

SCCC – MIRACULOUS INVESTMENT

S - Scriptures

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.” Mark 10: 30-31

C – Consideration

The disciples were perplexed as Jesus had challenged a rich man to sell his possessions, offering them to the poor and follow Him. Soon after, the man went away sad, and the Lord spoke “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” The disciples were even more amazed, and spoke to each other, “Who then can be saved?” To answer their question, Jesus said: “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.” Then, Peter replied: “We have left everything to follow you!” And the Lord made the statement in the Scriptures that I chose.

C – Commitment

I can imagine what was in Peter’s heart when he told Jesus about their decision of leaving behind everything, and to follow Him. It is important to know that the man who didn’t do what he was told was very wealthy, and it seems that Jesus’s disciples were poor Israeli citizens. The rich man would make a spiritual investment if he would give up his earthly possessions, but Peter’s thoughts were about the fact they didn’t have much to sell to get their treasure in heaven. Then, Jesus revealed the astonishing promise of a hundredfold for every item His disciples would give for His sake, and the gospel’s cause, while living on earth. He was very specific in the list, placing first family members, and then possessions, advising in the end about the inevitable persecution for being His disciples. I have seen in my years as a follower of Jesus these promises fulfilled in my life. I have met thousands of disciples who have been mothers, brothers, sisters, and children for me. They love me, pray for me, and serve me. Jesus always provided a hundredfold, and I have never lacked food on my table, a roof over my head, and loved ones by my side. About persecution that He also warned about, I have seen it as well; but even in those moments, He always has provided strength and a way out. The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy “You, however, know what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them.”

C – Call

Lord, thank You for Your amazing promises and how You faithfully fulfill every one of them. There were times that I acted like the rich young man, afraid to give up my personal treasures; however, You didn’t give up on me. Thank you for the trials that I have faced until now, and

for the lessons that I learned through them. Lord, I pray for my spiritual family that they will keep persevering in their journey as Christians. Give them much more love, compassion, faith and hope to serve one another and above all, to serve You. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.