

REVIVAL MINISTRY

Wednesday Minute "Recount Or Recant?", April 1, 2020

"Then he began to call down curses, and he swore to them, 'I don't know the man!'" Matthew 26:74a

Read: Matthew 26:60-75

Recant and recount are words that sound a little alike, but have total opposite meanings. Recant means to take back your statement or testimony. It also can mean disavowing your former commitment. Recount means repeating a set of circumstances or facts of a previous situation.

So, if you recount all the facts of a previous situation and then recant your story, it reveals disparity. How can you elaborate on a set of facts and then go back on your word?

One of the most familiar stories in the Bible tells of Peter recanting. He was told by JESUS he would deny JESUS three times before the rooster crowed. One by one, Peter recanted. A servant girl singled out Peter and he denied knowing JESUS. Later, another servant girl told of Peter being with JESUS and again Peter recanted. Then others with him said he "was surely one of them". Peter again recanted. Then the guilt set in as Peter remembered what JESUS had said about him denying JESUS three time before the rooster crowed.

This story has been recounted by other disciples over and over. Yet, JESUS had forgiven Peter and chose him to lead HIS church. JESUS forgave Peter and HE can forgive you.

Have you denied JESUS as Peter did? Have you stood by former friends and promoted their lifestyle instead of telling them about JESUS and how they can walk away from the evil and be forgiven? Do you allow others to dictate their sin upon you?

Isn't it time to stand up for JESUS? Isn't it time to acknowledge your SAVIOUR to everyone you know and come in contact with? If you meet someone, how long is it before they know you are a Christian? Like the old commercial used to say..."Well, that's too long!"

You will never have to recant when you recount the truth about JESUS.

Today's Prayer:

"Thank YOU, LORD, for allowing me to recount all the Blessings YOU have given to me. Please forgive me for the times I have turned my back on YOU and recanted my faith. I want YOU to use me as YOU want. I will be obedient to YOUR desires for me. Amen."

Feel HIS Blessings!

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