

With God on Our Side, We Win!

Romans 8:31 KJV What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

This world is a bad place in which to live. As Pastor, I've watched people go through tremendous pain, sorrow, and suffering; and my heart goes out to them. I just wish they didn't have to go through these bad things, but I know that it's a fantasy to think that we will never have to endure hardships. The Bible tells us that we must arm our minds, because there will be great battles we will have to fight as long as we are on the earth.

1 Samuel 30:3-8 KJV So David and his men came to the city, and, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. [4] Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. [5] And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. [6] And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God. [7] And David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. [8] And David enquired at the Lord, saying, Shall I pursue after this troop? shall I overtake them? And He answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and without fail recover all .

David's soul was tormented. His whole family had been taken captive with all of his belongings. What did he do when he was going through? He went to the Lord and poured out his soul to The Lord. The power of God came upon him, and he stood up and started pursuing his enemy.

We, as Christians, have an enemy - he is satan, and he wants to destroy us and our testimony. Jesus said the devil comes to steal, kill, and destroy. We must fight the good fight of faith! We must be strong in the Lord and the power of God's might. We **MUST NOT** allow the devil to get us to cave in and quit.

For years the Lord has been telling me that if you don't quit, you win! Winners don't give up, winners get up! When you feel hopeless, you have a God in Whom you can put your trust. He will bring you up and bring you out of any difficulty that you're facing.

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 KJV For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life: [9] But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead: [10] Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in Whom we trust that He will yet deliver us;

Paul had the sentence of death in his own self. What does that mean? Paul came to the end of himself as being able to keep himself from dying. He knew he could not save

himself. He completely trusted in God.

I hope this Newsletter has helped you. My desire is to encourage you to not allow the devil to steal your victory that you have in Jesus.

Love you,

Pastor Paul