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### A: OVERCOMING DEFEATISM

We are co-heirs with Christ—this is totally dependent on the finished work of Jesus, His grace and our faith response to that. The transfer has taken place the moment we are born-again.

*Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*  
Romans 8:12-17

*This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance!*  
Romans 8:15-17 (Msg)

Yet in the battle zone of life we need to contend for that inheritance.

Within the church there is a theology of defeatism embedded like bindweed:

Either God is not sovereign and can't / He limits intervention to 1<sup>st</sup> C and so won't  
or God is so Sovereign that we can't be robbed — suggests what we do doesn't affect us

Lord's Prayer ..... *your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* Matthew 6:10  
If it is not going to be in heaven then why do we put up with it on earth?

The Lord is not fickle and capricious

We blame Him and attribute things to Him that we would put people in prison for .....

This is the truth that should overcome the defeatism of the church — once we have seen the reality of the crucifixion and the resurrection

*Jesus answered: "Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. **I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.** And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it." John 14:9-14*

God's plan is SOZO — **NEVER USES SICKNESS AND DEATH TO BRING DISCIPLINE**

He can teach us things in all circumstances but He does not cause the horrible things to teach us!

The bad things can come on us in judgement — as the Lord lets US step outside of His protection — He loves us so much that He gives us free will!!



## B: VISION FOR VICTORY

### ☐ Sin

*For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace*

Romans 6:14

### ☐ Death

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.*

Romans 8:1-2

### ☐ Satan

*For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the Head over every power and authority.*

Colossians 2:9-10

### ☐ world

*for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.*

1 John 5:4

### ☐ Sickness and Demons

*When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

Luke 9:1-2

**Many die due to lack of knowledge and revelation, ask and then pray**

**Sickness is curse on humanity and the cross has reversed the curses**

As we recover the vision and the enormity of the victory that Jesus has won then we can echo Paul's thoughts: *Thanks be to God who gives us the victory, who always leads us in triumphant procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of Him*

These are truths that are transactions in the heavenly realm and we have little difficulty in appropriating them when we "come to faith" so ..... why not the appropriation of their fullness as we grow in our sanctification?

Our theology needs to be derived from the right side of the cross.

We need to stand on the promises and contend for their realisation in our experience

## C: FAITH IN THE HEAVENLY REALITIES

Faith is a dynamic, supernatural reality that seeks to lay hold of the invisible and supernatural resources of heaven and bring them into the natural realms

We are supposed to see heaven on earth as the first disciples did!

*NOW FAITH is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses].*

Hebrews 11:1 (Amplified Bible)

Receive the word of the Lord, See it, Know it, Own it, AGREE WITH IT, SPEAK IT OUT, Do it, SEE IT HAPPEN IN THE EARTHLY REALM

Biblical reasons for stuff not happening are at our end, not God's - no YING / YANG

Faith lays hold of the inheritance of God, the promises of the covenant and the power of the Kingdom. Know what is yours and do not let the enemy rob from you



Enough of the Robbery!

Promises are PROMISES not suggestions

Things may happen we don't like, expect or understand but we must not let it change the way we view the promises

*But as surely as God is faithful, our message to you is not "Yes" and "No." For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by me and Silas and Timothy, was not "Yes" and "No," but in him it has always been "Yes." For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God. Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.*

2 Corinthians 1:18-22

## **D: SATAN'S SCHEMES**

### **LOWER EXPECTATIONS**

We sit too comfortable with our theology of suffering and hope for the odd victory

We need a theology of victory that can handle disappointments and discouragements

Repeated Pattern in the Scriptures

people live with defeat and oppression — because of their disobedience and sinfulness

God raises up prophet / King / warrior / leader to call them back to the truth

Israel — Moses / David / Gideon / Prophets etc etc

Ultimately in Jesus and He has brought the final transformation in the heavenly realm

### **Greatest Deception.....**

God is Good — head knowledge — theology

God gives people sickness / allows it to happen

for their benefit

for their discipline

We often ascribe to the Lord works of the enemy — our cross to be carried / thorn in our flesh

## **E: REALISED REAL PRESENCE**

So scared of an over-realised eschatology that we expect so little of the Kingdom's presence now

Now & not yet—true but never used to explain non-healing

Not yet in its fullness — still die, not totally holy in lifestyle etc

BUT Kingdom is fully inaugurated — in the heavenly realms it is perfectly present

Earthly terms only partially realised — not more fully experienced due to lies and false theology and lack of faith in enforcing the truth.

We need faith, agreement and enabling grace.

Does He indwell us fully or not — are we born again or are we not?



Romans 8 — co-heirs with Christ — In His perfect humanity Jesus did His ministry

so in our redeemed humanity so can we, as we rely on Him - John 14:12 again

Blessed are they who expect very little for they will not be disappointed

## **F: DEALING WITH DISAPPOINTMENT & DEFEAT**

Not all are healed this side of heaven BUT that does not mean that it is God's will that they are not healed —does He want anyone to go to Hell?

Faith lays hold of the promises of God despite all opposition and rational evidence.

"I will not see everything I want to see as I climb the mountain but I want to die climbing.

1. **Victory** is basis of all Christian Theology  
—even when facing death

### **Theology of suffering must not overwhelm our theology of Victory**

2. **Jesus is indwelling** by His Holy Spirit
3. **Covenants and the promises** of God are the foundations of faith — Deuteronomy 28-30;

2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Luke 4

4. **Covenantal theology needs to be integrated with Kingdom theology**

5. **God is good** — ALL THE TIME

6. **Walk in faith not by sight**

- revelation vs information
- power of promise
- faith is agreeing with God
- Hope is certain
- declaration is powerful
- persist and contend
- be willing to step out in obedience  
whatever the apparent risk

### **7. Deal with Toxic Sorrow**

address the disappointment and pain

- emotionally — let it out
- intellectually—see God as God revealed in Scripture and SATAN as the enemy
- spiritually break the power of sorrow

Journey through sorrow to confidence & joy -  
getting stuck in the place of sorrow is TOXIC

*Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion. Psalm 84:5-6*

8. **Don't blame God** — unbelief, anger & sorrow

Holy anger rises up — come in agreement with the Father. We are overcomers and we have the authority to enforce the victory in Christ by the Holy Spirit

We need a rigorous theology of suffering firmly placed in the context of hope, kingdom promises and covenantal certainties.

