

Title: Jesus Wins!

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I entitled today's message, "Jesus Wins!" We know He is our great Lord and Savior, and we are so grateful for Him.

Zephaniah 3:17 NKJV

This is a powerful verse in regard to Israel, and His celebration over Zion and Jerusalem. We know this is our God, and this is who He is. This is His nature. He is, our Mighty God. The Lord your God, in your midst, the Mighty One, will save. *He is the Mighty One, the Lord God Almighty.*

Zephaniah 3:17 NASB

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a Victorious Warrior. He will rejoice over you with joy. He will be quiet in His love. He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy."

Jesus is literally a Mighty Warrior and a worshipping King. He is full of joy. He is full of worship and praise to God Almighty. He is an *instrument of praise to God Almighty*. He is glorious and good. It is in His nature. He is the Lord of the Dance. We know through scripture, that King David danced with all his might in victory with praise to God. Well, he is just reflecting the heart of Jesus and this message. "The Lord your God, in your midst, the Mighty One. The One who wins and the Victorious Warrior." That is where He wants to strengthen every believer today, in your relationship with the Lord and the church overall.

He is the One in our midst rejoicing over us. So, 24/7, this God is rejoicing over you. Jesus Christ is the Mighty One, and the Victorious Warrior who is rejoicing over you, 24/7. He is there as you are going through the fire, through trials, testings in life, bumps in the road, troubles, even sin and deliverances that we go through. He is still the Victorious Warrior. He wins! Changing the way we think. He is not defeated. He is not weak. He was made to be weak on the cross, but it was the greatest strength of the Kingdom of Heaven that has ever been portrayed. His weakness on the cross was the greatest victory that has ever been won. "By His stripes, we are healed." The Victorious Warrior is not just with you when you come to church on Sunday mornings, class on Wednesday nights, or when you are praising Him in your car. This is a 24/7 relationship. He is still a Victorious Warrior, with you all the time. This is the goodness of Jesus and what He has done.

Isaiah 53:4-6 NKJV

This points to the cross and what Jesus Christ has done for us. He is the one that God chose. He put the sin for all of humanity upon Jesus Christ, the perfect Lamb of God. The Son of God, God in the flesh, chose to bear all of the iniquity, the weakness, every curse and every assignment in, within, and through the devil upon mankind. Jesus Christ, the innocent Lamb, bore all the wrath of God on that cross. He gave us resurrection life, eternal life, His wholeness, prosperity, peace, shalom, nothing missing, nothing broken, healing, provision, and deliverance.

There is more to it. Each act that happened to Him, provided a great salvation. Here, even in the *middle of the scripture*, we see Jesus, in their midst, on the cross. He is a Mighty One who saved. He is a Victorious Warrior. That is what love looks like. Amen. That is what love looks like. That is the Father's heart. To redeem us back, so we can be in the family of God. Thank

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you, Jesus. I am really big on giving God praise and thanksgiving every day. You should thank God for your great salvation, for your family, for your blessings, and for who He is. Thank Him every day, even while you are going through life. Thank Him every day. It should be our lifestyle.

John 15:1-11 NKJV

This is Jesus talking to His disciples and one of my favorite passages. He just lays out the lifestyle of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, a follower of Jesus. He is the Word made manifest. He is the Word. We have our Bibles in front of us. God inspired words from Holy Spirit. The Living Word of God, Jesus Christ, is the Word that was made evident in the flesh. He says, "Abide in God's Word. Abide in me. Abide in my truth, my way. Abide in me, have fellowship with me, and love me. Let me love you."

We are in the love of God. Receive the love of God. You belong to me. I belong to you. I am a Victorious Mighty One. I will save. I rejoice over you with gladness. I will quiet you in my love. I am rejoicing over you with singing. Jesus is not dead, and He is not boring. He is very much alive and full of joy and the Holy Spirit. The fullness of Holy Spirit rested upon Jesus. The Kingdom of Heaven is righteousness, peace and joy in Holy Spirit. We hear basic principles of abiding in Him, and that He is rejoicing over us. He wants our joy to be made full.

