

# What Does It Take to Live Victoriously Through the Storms of Life?

Do you want to go through life living in victory? I hear a resounding yes! I'd like to take a moment to touch on some Christian fundamentals as a sweet reminder.

We need to remember that the devil is the enemy of everyone. He comes to "steal, kill and destroy." However, Jesus came that we have life abundant and in overflow (John 10:10). As we look at the situations and storms in our life, we need God's wisdom to see Him as well as what the devil is up to. Let's go deeper.

How does the devil steal? It's not how some of us think about it—such as taking personal belongings. The way he steals is by taking the Word. Here are a few nuggets from the Bible to meditate on:

- Matthew, Mark, Luke and John are the four Gospels where we learn of Jesus and His life, love, grace and mercy. Our first step with God is making Jesus our Lord and Savior. Once that step is made, we are heaven bound!
- Throughout the Scriptures, God gives countless promises for His children. The devil does not want Christians to recognize those promises. He really does not want us to know that God does not lie and to all His promises "Yes and Amen"! (2 Cor. 1:20).
- That Christians walk in victory, and we are more than conquerors in all things through Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:37).
- Nothing separates Christians from the love of God (Rom. 8:35-39).
- When the devil is at work for evil, God is going to work

it for the good of His children and His glory (Gen. 50:20; Rom. 8:28).

- Husbands, do you want your prayers heard and answered? Love and care for your wife with the love of Jesus (1 Pet. 3:7). There is a powerful force in a home that operates with God's love and presence. Love never fails (1 Cor. 13:8).
- Joshua 1 opens with telling us how to live a successful life.
- The Holy Spirit is God in us, and the Holy Spirit's roles are through the pages of Scripture.
- The Bible gives you a uniform to wear in the battle. It is found in Ephesians 6. All pieces are defensive, except one. The Word is your offensive weapon. If we want to beat the devil up each day, it takes the Word to get the job done!
- Psalms includes Scriptures to praise.
- Proverbs includes Scriptures on wisdom.
- Revelation starts and ends with words of blessings, and this lovely book of Scripture gives us a glimpse of heaven (Rev. 21).

These are just a few rich nuggets of Scripture. See, if the devil can keep any of us distracted and away from the Word of God, it would be easy for him to kill and destroy, too. Believe me, he doesn't want you going to heaven and being victorious while you are on earth.

Here's a bit more on our foundational basics:

- Our church and Bible class routine strengthens our study of the Word. It also is where we have those divine connections to help our brothers and sisters go through this moment of life. We can safely admit we need comfort and encouragement each day.
- Our lives need to have the constant communication with God through prayer. Look at what prayer did for Peter in Acts 12:5-17. It brought an angel down and released him

from prison.

- And praise. Did you ever consider that praise is an act of faith and a weapon? There are stories where praise led the way to victories and sharing God's saving grace (2 Chron. 20:15-24; Acts 16:25-34).

Prayerfully, I have shared a few reminders. It's going to be super helpful to you to grab my *Heaven Bound* and *Walking the Talk* books as both of them get into Christians going through the storms of life and walking in the victory that Jesus has for us.

There are plenty of Scriptures referenced in these books for your personal study time. I really want you to know in your heart, our victories have already been won through Jesus Christ! {eoa}

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