

SEPTEMBER 13

“WHEN YOU HAVE AN UNMISTAKABLE ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS, YOU WILL HAVE A TEACHABLE HEART.”

READ

Proverbs 26:12, Luke 22:31-32

Why do we think we're ready to do great things for God? Peter thought he was, because he had walked with Jesus and seen all that He did, but he did not understand Jesus' mission. Satan knew that Peter had an unteachable spirit. Someone with an unteachable spirit "already knows" all the answers and rejects instruction. There are only God's ways and ungodly ways. There is a resistance in all of us because we have not matured yet. When the pastor says, "Unteachable spirit," you look at somebody else. What are the marks of an unteachable spirit? You have an excuse; it's always somebody else's fault. You're prideful. You know best. You're aggravated with God, angry that He's not operating on your time schedule. You won't take advice, especially advice you don't want to hear, resulting in one bad decision after another. When you let go and let God, things change. Your spirit will change. If they haven't changed, then you haven't let go. When you have an unmistakable encounter with Jesus, and your walk deepens every day, you will have a teachable heart and a contrite spirit, and then you will be ready to do great things for God.

PRAY

Your Word tells us to guard our hearts. It says, "Before a downfall the heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor." Search my heart, God, and remove anything that is not pleasing to Your Spirit.

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