KEYS TO VICTORIOUS LIVING

LAST WEEK'S MESSAGE

God's desire is for us to LIVE VICTORIOUSLY. The apostle Paul likened the Christian life to a race. We are to run the race of life in such a way that we may win by exercising self-control and discipline in all things (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). In Joshua Chapter 1, we learn three life principles for victorious living.

GOD'S PURPOSE (Joshua 1:1-4)

After Moses died, God raised Joshua to lead the Israelites to the conquest of the Promise Land. God gives a fantastic promise to go along with this instruction – God promised His presence will be with Joshua (v.5). He commanded Joshua to be "strong and courageous" (v.6) and reinforced his purpose: to bring the Israelites into the Promise Land.

God's purpose for us is good, and it is important for us to know what God's purpose is for our lives. He gives us specific missions to accomplish (ex. Matthew 28:18-20, making disciples, evangelism), and our purpose in life is to use whatever platform God gave us to bless others as God has blessed us.

GOD'S PROMISES (Joshua 1:5-6)

In Joshua 1:5, God's promise to always be with Joshua is a promise that He had also given to Abraham and Moses. It is also the same promise that Jesus gave His disciples in the New Testament when He commissioned them to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20, Hebrews 13:5-6). To overcome fear, we need to know and believe His promise to be with us. His presence drives out fear, and it is through prayer that we are ushered into His presence. The account of the 12 spies in

Numbers 13-14 illustrates the power of believing and appropriating God's promises. Because Joshua and Caleb believed in God's promise to help them overcome their enemies, God rewarded them, and they were able to enter the Promised Land. On the other hand, the other spies were not able to enter because of their disobedience and unbelief.

God is trustworthy; His word never fails. What promise from God do you need to claim today?

GOD'S PRECEPTS (Joshua 1:7-9)

In Joshua 1:8-9, God instructed Joshua to meditate on the Law so he can do everything written in it, and the promised effect is prosperity and success. To meditate means to focus on the word, ponder about the things written in it. People who are worriers meditate on worries, fears, and the mysteries in their lives. Do you study and obey God's Word? 2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that Scripture is profitable, as it is our essential manual for life. The BIBLE is "Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth" — it is very essential! We are more complicated than tools and gadgets, therefore we need to follow the design of the Creator, and we can only do that if we have the instructions of God and obey them.

Exodus 17:8-11 shows us one thing that Joshua saw in his experience with Moses: victory is only possible when we entrust the battle to God through prayer and do our part in doing our best to fight the battle. May our hearts be aligned to God's purpose, promise, and precepts so that we can taste His goodness and see His power to accomplish His purpose for us!

LAST WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

JOSHUA 1.8

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What is God's purpose for your life? Are you aligned to it? If not, how do you align?

What promises of God are you claiming?

Are there any commandments/precepts of God that you need to follow?



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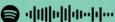
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Everyone has sinned and is far away from God's saving presence. - Romans 3:23

God is merciful.

In His love, He made the only way for us to be reconciled to Him: through His son, Jesus Christ. Jesus had to die on the cross for our sins and be raised to life for eternity.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. – Romans 5:8

I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. - John 14:6

God is gracious.

By placing our faith in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins and saved from eternal death.

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. - John 3:16

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9

God keeps His promises.

You can be sure that you have eternal life when you trust in Jesus.

And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. 1 John 5:11-13