expanded through Gods righteousness and holiness.

When Church leaders fight each other using politics as excuse evangelism and discipleship are suppressed for political gains which weakens the body of Christ.

Can you as a leader ask that politician what the true and verifiable blessings he had been to the constituency?

Sometimes ungrounded Christians move from one church to the other because they are let down that the candidate that their Pastor said was God's will didn't win the election

Did God fail or the Pastor missed it ..?

Rather than being humble and withdraw from partisan politics they blame the devil and start all over again to see the devil working through the opposition candidates They rarely look at the personal lifestyle of their candidates and hold them accountable to the word of God. Rather they excuse the politicians as being in a dirty field hence their hands can be soiled It's rare today to find Christians who can truly without blemish occupy their God-assigned platforms in the market place.

Already the romance of the political pastors and politics already seared their conscience.

The church needs to raise and disciple leaders who will not compromise in the arena of politics involving money power and sex.

Politics has so much consumed the church that leaders are telling followers not to depend on the Holy Spirit to vote but to use their common sense. Hopefully, they will remember to come back and tell them that the Owner of the Church expect each child of God to totally depend on Him in all situations and at all times.

The early apostles were initially disappointed that Jesus did not get into world politics and give them power and prominence.

The way of the Cross is through a daily victorious living of the crucified life.

This is what establishes and build the kingdom of God and not necessarily through the ballot box.

Compromised Christian life makes the church go round in circles like the children of Israel wandered in the wilderness.

"Post this at all the intersections, dear friends: Lead with your ears, follow up with your tongue, and let anger straggle along in the rear. God's righteousness doesn't grow from human anger. So throw all spoiled virtue and cancerous evil in the garbage. In simple humility, let our gardener, God, landscape you with the Word, making a salvation-garden of your life."

James 1:20-21 (MSG)



WHEN YOU ARE CRITICIZED

“When he was verbally abused, he did not return with an insult; when he suffered, he would not threaten retaliation. Jesus faithfully entrusted himself into the hands of God, who judges righteously.”

1 Peter 2:23 TPT

When we’re speaking about constructive criticism learn from it and to become wiser.

When we are speaking about unjustified criticism, remember that our Lord Jesus Christ was criticized too, so you are not alone.

When you are tempted to be overwhelmed by resentments and ready to respond back, please read these verses:

“For what merit is it to endure mistreatment for wrongdoing? Yet if you are mistreated when you do what is right, and you faithfully endure it, this is commendable before God. In fact, you were called to live this way, because Christ also suffered in your place, leaving you his example for you to follow.”

1 Peter 2:20-21 TPT

Accept criticism, in good faith.

Doing so, you will be demonstrating one of the qualities of the greatest man to have ever lived.

