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We Are More Than Conquerors

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We have heard the great promises of God, being taught faith in the word of God, that we are more than conquerors, that we can do all things through Christ because He strengthens us, if God is for us than nothing can be against us, that we will always triumph, everywhere we may go, no weapon formed against us can prosper, every word spoken against us will be condemned, the enemy may come against us and he will have to flee seven ways, but sometimes we quit too soon and don't have the ability to implement the promises in our lives. Unless we know how to stand and have the ability to counteract those things thrown at us from the enemy, we never experience the blessings of God and what He has promised.

Rom 8:31-39 "What then shall we say to [all] this? *If God is for us, who [can be] against us?* [Who can be our foe, if God is on our side?] 32 He who did not withhold *or* spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely *and* graciously give us all [other] things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect [when it is] God Who justifies [that is, Who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?] 34 Who is there to condemn [us]? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading *as* He intercedes for us? 35 Who shall ever separate us from Christ's love? Shall suffering *and* affliction *and* tribulation? Or calamity *and* distress? Or persecution or hunger or destitution or peril or sword? 36 Even as it is written, For Thy sake we are put to death all the day long; we are regarded *and* counted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Yet amid all these things we are more than conquerors *and* gain a surpassing victory through Him Who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things impending *and* threatening nor things to come, nor powers, 39 Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." AMP

This is a powerful statement; He didn't spare Jesus and so through Jesus He is going to provide us with everything that we may have need of. Nothing can separate us from God's love, we are more than conquerors. In every situation that comes along, God's plan and purpose for us is that we would rise up and gain victory through His love for us, becoming champions of the faith. How are we able to do this? We do it through faith.

Col 2:15 "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." KJV

Christ is in us the hope of glory, He dwells there, walks there, and He is our champion. He stripped the enemy of all his power, took the keys of death and hell from him. We have a champion on the inside of us that wants to get out.

One of the missing ingredients in the life of a Christian is passion. We come to church not paying attention, thinking of other things, just filling up time, even though we come wanting to

receive from God but there is no passion either individually or corporately. An example of being passionate about something is like in a locker room, the team is all built up, ready to play and they become passionate about what they are going to do.

The bible tells us that Jesus was clothed with a cloak of zeal; He was passionate about what He was doing. We do battle sometimes, but it is usually with one another, we can't wrestle with flesh and blood, there is a victory to be won and we cannot become lethargic just setting there.

The word champion is used throughout the story of David and Goliath, the complete story being told in 1st Samuel chapter 17. What is a champion and what does it mean to be a champion? Champion means a winner or someone at the top, a strong man, mighty man and a very courageous man and a warrior. When David went into battle, he was passionate and the mentality of the Hebrews going into battle after Goliath had been slain was the same. Their shields had three words on them:

1) RAK means only victory

2) CHAZAK means whitening of the knuckles, tensing of the muscles, ready to go, gritting of the teeth

3) AMATS is headlong into battle, full speed, no hesitation even into the hottest of the battle, never considering defeat, it was not an option.

If we would take on the mentality of a spiritual warrior, "rak" would become ours, only victory. Jesus said that we are more than conquerors. That is the way we should go in, not beat down or intimidated, we go in to intimidate and defeat the enemy. "Chazak" we are spiritually prepared, we have prayed and read our bible and have been in touch with Jesus and are anxious to hit the adversary. "Amats" no matter how tough, no whining or complaining, going full speed ahead. Gods plan is that we win over the adversary.

1 Sam 17:51-52 "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. 52 And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou come to the valley, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron." KJV

1 Samuel 17 records the classic battle between David and Goliath. Goliath was considered a champion, a giant and he had defied the army of Israel for 40 days, morning and evening he would go out and chant to them, "you can't beat me" and the army began to believe what he was saying, they were trembling in fear. David goes to the battlefield to check on his brothers, he hears the giant and asks the question, who is this uncircumcised guy, (meaning he doesn't have a covenant with God) and you are letting one person defy an entire army? David steps up to go conqueror the giant, but those around began to ask who David thought he was. The giant had been trained all his life for war and David had only taken care of his father's sheep. David explained how he had killed bear and a lion with his bare hands and the same God who had helped him kill the lion and bear will help him kill Goliath. David ran to meet Goliath, he was ready to take the giant down and when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead they fled. The men of Israel rose up and took after the Philistines and got victory over them, they

began to pursue the enemy with "rak".

When we submit ourselves to God and resist the devil, he will flee from us, by going into a spiritual battle with this attitude, with "rak" we will experience a victory and with "chazak" and "amats" the lesser demons around will run in fear. This is what Jesus put on the demons when He went to hell and He arose victorious. He reigns supreme in heaven and now lifts us up to set with Him in heavenly places. We can now shout "rak"; this is our passion for victory. Even though we have heard the lies for years and have started to believe them, we can't listen to the lies of the enemy telling us the same things, we are losers, we can't be healed, we can't prosper.

Ephesians is called the Alps of the New Testament, the first three chapters take us into the heavenly side, into the presence of Jesus, all things under His feet and He raises us up with Him, chapter 4 and 5 the practical side of Christianity and chapter 6 being the most important thing that has been said, He makes us champions.

Eph 6:10 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." KJV

We are champions in Jesus; "rak" will drive out fear and intimidation. We are the winners, the healed, the prosperous, zeal and passion is ours.

Phil 1:28 "And do not [for a moment] be frightened *or* intimidated in anything by your opponents *and* adversaries, for such [constancy and fearlessness] will be a clear sign (proof and seal) to them of [their impending] destruction, but [a sure token and evidence] of your deliverance *and* salvation, and that from God." AMP

Pastor Margaret had a spoken word: "why set you here until you die? run to the battle because when you get there you will see that the enemy has already been defeated and all you have to do is gather up the spoils"