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Greatness On The Inside

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In learning to embrace the Kingdom of life that God has planted in us, we first must realize that God has a system or plan for each of our lives. Many of us are unaware that God has such a plan and either through not being taught or we don't understand the process, the Kingdom life may be a challenge to us from time to time, but the Spirit of God has planted greatness in each of us. We were born for greatness, to be champions, to be winners, because Jesus is in us.

1 John 5:4 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." KJV

2 Cor 2:14 "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." KJV

Our challenge in this life is to realize that we are over comers in anything and everything that might come up against us, as we begin to embrace Kingdom life, it is because of what Jesus did for us that we win.

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

Rom 8:35-39 "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." KJV

How do we become more than conquerors? What does it mean to be a conqueror? The Greek dictionary tells us that to be a conqueror means "a decisive win, the score wasn't even close or wasn't tied". But we are more than conquerors because of Jesus, we are winners.

We must realize that there are four principles we need to be aware of. 1) God has planted His love in our hearts, 2) He always wants to be with us, never leaves or forsakes us, 3) He is for us and will work for us, not against us, 4) He wants us to see ourselves as winners and champions and our deeds to be spoken of here in the earth.

Champions and winners have the mindset that "they do things that they don't want to do when they don't want to do them, in order that they can do what they want to do when they want to do them." they are ready and prepared.

The following story of David is that of a champion, having a mindset; how, why and what he thought, and what he said when faced with a challenge. He saw challenges as opportunities to win.

David had been chosen at an earlier date to become the future king of Israel, He was the youngest in the family, was inexperienced and looked down on by his family, stating that he was only a shepherd, but Samuel told his family that he was to be anointed as the next king regardless of his age. He begins by playing the harp for King Saul when Saul was tormented by evil spirits, the spirits would leave and Saul would have peace. David was a super shepherd, he knew that he was anointed but waited for his season. During this time, Israel was at war with the Philistines and he was sent to check on his brothers. For forty days the giant Goliath had tormented the troops, speaking to them and David heard the words. Saul and the army of Israel heard the words and were afraid.

1 Sam 17:15-23 "But David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. 16 And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. 17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp of thy brethren; 18 And carry these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge. 19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. 20 And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the trench, as the host was going forth to the fight, and shouted for the battle. 21 For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in array, army against army. 22 And David left his carriage in the hand of the keeper of the carriage, and ran into the army, and came and saluted his brethren. 23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them. " KJV

1 Sam 17:9-11 "If he be able to fight with me, and to kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye be our servants, and serve us. 10 And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. 11 When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid." KJV

David heard the words as a challenge and an insult to the Lord, knowing that Israel had a covenant with God and the giant Goliath did not.

1 Sam 17:26 "And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?" KJV

What was David's reaction to the word that he heard? David had the mindset of a champion, thinking like a winner and the same words that he heard, challenged him to take on the giant. Even though he was young and considered inexperienced, he told Saul and the others what he had done while taking care of his father's sheep, how the Lord had delivered him and that he would treat the giant the same way. The scriptures tell us the entire story of the event that happened, how the giant was slain, the Philistines were beaten and fled and how David was the champion for Israel.

1 Sam 17:32-51 "And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. 34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: 35 And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. 36 Thy servant slew both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. 37 David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this

Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with thee. 38 And Saul armed David with his armour, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head; also he armed him with a coat of mail. 39 And David girded his sword upon his armour, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. 40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in a shepherd's bag which he had, even in a scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. 41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. 42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance. 43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. 45 Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a shield: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. 46 This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the host of the Philistines this day unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. 47 And all this assembly shall know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands. 48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came, and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. 50 So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. 51 Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled." KJV

David had been doing behind the scenes the things we don't always want to do, he was writing psalms and songs and ministering to the Lord, realizing how great the Lord is, he was putting into place all the principles and plans that the Lord had for him.

The mindset of a champion has faith and confidence in the God that cannot fail, his trust and belief in God that he knows God is for him and will be with him and wants his deeds talked out in the earth today. David was not thinking about the deeds of the day or what would happen in the future, but his mind set was he would take the giant down. He wanted to know the reason that it was necessary to take the giant down. He asked about the reward that would be given when the giant was dead. David did not allow fear to rule his mind set. His heart was fixed on the word of God. David knew what it was like to have the anointing to be on him.

We cannot allow other people to tell us that we are not worthy, not qualified or educated enough to do anything. God has put the winner of a champion in all of us, we are winners, more than conquerors. Begin to speak that we can do all things, our faith has a voice, and faith always speaks what it believes and has corresponding actions. God has put greatness in us; the heart of a champion has been put in us. David didn't quit and we shouldn't either. God says we can do anything when we trust God, His ability becomes our ability, His presence and anointing becomes ours.

We cannot allow the devil to tell us that we are losers, the devil is a liar, we are champions, over comers and more than conquerors, we are winners. We must have the mindset that we are able to do whatever needs to be done, and not allow fear and anxiety to enter into the circumstances that we may be facing. Nothing can separate us from the love of God. We are born for greatness and God wants our victories to be talked about in the earth. God wants our victories, the

greatness in us, to be used as signs and wonders and to be talked about, so that all can see there is a great God in the earth today. That is God's plan and purpose.

Joshua 4:23-24 "For the Lord your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: 24 That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the Lord your God for " KJV

Where are we in this? Are we in a comfort zone, unable or unwilling to move out and get into our abilities? God has made the provision, what are we going to do with it? God is looking for champions, rise up mighty men of God, and let His presence rest upon you. We cannot allow the things that have come against us mock God, saying that God isn't greater than the circumstances; it is a lie of the devil and must be put down. Greatness and the ability to overcome are in us, if we are in the Kingdom of God, which we are if we are born again. By learning the principles of the Kingdom of God, it will allow us to become more than conquerors. Failure is not in us only greatness.

Joshua 10:22-25 "Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out those five kings unto me out of the cave. 23 And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon. 24 And it came to pass, when they brought out those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the captains of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet upon the necks of them. 25 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed, be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your enemies against whom ye fight." KJV

God gives us the promise but it is up to us to possess it. Sometimes there are situations that have been dealt with in order to possess the promise. Dismayed means fear of something that might happen before it happens, dismay is faith in reverse. No weapon formed against you will prosper; God has given us the spirit of a champion and has planted greatness in us today. God wants our deeds and victories spoken of, passed down to our families and spoken to others.