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

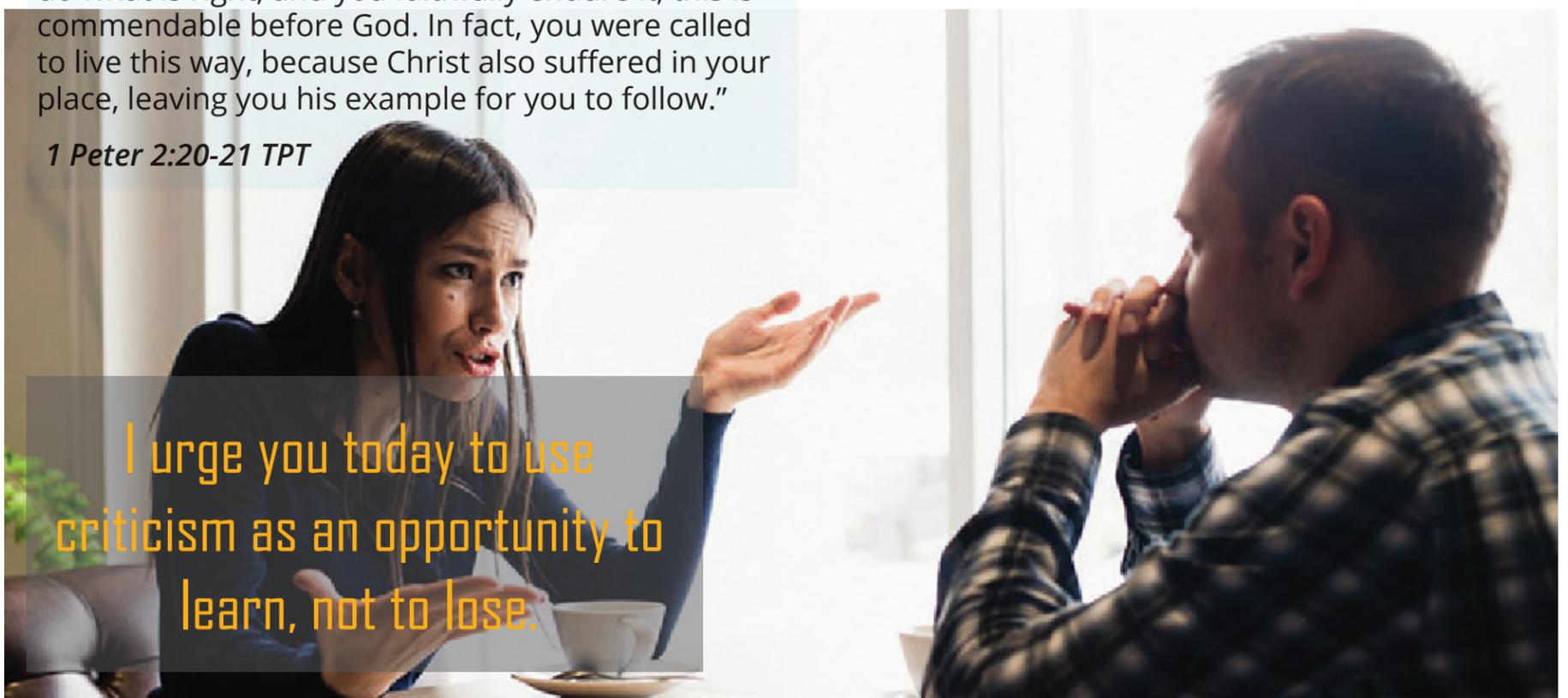
There are going to be moments when you will be criticized.

How do you react?

Did you know that it is better for you to forgive, than to internalize bitterness and pain?

Forgiveness will release you from bitterness.

I urge you today to use criticism as an opportunity to learn, not to lose.



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It's impossible to have a Christian life without a prayer life. This man started to pray... but it was already too late for him. He believed too late.

TOO LATE

“But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivest thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.” *(Luke 16:25) KJV*

Do you know that sometimes we only value a thing after we have lost it.

Sometimes people use their health to get wealth when it is in good condition and then they neglect the health

Later they use the wealth to try and repair the health but it's often too late.

In *Luke 16:19-31*, we see a man who tried to do certain things, but for him it was already too late.

What did he do too late?

He prayed too late.

Don't forget that prayer is vital in our Christian life.

It's impossible to have a Christian life without a prayer life.

This man started to pray... but it was already too late for him.

He believed too late.

His faith was a historical faith (` Father Abraham `).

“God has many children, but not even a single grandchild”

He is only a father, not a grandfather.

God wants a personal relationship with every single one of us.

True faith is a faith built on the Solid Rock of Jesus Christ.

He repented too late.

True repentance is a radical turning from sin living a life for God.

You're leaving behind your old way of life, and you're turning to God's way of life.

These things are vital for us in order to go to heaven.

Don't try and do them when it will be too late for you.

Start doing them today, now.

“For He says, In the time of favor (of an assured welcome) I have listened to and heeded your call, and I have helped you on the day of deliverance (the day of salvation). Behold, now is truly the time for a gracious welcome and acceptance [of you from God]; behold, now is the day of salvation! [Isa. 49:8.]”