Psalms 24:7-10

This is one of our favorite passages about King Jesus, right? We know that He is the King of all the nations. He is King of Heaven, and the Lord has crowned Him. Here He is referred to as the King of glory, strong and mighty. "Strong and mighty is the Lord, mighty in battle." Jesus wins! He is not defeated.

Isaiah 9:6-7

This is a governmental scripture concerning Jesus. The Lord, the Lord God, mighty to save, the One that is zealous over us, rejoices over us with joy and dance and victory. He has one thing in mind and it is you. It is me. He wants us forever. He loves us. Our Father is good and He loves us. He is always near, and His Kingdom is one of such power and dominion. His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. There is no decrease, only increase in His Kingdom. Jesus cannot lose. People lose. Jesus never loses. His government is only one of increase, multiplication and total dominion. That Kingdom is within us. Jesus said, "Don't say look here or there. The Kingdom of Heaven is within you." Right? The Kingdom of Heaven is within you. This governmental move is inside of you through the Holy Spirit, who is working all things to good for the glory of God Almighty.

Colossians 2:6

That is an easy one to remember and a good one to memorize. "As you walk, as you have received Christ, walk in Him." Walk in Him, and walk with Him. Let Him lead you. Let Him guide you. The Mighty One who saves lives inside of you. "If you have received Christ Jesus, so walk in Him." In Him, with Him, and through Him. That is the Kingdom.

Colossians 2:7-10

These are powerful, life altering verses of the King of glory. "For in Him dwells the fullness of God Almighty, of the Holy Spirit, of the Kingdom of Heaven." You are complete in Him, already. You are complete in Him. Who is the head? He is the head. He is the King over all principalities, rulers, and all spiritual dominions.

Colossians 2:11-15

Jesus Christ, by being obedient to the Father, went to the cross to totally fulfill everything that was written of the law, the prophets, and the Psalms, concerning Him. He fulfilled all things righteously, never sinned, and was submissive to the pure word of God. He submitted to the

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Spirit of Truth in His entire journey, and followed Him. He only did what He heard the Father say or saw Him do. He walked with Him in holiness and in the fear of the Lord. He went forward, joyfully, already rejoicing over us on that cross. That Mighty One saved us, even in the depths of His suffering. The Mighty One who saves, who spins around, and rejoices over us. Though the Lamb of God was slain, all of Heaven was rejoicing.

Jesus said, "Let me teach you my ways." It doesn't look like it should be that way. But, God said, this is what is going to happen. I am going to come in the form of My Son. I am going to die for you, so I can save you. Then He gives us His righteousness. He tells us all these beautiful promises, that "I am in Him and He is in me." He gives us His authority. He gives us His Word. He gives us His commission, to go into the all the world and save those who are lost. He charges us to go heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, and cleanse lepers. He charges us to go and bring righteousness to rule with the scepter of righteousness in the land. He charges us to go make the wrong way, right. He gives us faith to stand. This is an amazing transformation. Say, "Jesus wins!" No matter what comes out of you. Listen to what comes out of your spirit, because for two weeks, all I have been hearing is "Jesus wins!"

Hebrews 7:24-28

This is a meaty chapter that describes Jesus Christ, as Our King and our Great High Priest. He has done everything that is necessary to govern and rule over us, as the One that made us right with God, through His blood. Amen. It speaks of His government and of His Kingdom rule as King and High Priest forever. He is of the order of Melchizedek. He is a King and Priest forever. Right now, He is still the Great High Priest who intercedes for us, day and night, night and day. He ever lives to make intercession for us.

The Holy Spirit intercedes with us, through us, and for us. We are not left alone on the planet. We are in His "swirl." We are in His movement. We are in His joy. We are in His Kingdom. We are in His open heaven. We are in His grace. We are in His ways. We are in His blood, because He is perfect, holy, and true. The verse I love to pray constantly is, "He saves to the uttermost," that is spirit, soul, and body. He redeems us, sanctifies us, justifies us, glorifies us, and gets us prepared and ready for the eternal Kingdom.

