



~ Winning the Battle ~

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.” – Revelation 12:11

All of us deal with various character flaws and tendencies that are easy pickings for the enemy. He knows our weaknesses better than we do and he can target that area quicker than a sniper targeting a victim. The spiritual warfare and temptations we face are very real.

However, we are told we are not helpless in these situations. We have hope and an assurance that we can stand. “Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.” – James 1:12 In fact, we MUST learn how to stand. It’s by facing those temptations in victory that change our character and define a Christ-like similitude within us. Each time we experience victory over the enemy, it builds our love and faith in God that will cause us to remain faithful to Him even unto death. We learn to trust His covenant to us.

So how do we fight? How do stand strong thru the daily spiritual battles that wage over us?

Thru the blood of the Lamb – “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” – John 1:29 Jesus is the Lamb of God that was slain for you and I. It is thru His blood that we are saved and redeemed. “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.” – Colossians 1:13-14

When we are facing temptation or a spiritual battle, we need Jesus! As our Saviour and deliverer, we must come to Him asking for help and plead His blood on our behalf. The enemy cannot stand against our risen Saviour whose blood destroyed his power. “And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” – Acts 2:21

Word of testimony by faith – “But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach).” – Romans 10:8 We have been given the very words of God thru the pages of the bible. These words are living and active. (Heb. 4:12) They are the source of life to the soul and the standard God has risen against the enemy’s lies and accusations. We must stand on God’s word in faith, believing that what He has promised, He is able to do in our life. We must submit our own thoughts and feelings for what the word of God says and claim those promises in faith. It is faith in God’s word that gives us the victory

over each battle we face. *“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.”* – 1 John 5:4

Obedient even till death - *“But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.’”* – Jeremiah 7:23 Peace can be ours if we are willing to surrender our own ideas and will into the hands of Christ. This is the biggest struggle you and I face. Once we have pleaded the blood of Christ and stood on His word by faith, the next step is to DO what He shows us to do. Many times the path He is calling us on is very different than the one we have been on. But if we would have complete and total victory, this step is required. God wants to lead us into all truth and reveal His power in our lives. However, we must walk in obedience to His voice as He leads in order to truly receive the victory over the enemy in our lives. The change in our character and over temptation happens each time we face our character flaws in Jesus and submit to His leading thru them over our own reactions.

Even today, God’s people make the decision to follow Him at the peril of their own life. Are we that faithful? Are we ready to stand for Jesus in obedience even if we must die or lose our material possessions? One day, many of us will face that moment. Each time we experience the power of Jesus in our spiritual battles today, our faith grows and our character changes so that we are better prepared for each battle that is yet ahead of us. Trust God today in the moments of temptation you face. Plead His blood over your life, stand on His word in faith, and act on it thru obedience to His word. He is able to save to the uttermost those who come to Him through Jesus. (Heb. 7:25) Why not start experiencing His victory today?

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