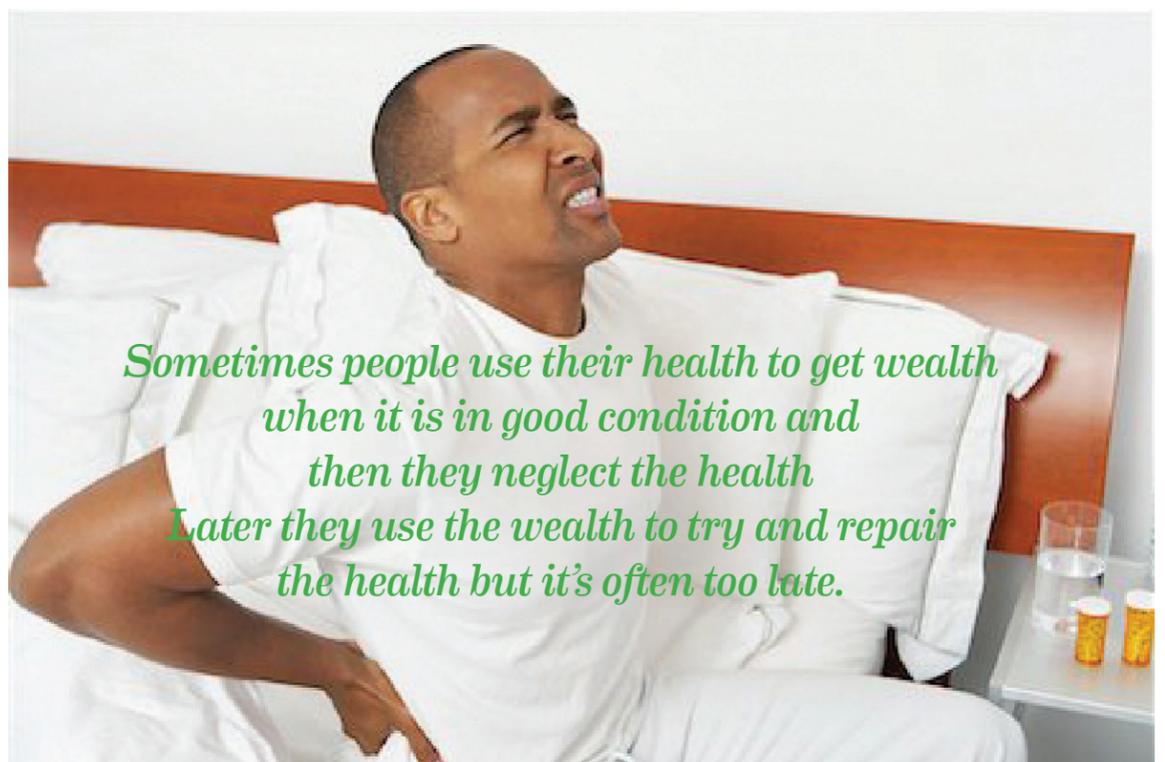
2 Corinthians 6:2 AMPC

Completely yield over that situation to God Today.

Don't let it be too late like that rich man in the text above **(Luke 16:19-25)**

Don't wait till the torments start.

Seek God NOW.



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Remember Lot's wife



"In that day, he which shall be upon the housetop, and his stuff in the house, let him not come down to take it away: and he that is in the field, let him likewise not return back. Remember Lot's wife. Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it." *(Luke 17:31-33) KJV*

In the context of His second coming, Jesus gives us as an example, Lot's wife.

Why did Jesus speak about her?

She perished, even though she was the wife of a godly man.

Lot wasn't a perfect man and not what he was supposed to be, but some of the last words of the Bible tells us that Lot was a righteous man *(see 2 Peter 2:8)*.

She perished, even though she was warned of the danger.

A celestial special messenger came to them and warned them to escape.

Jesus Christ Himself came and said the same thing to us:

"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will [a]ease and relieve and [b]refresh [c]your souls.]" *Matthew 11:28 (AMPC)*

She perished, even though she made an effort to save herself.

She heard the warning and left the city.

She ran for a while... but then she stopped and looked back, because she didn't believe the word of God.

She perished, even though she was on the way of salvation.

It seems that not all get to the finish line.

She perished, even though she committed only one sin.

She looked back.

That sin was the greatest one: the sin of unbelief.

The sinners will perish not because their great number of sins, but because of their sin nature

"When someone becomes a Christian, he becomes a brand new person inside. He is not the same anymore. A new life has begun!" *2 Corinthians 5:17 (TLB)*

Jesus Christ says He is the only way. *(John 14:6)*

Are you really saved?

Come to Him!

Remember Lot's wife!

Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it.



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'How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.'

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