



TOPIC Assurance of Victory

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MESSAGE SUMMARY

For Victory or From Victory?

In the second of the series of *Five Assurances for Every Believer*, CS Mark Tan shares on the Assurance of Victory which anchors on the question: “Are you fighting *for* victory or *from* victory?” We face many battles in our lives, but the assurance of victory is something that gives Christians the assurance that we will win in the end.

What is AND Who is our Assurance of Victory?

CS Mark Tan first gave us some examples of what an assurance of victory is, and why it is important.

- An assurance of victory is the complete certainty that in the end you will win.
- If we do not have assurance of victory, we will see the enemy as greater than ourselves, be deceived by the enemy, be unable to see and know the truth, and be convinced in our minds that in the end we will lose.
- If we do have an assurance of victory, we will see that God is greater than our Goliaths and will not be intimidated by the enemy. We will know that the battles we fight are the Lord’s, and will be convinced that God will win in the end and that we fight to bring God glory.
- Having an assurance of victory gives us the **Courage** to face the battle even if the enemy seems bigger than we are, the **Conviction** to stand our ground on our beliefs and the **Confidence** that the outcome is in God’s hands.

How, then, can we gain an assurance of victory in today’s world?

- The heart of man’s problems is sin. Sin is going against the order and authority that God has established. However, we cannot do much about this on our own as our sinful nature is innate.
- So in today’s battle against sin, **JESUS CHRIST is our Assurance of Victory!**
- Jesus Christ was crucified on the cross, taking on every sin that has ever come, giving us **victory over sin** (Jn 1:29). Though Jesus died on the cross, he rose again, giving us **victory over death** so that we no longer have to fear death. And finally, Jesus gave us **victory over the Devil** (Col 2:15) so that Satan has no more power over us.
- As long as we believe that Jesus is the son of God and that He came to die for us, we can claim and share in this victory that Jesus has won for us; we can inherit every blessing that He has earned for us (1 Jn 5:4). And there will come a time when Christ will come again and all of those of us who have put our faith in him will have our names written in the book (Rev 21).

FIGHTING FROM VICTORY, NOT FOR VICTORY – 3 KEYS TO LIVE IT OUT

If Jesus is our assurance for victory, then why do we still struggle today? This is because we live in a fallen world and we will have to find victory in the midst of struggle each day. However, **as Christians, we don't need to fight for victory. We fight from victory.**

Key 1: See the Battlefield through God's eyes

When we fight *for* victory, we battle against flesh and blood. When we fight *from* victory, the battle is in the heavenly realms. As Christians, we face the same struggles as non-Christians. We need to surrender, pray and release our battles to God – bless and pray for those who persecute and curse us. In doing so, you will experience victory over these battles.

Key 2: Stand on the Truth of God's Word

When we face struggles, stand on the truth of God's Word. The power and presence and peace of God is with us and He promises never to leave us (Deut 31:6). He promises us that when we are tempted he will give us strength to face it and sufficient grace for a way out. And even if we fail, he will give us grace to try again (1 Cor 10:13). This is what it means to have victory in the midst of our struggles. Although God promises us to deliver us from trials, He sometimes chooses to change us internally because suffering produces endurance and endurance produces character and character produces hope (Rom 5:3-5).

In the process of submitting our will to things we don't necessarily choose, we learn to be like Christ. Being like Christ is how we find victory in the midst of our struggles. Even through everything that's going on, we know that in all things, God works for the good of those who love Him (Rom 8:28).

Key 3: Seek the Glory of God (1 Cor 10:31)

When we fight from, the focus is on the one who has won the battle (Jesus Christ) and not on us who's fighting the battle. And when we carry the peace and joy of Christ in our hearts, pouring out our hearts in worship to him in spite of our circumstances and the adversary we face, we glorify God and this is what fighting from victory looks like.

Conclusion

All of us face struggles and battles in our daily lives. But we know that our God is a good and loving God who is sovereign and has a higher purpose. We may not see it in the midst of our circumstances and this is where our faith is put to test. Will we claim that assurance of victory and fight from victory knowing that Christ has overcome it all? Let us give thanks and glorify God no matter what the circumstances may be for God has given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ and let us be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord, our labour is not in vain (1 Cor 15:57-58).

QUESTIONS

1. How have you personally experienced the assurance of victory?

2. What are some of the Goliath(s) in your life? How are you currently dealing with these Goliaths? Do you think you are fighting from victory or for victory?

3. How can you apply the 3 keys mentioned to live out your life victoriously against the Goliath(s) in your life?

