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Let us DEFINE 'VICTORY' so we are all on the same page

- the overcoming of an enemy or antagonist
- achievement of mastery or success in a struggle or endeavour against odds or difficulties
- A success or triumph over an enemy in battle or war.
- an engagement ending in such triumph
- the ultimate and decisive superiority in any battle or contest
- most often there is a cost, or a sacrifice to claim and enjoy victory
- I would define victory as the evidence of completing a challenge which would cause me to move forward, prosper and be purposefully positioned for the future of my life aligned with eternity.
- Victory is Growth - maturity, character and manifest authority relevant to my journey in life and salvation in Christ
- Victory is in communion with God (secret place of the most high) and is an intimate relationship fuelled by integrity, filled with love and pursued by common value which is intentional to manifest covenant.
- Victory surely is an intentional action to manifest a desired outcome

Ask yourself what you perceive (understand) victory to be and what role or place does it take in your life.

- We can approach this subject in a variety of forms but let's choose to meditate on some points in order to activate our understanding and find enlightenment by the spirit of truth and counsel God's word and spirit.
- Let's also be reminded that a war is won thru several battle victories.
- Fact is that a trophy, a league division or a series is won thru several matches.
- That promotion comes with time as we learn and mature.
- There is a time for all things under the sun - Ecclesiastes
- That every day as we rise from our sleep we have victory in life and we have the capacity and opportunity to walk and live in victory.
- We can find strength and encouragement in the Word.

- Philippians 4:13 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Paul shares this in the context that no matter what happens in life if it means being hungry, being full, being up or being down.
- John 16:33 'These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.'
- Jesus gives this revelatory assurance close to the time of his persecution and crucifixion – moments before the greatest conflict on earth he passes on a message of the assurance of victory. He is not yet crucified but states that he has overcome the world.
- Proverbs 24:16 'For a righteous *man* may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity.'
- Life may be a struggle but life is beautiful
- The Book of Proverbs provides MUCH appropriate insight into the conditions of life and the path of wisdom. We would do well to read and apply and learn from Solomon's wise writings.

WHAT IS VICTORY AND WHY WOULD WE SEEK, NEED, PURSUE OR DESIRE VICTORY?

1. The 'need for victory'

- Man seems to be in need of affirmation and accolades in his fallen nature.
- The GOD MAN desires victory to glorify God and usher in the kingdom of God whilst manifesting the gospel of the kingdom.
- Ultimately we must overcome in this life so that we might rule and reign in the future. It requires major change, a full paradigm shift from what was to what is, and man's reality to God's reality. Many are not willing to go the full circle and therefore never live in the realm of full blessings in Christ.
- We must search our hearts and determine our needs and choices in line with our life given destiny which must unfold here on earth in our God given purpose.
- Psalm 34:10 'The young lions lack and suffer hunger; But those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good *thing*.'
- Growth is evidence of victory and so we are called to be victorious in this life in the challenges of daily society – our character must mature and we

must be renewed to manifest the mind of Christ and be the Royal priesthood we have been chosen to become.

- We ask amiss (AGENDAS) – perhaps one of the signs we do not have the victory whilst we have need. WHAT really matters to you ?
- James 4:3 ‘You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.
- James 4:1 ‘where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members?’

2. The ‘song of victory’

- Salvation has become our song – your rebirth was your first victory.
- From that day forward every time you pray, every time you raise your hands in worship, every time you bow your knees, every time you cry out to God, every time you give a blessing, every time you forgive, every time you confess every step you take forward to work out your salvation with fear and trembling is a step of victory and a step to eternal victory.
- Decree and declare – faith filled expressions (use scripture to speak into your soul and to position your mindset in the place of truth). Grow your faith by faith filled words declaring the power of truth.
- King David penned many Psalms expressing the song of victory in his heart even when he was persecuted, and even thru his toughest trials in the wilderness and in the place of adultery and death.
- Psalm 18:2 ‘The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.
- Psalm 51:10-13 ‘Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.
- Hannah cried out to God for a child – when the victory manifest she submitted it to God. Give your dreams back to God and He will give you the blessing of the victories in life.
- 1 Samuel 2:1 ‘And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation.

3. The 'sound of victory'

- ✓ The spiritual realm hears our words and God knows our thoughts. As a man thinks in his heart, so he is.
- ✓ The world is watching and observes our expressions - how much more the realm of the spirit where the enemy wants to defeat God's children.
- ✓ Ephesians 4:23 'and be renewed in the spirit of your mind'
- ✓ Psalm 119 - May the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts be acceptable in Thy sight Oh Lord
- ✓ There should be a continual BUZZING in our hearts fuelled by our spirit refreshed by Holy Spirit that shouts the truth - I AM MORE THAN A CONQUEROR
- ✓ Life and death is in the power of the tongue - Proverbs 18
- ✓ Victory is in what you speak - choose your words wisely.
- ✓ When we manifest truth we attract victory

4. The 'evidence of victory'

- ✓ Lifestyle - the expression of our lifestyles, behaviour, values and morals must be that of an unshakeable kingdom, a principled purpose, protocol and honour, giving generously, blessing not cursing, praying, seeking and finding, living the full identity of a God child, putting on the full armour and resisting the devil.
- ✓ ***Thankfulness is an attitude*** - a daily commitment to the King!
- ✓ Psalm 100 '**Psalm of Thanksgiving**. Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; *It is He who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, *And* His truth *endures* to all generations.
- ✓ The joy of the Lord is my strength - Nehemiah
- ✓ John 16:24 'Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