Revelation 19:11-16

This is in regard to the second coming of Christ. Hallelujah. These are amazing truths of the Godhead of Jesus Christ. But, how do you apply these things daily? How do you apply these truths daily, versus just when I get to heaven, then I will know Him this way? This is the Holy One, in your midst. This is the Holy One in your life. This is the Holy One watching over you while you sleep, or while you are deployed. This is the Holy One watching while you are working, playing outside, or out on a river. This is the Holy One smack dab in the middle of your life, who knows absolutely everything about us, especially those things that we try to hide. He loves us, rejoices over us, and dances over us, because, "Jesus wins!" He brings the victory to you, through His victory. Through His body that was broken, through His ascension, and His coming again. This is the King! Amen. That is awesome, but I need to apply it daily. He even said, "Give me this day, my daily bread." This is your daily bread. This is your sustenance. This is it.

Revelation 1:4-8

You can hear it. The Word interprets itself. You understand? This strong, Mighty One. This Mighty One, daily working in our spirit, soul and body, as we are on our path in our journeys. He knows exactly where we are. He knows our tomorrow. He knows our future. He already sees us in glory with Him. He already sees the millennial rewards, where He has us placed in an eternal rule. Isn't that amazing? This is the One, that we are talking about. God wants us to

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receive this Mighty One, into our daily lives. Bringing Him in to our daily stuff of weakness, trials, tribulations, and testings. Just life, which can be painful at times, in the spirit, in relationships, or finances. Life is not all roses, okay? In this life, you will have tribulation. He said, "But, be of good cheer. I have overcome it." Why would He tell us that, if we are not to be looking to the Overcomer in us? No matter what we are going through, we have to apply this every day.

Isaiah 43:2

This is a very common passage, especially if you have gone through it. Somehow in here it looks like we are going through waters, rivers, and fire. Right? Going through life. Sometimes in the scriptures, we know He really does show up in the fire. You read that from the scriptures about Daniel. He, the Mighty One, can be in the literal presence of your calamity or trouble. He can show up physically, by the Spirit, or as angels sent from Heaven. He has done all kinds of marvelous, miraculous things. But, the key here is, we have to have an absolute surrender to the will of God. That is John 15, where He wants all of us, our family, our lives and everything that pertains to us. Because everything that pertains to life and godliness, He has given us.

The key is absolute surrender to the will of God. That is it. You are always safe in the will of God. Say, "I am safe in the will of God." Death to self, death to sin, and all of its iniquitous roots that have affected our lives. Because, God is working our salvation in us, to pull up and out of us those things that hinder His presence, His Kingdom, and His glory in our lives. We have to let Jesus win. Okay, you have to let Him win. "Well, of course I want Him to win." But, we wrestle with Him when He puts a finger on something. We wrestle with Him when we have to trust Him, pray in faith, or intercede for more than 30 minutes. You wrestle with Him over your flesh. You wrestle with Him over what you want to do and what He says. You understand the battle, spirit, soul and body. But, the key is, let Jesus win, no matter what it costs you. Let Him be the victorious Mighty Warrior. No matter what it costs you, "Have faith in God." That is what Jesus said. That is the simplicity of the gospel.

Now I am going to read part of a testimony from a book entitled, "Rees Howells, Intercessor." It is the story of a man of God, who was called as a missionary. He was called out to the nations and started a Bible University. Basically, he was a forerunner of saving nations. He had a strong anointing and ability to move with the Spirit in prayer and intercession. He gave his life to it. The subtitle in this chapter is, "The Battle of Britain," which was a battle in World War II.

"The next battle of intercession was over the air raids and the crisis of the Battle of Britain. When Hermann Goring, made his great attempt to gain mastery of the air in preparation for an invasion of England. In each of these vital matters, nothing was left to chance or a "shot in the dark" type of praying. Everything was examined in God's presence and motives were sifted until the Holy Spirit could show His servant intelligently that there was an undeniable claim for prayer to be answered. Then faith would stand to the claim and lay hold of the victory. There would be no rest until he had God's own assurance that faith had prevailed and victory was certain. It was not just praying and hoping for an answer. We quote from notes taken in his meetings at that time."

