

Introduction:

- Steve Harvey introduction of Jesus

We all have this same resume living on our inside, but what is different is our history in God!

- You can't have mine and I can't have yours. Like working out, you can't have another person's fitness.

It's as easy as it's going to get right now. There are seasons coming that will shake, expose, and rattle what we have.

Our relationship and what we have cultivated on the inside is what will be shown.

- I'm not talking about you having a bad day. I'm talking about after the tears, after the emotions, after the fear, after the conversations with friends, after all of that, what are you standing on?
- What we bring to the table isn't going to keep us.

Holy Spirit is what will keep us through days of trouble and will give us stability—it's not in how devoted you are.

- John 13:35 (NKJV) *"By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."*
- Matthew 24 & 25 - Olivet discourse happened Monday-Tuesday
- John, chapters 13 - 16, is happening through His last words to the disciples before He goes.

Devotion isn't going to keep you. Looking like a Christian isn't going to keep you.

- John 13:37 (NKJV) *"Peter said to Him, "Lord, why can I not follow You now? I will lay down my life for Your sake."*
- Matthew 26:33 (NKJV) *"Peter answered and said to Him, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble."*
- Its not the size of the dog that barks but it's the size of the bark in the dog.
- Luke 22:31-32 (NKJV) *"And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren."*
 - Sift means to 'pick apart'.
 - I have prayed means 'bound myself', you is plural.
 - Conversation back to Peter: Simon that your faith may not fail, and when you have returned to Me (restored him ahead of time) strengthen your brethren.

HE prays for you!

- I am more and more convinced that it's not about 'Oh, I made it!'—as if my merits and what I did brought me through. What if our perspective changed to this—He prayed for me and is praying for me.
- He is living to make intercession - Hebrews 7:25 (NKJV) *"Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them."*
- Keep you from stumbling - Jude 1:24 (NKJV) *"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, "*

Proximity, Prayer and Holy Spirit

- This is what will hold you, keep you, guard you, and help you.
- Troubling days will expose our grocery list. We need to learn to pray, converse with Holy Spirit.
- Jesus spoke with his mouth, He didn't think it, He communed with Holy Spirit.
- Corey Russell says, *"You can yell at the devil all day but unless you are being conformed to the image of Jesus, Your shout has no clout"*
- The disciples saw Jesus' life and they asked him—teach us how to pray.
- They realized proximity, presence and conversation is what kept Jesus.
- The power of short prayers
- Holy Spirit will never leave me, He dwells with us and in us. - *"the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."* John 14:17 (NKJV)
- He made his home in us. - Jesus answered and said to him, *"If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him."* John 14:23 (NKJV)
- He is the Helper - *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said too."* John 14:26 (NKJV)
- He is the Teacher - John 14:26 (NKJV)
- He reveals Jesus - *"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me."* John 15:26 (NKJV)
- He is the advantage - *"Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you."* John 16:7 (NKJV)
- He declares secrets to us - *"He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and*

declare *it to you*." John 16:14 (NKJV)

- He has already overcome the world - "These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." John 16:33 (NKJV)

Conclusion:

- Some of us need to take an account, ask ourselves:
 - Do I make room for you?
 - What more can I drop to be at your feet?
 - How can I listen more than I speak?
 - If you are really the fullness of God in me—show me?"
- Declare to me the secrets, declare to me who Jesus is and what he is doing. Tell me about the Father, tell me about You – You were in the beginning, You were uncreated.
- Holy Spirit is alive and active on our inside. He is our advantage. We need to put down the ten-step help book and talk to Holy Spirit
- Jesus was so committed to seeing us through that He put the fullness of God inside of us, and He is praying for us.