

More than a Conqueror

Today's Scripture:

Isaiah 54:17

"No weapon formed against you shall prosper, every tongue that rise against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the lord, and their righteousness is from me, says the Lord."

Know that as you continue your journey with God and live according to his purpose, you will find yourself becoming attacked at every corner and at every stage of your spiritual maturity.

Those who you thought were friends will want to question the decisions and choices you make in life and will want to persuade you to continue with them. (being of the world)

Think about those people in our lives that continuously put us down, try to discourage us, try to create conflict with us, try to make it harder for us to be successful.

Romans 8:37

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us."

Remember, that no matter what the enemy is throwing your way, you have already proclaimed victory through Christ Jesus who loves.

Lets examine the story of Joshua and how he was commanded by God to travel over the Jordan river with the children of Israel.

Joshua 1:5 says "No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life, as I was with Moses so I will be with you. I will not leave you nor forsake you."

Joshua 1:7 says "Only be strong and very courageous that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses my servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or the left, that you may prosper wherever you go."

He was ordered to demonstrate his obedience to God and the plan that he set out for Joshua according to his law promising victory wherever he went as long as he obeyed God's command.

He repeated several times for Joshua to remain strong and courageous instructing him to do only as he commanded according to the law that Moses had been given guaranteeing victory for his obedience.

God also emphasized to Joshua not to turn to the right or the left but remain in the center of road and not deviate from God's plan.

If God has told us that our battle is already won, why is it so hard for us to remain obedient? Why is it hard for us as Christians to remain strong and courageous?

We need to understand and realize who is the source of our strength and courage. We need to be able to fully trust God in every area of our lives including our battles.

We need to understand that as law abiding Christians (meaning God's law, not man's law) we need to trust and have faith in God's ability to defeat those who want to see us defeated, who want to see us fail, who want to see us deviate to the either the right or the left of the road.

We need to prepare ourselves for battle by putting the "whole armor of God" (Ephesians 6:11). We need to understand that putting on the whole armor of God means coming to God with a open and humble heart ready to receive his message by doing the following: attending church regularly, attending bible study, attending Sunday School, continuously reading the word of God, continuously praying and asking for guidance and protection in your life.

These things arm you with God's everlasting protection. It doesn't matter if your up against 1 or 100 people who seek to destroy you because God has already promised you that the battle is already won and all he asks is that you trust him and live according to his purpose.

Refrain from the temptations of the world, refrain from deviating to the left or right of the road for we know we have to live in this world but we do not have to be of this world.

Understand who the source of your strength is, understand who the source of your courage is, understand that with God all things are possible and nothing is impossible.

Know that those who are formed against you will not prosper and will our enemies will fall to our feet wherever we go all the days of our lives as long as we continue to abide by God's law.

Know that by having faith and trusting in him that he is and always will be above all things and that anyone whose intentions are to do you harm will not go unpunished.

If you are in a situation right now where you feel defeated or continuously attacked by either side, continue to ask God for his protection, his guidance, but most importantly remember that you are equipped with his armor but it is up to you where you are going to be fully protected.

Psalms 20:5 says.....

"We will rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions?"

Whatever you are facing at this very moment and as challenging as it might seem, you should already start declaring victory over your situation.

You have been given the strength and courage by God to overcome any challenge, any obstacle, any trying situation all the days of your lives.

Learn to walk diligently in the spirit, pray without ceasing, fast, and ask God to continue to allow God to guide your paths throughout your journey. Continue to praise him through the good and the bad, not losing sight or hope of what God is trying to do in your life. Know that something good comes out of every bad situation and that is according to His purpose. You are more than a conqueror through Him who loved us.