"September 2, 1940, I want to see if we have a claim to be free from care when these planes are around. We ran to stand in the breach to save the Jewish children from Hitler when he was throwing them out. Can we now claim protection for all the missionaries children? Unless my faith is equal to the occasion for protection, I should bring every one of the children up to the shelter tonight, and I would be there with them. Must we have fear because others have fear? If I trusted God to bring these properties into being, am I going to trust God to protect them? I

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want you to get a foundation for this trust. We need a real foundation for our faith, in case the raids will last for months. Can we trust Him for the impossible in this, the same as in finance? The only thing I am afraid of, is that I should miss God's will. Many people are afraid of consequences. I must be clear on this point, for God says, "If it is the consequences you are afraid of, don't come to me for protection. There is a great difference between a selfish fear of consequences and wanting God's protection, because you have a work to carry out for Him. Have you really got victory?

Mr. Howells mentioned at the shelter, to which he said he could take the children, referred to his obligation to provide a shelter for the day scholars, then numbering about 300. But, for the other scholars and the missionaries children, numbering about 60, who are all part of the college family, the Lord had told Him to provide neither shelters nor gas masks. Although, any individual is perfectly free to get one if they wished. God fully vindicated his stand throughout the war, by not allowing a single bomb to fall on any of the college's property. Although the town, with its strategic docks had some very heavy raids. Because, we have believed God has made known to us what is to come to pass, the situation in the country may become very serious because of the air raids. We have never walked this way before. The important thing is to find out where is God in this? When you are in danger every night, it takes you a long time to be sure that you are under God's protection. Can you say you are safe in the air raids? Has God told you?

You may try to use the word of God without having His power behind it. If God is going to deliver Him from this hell, there will have to be some power released. Unless you are sure of your own victory, you will never be able to pray for the deliverance of the country. We have bound the devil over and over again, and I hope we shall do it again, when God's time comes and ends in this war. How many people have been moved by the affliction of these air raids? If you can believe that you have been delivered from hell. Why can't you believe that you have been delivered from air raids? I have always found something that has given me joy all day long. My joy today is that we have God's protection. But, unless we are really trusting Him, where does the praise come in?

This peace the Savior gives is not an artificial one. It is so deep that even the devil can't disturb it. You can't hear things in the spirit, while you have any turmoil or fear inside of you. You can't take a shade of fear into the presence of God. It was at this point that the burden of prayer for protection and the questions of the past few days changed into praise and certainty. Full assurance of victory was given, and it rings out in Reese Howell's words. What victory! Those who are in the spirit see it as victory, because He has found "believing" in us. What joy! What praise! God would probably not give faith for victory in the war, until personal victory was first gained. The all clear sounded and the service finished, and they sang in closing, "Death is vanquished. Tell it with joy, ye faithful." I could now put it in print that no devil can touch anyone here. There is no need to pray anymore, when you believe you finish with prayer. We have never been in such victory before, carrying on exactly as if there were no war. How could we get victory for the world, unless we first believed it for ourselves? You can't trust in anything except believing prayer. How the Holy Spirit came down this morning in communion service and told us of His victory."

Those who have an ear to hear, let him hear, "His victory, the Mighty One who saves, who rejoices over us with singing and praise, the Mighty God." If not by the grace of God. We are here still, and we are here to finish a work. We are here to fulfill God Almighty's will for our lives, our families, and our children. In all that He set our hands to do. We are here to save, heal and

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deliver. No matter what happens in this world, right? Jesus Christ, is with you right there in the middle, though you walk through it. He is there singing over us, and shifting the way we are thinking, to a mighty Victorious Warrior. Amen.

Let's stand and praise Him. Praise Him. I pray for all, that the desire to pray, fast, seek His face, rejoice and just abide daily, will be a lifestyle of acknowledging Him. Not just when things are bad, but because He is.

Father, we thank you for your Word today. We thank you. We thank you for your truth and your faithfulness. Oh, by the grace of God, we are where we are. Use us according to your word and your will Father. Thank you for personal victories. Thank you for being with us through every battle. Thank you for the personal victories over sin, hell, and the grave. Thank you for helping us overcome the flesh. Help us to believe and have faith in God. Surely nothing else matters, but you. We thank you that we are smack dab in the center of your will, Father. We rejoice over you. As you dance over us, Lord, we join the dance. We join the dance, in Jesus' name, amen.