- ✓ Psalm 1:1-3 - 'But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper.
- ✓ Psalm 23 - anointed, restored, led - the lord is my Shepherd.
- ✓ Ephesians 6 - Put on the full armour of God and stand your ground

5. The 'limits to victory'

- Memory of sin - Romans 3:23 'for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- Where there is proof of illegitimacy, legal right, shame, unforgiveness, doubt, unbelief, practise of past evidences, sub conscious manifestation, mind renewal has not happened, or faith has come short thru works.
- The devil will instil the doubt at every opportunity - resist the devil and he will flee. James 4:7 'Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.'
- You are a new creation - welcome in the beloved. You are more than a conqueror and you are blessing with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus, you have a hope and a future, you are restored and you are anointed for such a time as this capable of fully walking in the call, election and gift with which the lord has made you wonderfully and fearfully well in secret. However, he has set the choice before us (see Deuteronomy 28 -30)
- Hebrews 4:16 'Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need'.
- When we are convicted and we confess we step into the victory realm.

6. The 'power of choice'

- Who does God say I am? Do I believe who He says I am? Are we in agreement with the identity I have in Christ?
- Every day we are challenged by choice - reasoning versus revelation. Emotional imbalances cause us to carry on with bad decision and patterns in our life. We repeat the same mistakes and then wonder why we have no better result.
- Philippians 4:6-7, 'Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus’.

- VICTORY manifests thru an undivided heart and an undivided heart has its mind set on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.
- What does the word say, prayer of faith, prayer of agreement, the righteous shall flourish, choose who you will serve, reasoning versus revelation, asking, petitioning, living with hope, pursuing my purpose, acting in love, Christ in me the hope of glory, **choose today who you will serve**
- Deuteronomy 30:9 ‘I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, *that* I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live’.

7. The ‘promised land’

- The Promised Land speaks of our place of victory. We are to go in and possess the land. It took a long road with many battles and suffering for Israel to reach the Promised Land. Many were not allowed in because of unbelief, hardness of heart, disobedience and not trusting God.
- Joshua 1:6-9, ‘Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.’
- They had no yet stepped into the Promised Land. We must live our victory based on the promise!
- We see the emergence of Gideon – you mighty man of Valour?
- We must ‘GO TO’ the Promised Land on the basis of God sword. Those who wait in the Lord will be renewed. God’s promises are Yes and Amen in Christ.

- We must BECOME who God created us to be – victory is in seeing yourself as God see’s you!

8. The ‘desires of your heart’

- ✓ Psalm 37:4 ‘Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
- ✓ Are we steadfast in our desires and dreams delighting in what God has for us, or are we tossed to and fro changing our minds like the weather?
- ✓ Keys to victory in manifesting the desires of our hearts are consistency, endurance, patience, perseverance, self control, loving kindness, peace, joy – Galatians 5 - The Fruit of the spirit manifests in people living a life of victory according to the word. They are victorious as they are led and fed by the Holy Spirit.
- ✓ James 1:2, ‘My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience’.
- ✓ Character is produced in the trials furnace of patience.

9. The (Alpha and Omega)

- ✓ Let’s go back to the beginning...and understand everything in context.
- ✓ In the beginning.....Genesis – creation, dominion, all was good, purpose prevailed and communion between God and man was regular, uninterrupted
- ✓ Man fell by choice, intimidation, and the counterfeit - out of touch with God
- ✓ The gospel of Christ – Jesus came to restore that which was lost. He manifest victory for all who would receive Him (resurrection and life)
- ✓ Revelation – everything will be back in its original place. The counterfeit will be removed, and truth shall prevail.
- ✓ Crowns are waiting for those who overcome. Those who will stay the journey will be honoured.

10. The ‘ultimate victory’

- Revelation 21:1 -7, ‘Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea. Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I

heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them *and be* their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away." Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful." And He said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely to him who thirsts. **He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son.** ‘

- The ultimate victory is salvation where there is no more tears, no more fighting, no more disease, no more loss, no more enemy, no more anxiety, no more fear and the battles are over and the war is won – Oh death where is your sting, IT IS FINISHED. The truth spoken on the cross becomes the final prophetic victory for all mankind.
 - ✓ Victory is a journey just as is salvation – it is here and now and it is for all who will receive HIM, believe in their hearts and confess with their tongues that Jesus Christ is Lord.
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 - ✓ **Closing questions for prayer**
 - ✓ What battles have you lost in your life
 - ✓ What loss occurred because of that battle
 - ✓ What was done to you that the Blood cannot fix
 - ✓ What are you holding onto which is false hope
 - ✓ Come to the altar and let's pray these things away and embrace victory

Prayer offered

Father as your servant I pray in the name of Jesus, as we lay hands on your children tonight and this weekend that the spirit realm and the enemy agents will know that their time of causing loss, limits and lies in these people's lives is over.

We declare victory in Jesus name. We decree and pray that no weapon formed against these people in action, script, word or deed shall prosper or have evidence of legality.

We declare that intention and agenda to keep these people trapped outside their victory realm is broken, exposed nullified in the name of Jesus.

And father by your blessing they begin to walk victoriously in this life, spiritually, physically, emotionally, financially and psychologically and encounter favour filled patterns of victory by the grace, mercy and love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus.

Father I pray and decree that every spirit of heaviness be replaced by a garment of praise and that every tormenting tone of their soul be replaced by the presence of the love of the Father, in Jesus name, Amen.