

“Power to Win”

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- As discussed last Sunday every human being has seven needs. All of these needs are addressed by the seven Hebrew names in the Old Testament. Christ came to restore these seven things in our lives.
- Jehovah – Nissi, is the name restoring our “victory” and “dominion”. God has come to restore victory in our lives. This is the power to win.
- God has wired us for victory; physically, psychologically, and spiritually. This is not to win over others but to win at life. This is stated in Genesis.

Genesis 1: 26-28 (ESV) *“Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

- God chose the words “subdue” and “dominion”. God made us to reign. He made us to be on top of our circumstances not under them.
- No matter what you are facing in life, if you lose the sense of victory (I’m ok, I’m going to make it, God’s on my side, He’s given me authority, I’m in control) you have lost the ability to turn things around in your life and you cannot live the life God wants you to live.

Deuteronomy 28:1 (NKJV) *“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.”*

Say, “God will set me high”.

Deuteronomy 28: 2-6 (NKJV) *“And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God: “Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. “Blessed shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. “Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. “Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out. “*

Say, “I’m blessed coming in and I am blessed going out”.

Deuteronomy 28: 7 (NKJV) *“The LORD will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.”*

- We are not talking about people enemies but the devil and his demonic strategy; sickness, disease, poverty, etc.

Deuteronomy 28: 8 (NKJV) *“The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”*

Deuteronomy 28: 12-14 (NKJV) *“The LORD will open to you His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. You shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And the LORD will make you the head and not the tail; you shall be above only, and not be beneath, if you heed the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you today, and are careful to observe them. So you shall not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this*

day, to the right or the left, to go after other gods to serve them."

Say, "The Lord has made me the head and not the tail".

- This passage in Deuteronomy is for people who follow Jesus and obey his command.
- At the cross Jesus was also claimed our victory in our finances, our body, our marriage, our household, our job, and so forth.
- God has made you the head and not the tail, above only and not beneath.
- You cannot lose sight of this no matter what is happening in your circumstances. Externally, you may not be able to control what is happening around you. But internally you must keep victory in tact in your life.
- Jesus came showing us the way and patterning for us what it is He wants us to do and how He wants us to carry out the rule of God in our lives.

Mark 1: 14 (NKJV) *"Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God,"*

- Ever since the fall when the reign was lost, nothing was said about the kingdom of God. It was not preached until Jesus came. And the first thing He did was preach the kingdom of God.
- Kingdom means the place from which a king rules and reigns. It is his throne and his position of authority.
- Jesus came preaching the "restored ruler-ship" of God. He came to establish His reign and rule over the earth.

Luke 4: 17-21 (NKJV) *"And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD." Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."*

- They were astonished because He spoke with such authority. He was saying "I am here in the fulfillment of this word". This was the reason they wanted to kill him. It wasn't because He read the scripture but because He was saying that what you read was happening NOW.
- Religion never gets mad when you read the bible. It is only when you "practice" it that they get mad.
- He immediately leaves the synagogue and heals a man possessed with devils. He says, "Come out of him NOW!" They had never seen someone that had such authority.
- Then he goes to Peter's house and speaks to the fever in Peter's mother. He didn't just pray about it. He knew His authority and He came as Jehovah – Nissi.
- We must realize our authority in Christ. And when the devil and problems come against us, don't whine and complain to God and others. But get up and realize your authority and "talk" to that thing in the name of Jesus. Speak to it and rebuke it.
- Like a mother correcting her child. It is not until she speaks with authority that the child listens. You have to treat the devil the same way. You cannot whine and plead, you have to stand firm and say STOP in Jesus' name. The devil can tell if you mean what you say. He knows if he has three or four more times before he has pushed you to the limit.
- Until you've had enough and finally realize your authority in Christ and believe what you say, the devil will never run away from you.
- Every Christian has the authority to say NO to the enemy in their life.
- Once when Pastor Rick was praying, he felt like the heavens had closed up. After he prayed, he felt the sense of oppression, fear, and anxiety had come back to him. But he knew fear was an evil spirit and

not of God. He didn't do a panicky prayer but immediately spoke authority over it and literally ushered it out the door.

- Prayer should be done in faith, purposefully, and thoughtfully. It should be out of something you know. And in confidence that when you say it, God is hearing, and will respond.
- You've got to know your authority. Rise up and realize who you are and what you've got. The devil is not going to listen to a lot of whining and complaining. But rather to the authority that you have in Christ Jesus.
- You have to do more than just "rebuke the devil" (i.e. if your marriage is bad). You must also ask God to expose the devil in your own life (what it is that you have done in the marriage). If you are not willing to deal with your own stuff, God can't heal the brokenness.
- When you realize the enemy is trying to attack you in some area of your life; get a scripture that relates to the issue, meditate on that scripture, ask God to show you anything He wants to show you, then ask God to reveal to you exactly what is going on in this situation (if you pray too quickly you won't hit the spot that counts). Then pray with authority.
- Here is a prayer Pastor Rick often uses:
Father, I thank you in Jesus' name, for the authority that's been given to me. I stand here now in the midst of this attack against my life and I look at it and say this is a violation of your will for my life. Lord it is a trespass on your property because I am your property. The enemy has no covenant with you. I am the covenant. I am the one that's bonded by the blood. That thing is outside of the bloodline. So Lord God, I stand here today not of my own energy. But because I am saved and washed by the blood. So I stand under the covering of the authority of the throne of God. I am going to pray a prayer in your name and God I know your throne is going to back me up because I am your child.
- Then Pastor Rick turns his words toward the devil and says:
Devil, in the name of Jesus I call you what you are. You spirit of (fear, strife, disunity in my marriage, financial spirit of lack, etc.) I speak to you in Jesus Christ's name. Not only in my own authority but in the authority of Jesus Christ. I rebuke you. I renounce you. I have no partner lock with you. In Jesus Christ's name you must let me go. I cut the cord between you and me. And I command you to get out of here right now. Leave these premises. Let me alone NOW in Jesus Christ's name. I demand it. It's done.
- Then Pastor Rick literally opens the front door and kicks him out. And whenever he feels the enemy even try to come back an inch, he will halt him (like he halts his dog).