

## **Moving From Victory To Victory!**

Psalm 30:5 (ESV) - For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

In between the mountaintops of victory, there are valleys of the shadow of death we walk through!

At every new level, there's a new resistance!

### **I. True Victory always involves True Faith!**

Romans 10:17 (ESV) - So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

Heb. 11:1-3 (ESV)

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 For by it the people of old received their commendation.

3 By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

Hebrews 11:6 (ESV) - And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

1 Timothy 6:12 (ESV) - Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

2 Timothy 4:7 (ESV) - I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

### **II. True Faith always involves True Humility!**

John 5:44 (ESV) - How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

### **III. True Humility always involves True Trust!**

When we obey God, He will always place us in circumstances that have challenges which are beyond our natural abilities!

Abraham focused on the CHARACTER of God, not the CIRCUMSTANCE of the moment!

2 Pet. 3:9 (ESV) – The Lord is not slow (*late* with reference to an appointed time) to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.

God is too WISE to be mistaken!

And too TRUE to lie!

We usually don't see what God has going on in our favor on the OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN!

Isaiah 64:4 (ESV) - From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him.

1 Cor. 2:9 (ESV) - But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him".

#### **IV. True Trust always involves True Endurance!**

Romans 15:3-5

3 For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me."

4 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

5 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus,

6 that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ

Hebrews 10:36 (ESV) - For you have need of ENDURANCE, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

Hebrews 12:1 (ESV) - Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with ENDURANCE the race that is set before us,

Revelation 3:10 (ESV) - Because you have kept my word about patient ENDURANCE, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth.

Galatians 6:9 (ESV) - And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

## **V. True Endurance always involves True Worship and Praise!**

2 Chronicles 20:18-19 (ESV)

18 Then Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell down before the Lord, worshipping the Lord.

19 And the Levites, of the Kohathites and the Korahites, stood up to praise the Lord, the God of Israel, with a very loud voice.

Worship = Extravagant respect or admiration for or devotion to.

There's a difference in being "IN worship" vs. "WITH worship"!

Jn. 17:20-21 (ESV)

20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe IN ME through their word,

21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are IN ME, and I IN YOU, that they also may be IN US, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

-Satan uses battles to try to steal our faith, but God allows battles to strengthen our faith!

-Satan uses battles to try to steal the Word from our hearts, but God allows battles to solidify the Word in our hearts!

-Satan uses battles to try to steal, kill and destroy our potential, but God allows battles to help us find, instill, reveal and deploy our potential!

-Satan uses battles to try to rob us of our joy, but God allows battles to make your joy complete!

Jn. 16:20-24

20 Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but YOUR SORROW WILL TURN INTO JOY.

21 When a woman is giving birth, she has SORROW because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for JOY that a human being has been born into the world.

22 So also YOU HAVE SORROW NOW, but I will see you again, and YOUR HEARTS WILL REJOICE, and no one will take your JOY from you.

23 In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father IN MY NAME, he will give it to you.

24 Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your JOY may be full.

Joy = Greek – (khar-ah') – calm delight (The original Anti-depressant)

Nehemiah 8:10b (ESV) – “for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

What’s the difference between worship and praise?

Worship is personal submission displayed through action;

Praise is public exaltation and celebration!

Hebrew (haw-lal') - to make a show, to boast; and thus to be clamorously foolish; to rave

2 Chronicles 20:19 said they praised “with very loud voice”!

Psalm 60:12 (ESV) - With God we shall do valiantly; it is he who will tread down our foes.

Psalm 118:14 (ESV) - The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Psalm 144:1 (ESV) - Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;

1 Corinthians 15:57 (ESV) - But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 16:33 (ESV) - "I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Romans 8:18 (ESV) - For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:31 (ESV) - What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

1 John 5:4 (ESV) - For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.