

## **Destined for a Life of Victory**

### Romans 8:26-30

<sup>26</sup> In the same way the Spirit [comes to us and] helps us in our weakness. We do not know what prayer to offer or how to offer it as we should, but the Spirit Himself [knows our need and at the right time] intercedes on our behalf with sighs and groanings too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because the Spirit intercedes [before God] on behalf of God's people in accordance with God's will. <sup>28</sup> And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan and purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom He foreknew [and loved and chose beforehand], He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son [and ultimately share in His complete sanctification], so that He would be the firstborn [the most beloved and honoured] among many believers. <sup>30</sup> And those whom He predestined, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified [declared free of the guilt of sin]; and those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity].

God's Holy Spirit comes to us and helps us in our weakness;

God's Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf in accordance with God's will;

God causes and orchestrates all things to work together for our good;

God calls us according to His plan and His purpose

He knows us beforehand and predestines us to be conformed to the image of Jesus;

He calls us, justifies us, and glorifies us.

### Romans 8:31-32

<sup>31</sup> What then shall we say to all these things? If God is for us, who can be [successful] against us?

<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare [even] His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

### 2 Peter 1:3-4 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>3</sup> For His divine power has bestowed on us [absolutely] everything necessary for [a dynamic spiritual] life and godliness, through true and personal knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup> For by these He has bestowed on us His precious and magnificent promises [of inexpressible value], so that by them you may escape from the immoral freedom that is in the world because of disreputable desire, and become sharers of the divine nature.

### Romans 8:33-37

<sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect (His chosen ones)? It is God who justifies us [declaring us blameless and putting us in a right relationship with Himself]. <sup>34</sup> Who is the one who condemns us? Christ Jesus is the One who died [to pay our penalty], and more than that, who was raised [from the dead], and who is at the right hand of God interceding [with the Father] for us.

<sup>35</sup> Who shall ever separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

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<sup>36</sup> Just as it is written and forever remains written, “For Your sake we are put to death all day long; We are regarded as sheep for the slaughter.” <sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things **we are more than conquerors and gain an overwhelming victory** through Him who loved us [so much that He died for us].

FROM JESUS LEAVING HEAVEN TO COME DOWN TO EARTH FOR YOU;

TO JESUS BEING BORN INTO THIS WORLD IN ORDER TO BE THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD;

TO JESUS LAYING DOWN HIS LIFE ON THE CROSS FOR YOU;

TO THE HOLY SPIRIT RAISING JESUS FROM THE DEAD;

TO JESUS SENDING YOU THE SAME HOLY SPIRIT TO BE YOUR COMFORTER AND LIVE INSIDE OF YOU  
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IN ALL OF THIS, GOD HAS SET YOU UP AND DESTINED YOU FOR A LIFE OF CONQUERING;  
OVERCOMING & OVERWHELMING VICTORY!!!

### **1: JESUS SET THE VICTORY TONE WHEN HE DEFEATED DEATH AND HELL.**

Revelation 1:18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>18</sup> ... I died, but see, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of [absolute control and victory over] death and of Hades (the realm of the dead).

Matthew 16:18 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>18</sup> And I say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades (death) will not overpower it [by preventing the resurrection of the Christ].

### **2: BEING VICTORIOUS & BEING AN OVERCOMER MEANS, BY DEFAULT, YOU HAVE AN ENEMY, AN ADVERSARY.**

1 Peter 5:8 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>8</sup> Be sober [well balanced and self-disciplined], be alert and cautious at all times. **That enemy of yours**, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion [fiercely hungry], seeking someone to devour.

Psalms 46:1

God is our refuge and strength [mighty and impenetrable], A very present and well-proved help in trouble.

Ephesians 6:12 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.

2 Chronicles 20:15-30 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>15</sup> He said, "Listen carefully, all [you people of] Judah, and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and King Jehoshaphat. The Lord says this to you: 'Be not afraid or dismayed at this great multitude, **for the battle is not yours, but God's.** <sup>16</sup> **Go down against them tomorrow.** Behold, they will come up by the ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the river valley, in front of the Wilderness of Jeruel. <sup>17</sup> **You need not fight in this battle; take your positions, stand and witness the salvation of the Lord** who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. **Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them,** for the Lord is with you.'"

**WE WILL HAVE TO:**

TAKE OUR POSITIONS - WATCH AND PRAY

STAND - STAND ON HIS PROMISES

WITNESS THE SALVATION OF THE LORD - TESTIFY OF HIS GOODNESS

GO OUT AGAINST THEM AT THE SET TIME ACCORDING TO GOD'S INSTRUCTION – OBEDIENCE

**WE WILL HAVE TO NOT:**

BE AFRAID; or

BE DISMAYED.

**3: WE ARE MEANT TO TESTIFY OF GOD'S GOODNESS**

Revelation 12:11 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>11</sup> And they overcame and conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, for they did not love their life and renounce their faith even when faced with death.

John 13:35 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love and unselfish concern for one another."

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 The Message (MSG)

You yourselves are all the endorsement we need. Your very lives are a letter that anyone can read by just looking at you. Christ himself wrote it—not with ink, but with God's living Spirit; not chiseled into stone, but carved into human lives—and we publish it.

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>2</sup> You are our letter [of recommendation], written in our hearts, recognized and read by everyone.

<sup>3</sup> You show that you are a letter from Christ, delivered by us, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

#### **4: THE FIGHT IS FIXED**

##### 1 Timothy 6:12 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith [in the conflict with evil]; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and [for which] you made the good confession [of faith] in the presence of many witnesses.

##### 1 John 5:4-5 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>4</sup> **For everyone born of God is victorious and overcomes the world;** and this is the victory that has conquered and overcome the world—our [continuing, persistent] faith [in Jesus the Son of God].

<sup>5</sup> Who is the one who is victorious and overcomes the world? It is the one who believes and recognizes the fact that Jesus is the Son of God.

##### Romans 8:11 Amplified Bible (AMP)

<sup>11</sup> And if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit, who lives in you.

#### **REVIEW:**

- ✓ WE ARE DESTINED FOR A LIFE OF VICTORY IN CHRIST.
- ✓ JESUS SET THE VICTORY TONE WHEN HE DEFEATED DEATH AND HELL.
- ✓ BEING VICTORIOUS & BEING AN OVERCOMER MEANS, BY DEFAULT, YOU HAVE AN ENEMY, AN ADVERSARY - OUR ENEMY IS A DEFEATED FOE.
- ✓ WE ARE MEANT TO TESTIFY OF GOD'S GOODNESS – IN SPEECH AND IN DEED.
- ✓ THE FIGHT IS FIXED, WE ARE ON THE WINNING SIDE.