

Victim or Victor

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2 Cor 2:14 *Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place. KJV*

Victor – Victory – Over comer– go over – More than a conquer– You’re a winner.

*****2 Cor 4:5–10** *5 For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. 6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.*

8 We are troubled on every side,

Now some people would write Paul back and say “*oh– brother Paul we rebuke you for allowing that negative confession come out of your mouth.*”

How many of you think the apostle Paul understood faith and how it operates in our lives? I think we have a learned a great deal from the Apostle, Amen.

No! – Denying what is real – is not faith. i.e. “there are not giants in the land!!!”

Faith is not calling those things that are, as though they were not.

“Well it’s the same thing!” No, it’s not – I said no its not. Pastor you’re just being legalistic– am I?” –or am I teaching you what the Bible Says – how to actually to get results?

Pain in my body – “I have no pain– I have no pain.” – that’s a lie!

Are you hurting?= yeah–but! “*By His Stripes I am healed!!!*”

Behind on bills? – “I have no bills in Jesus name” – that’s not faith!

We are to call those things that be not as though they are!

Rom 4:16–25 *16 Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all, 17(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Not calling things that are as though are not!!!*

St: We are taught to confess what we want not what we got.

That's not faith ! The Bible didn't teach you that!

Besides that if you are walking the floor confessing – I have no pain I have no pain– what are you hearing about? What are you mediating on?

You're going to become more aware of pain.

Ps 107:2 *Let the redeemed of the LORD say SO, (Not NO!) whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; KJV*

Stay on the creative side.

“Let there be light”! Not darkness go – Or “I don't believe in this darkness”

Rom 4:18 *Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.*

19 And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

8 We are troubled on every side, (here is Faith) yet not distressed;

?– Can you have trouble on every side and not be distressed?

Living by faith does not ensure that your will never have any challenges or test or trails or fights. No, anyone who ever said that didn't know what they were talking about! Living by faith means *“No matter what's going on – it does not shake you”*

Paul said – in

Acts 20:24 *But none of these things move me, KJV*

(COTM 3 emergency calls in one hour)

Confess– *“None of these things “Move Me”* Say it out Loud.

Most folks have not learned how to do this. You can. Amen!

8 We are troubled on every side, (here is Faith) Yet not distresse *we are perplexed, (Cartoon figure – “?” mark over head– what's going on) but* not in despair; not down over it. Do you have to be down about something just because you don't understand it?

The Devil is a big one on asking you questions. He plays and preys on ignorance, he operates in darkness that's where he operates. He will come and ask you *“well why did this happen – I' don't know – well how about this why did that happen to them do you understand that? Hunt uh– I don't know.”*

"No, you don't and what about this - you understand that" - If you keep following him down that path = one of his favorite phrases - is to get you talking that way.

?- *Is it the will of God for you to have it -*

"Do you really know anything" - "uh, I don't know".

If you listen to him long enough, he will try to talk you out of everything - "you're not really saved." "Hey, what's your name" Uh, I don't, "I I don't know."

He wants to get in the arena of wavering, second guessing everything and when you do you have no strength no faith. And what he loves the best - No results.

!- You don't have to know everything!

Stand on what you know!!!

Satan tried to play that on Jesus - "who do you think you are throwing these tables over?" - "by what authority - what gives you the right?"

"I got a question for you" - wisdom of God - DON'T YOU KNOW ! you don't have to play by the devils rules. Change his rules. I mean right in the middle of his game.

"The Baptism of John, -"where did it come from" ? People hut uh.

"We cant tell"- "neither tell I" - that's the wisdom of God."

"What are you going to do" - not smart your listen to that - you'll start asking yourself - the devils phrase in your your own head... "what am I going to do."

Why don't you ask him what he's going to do?? Worry about me.

Worse case scenario - I am saved- my name is in the book of life!

Wow, that fights over!!!

"What about you? - I have read that back of the book.

You know time for you is short - tick, tock, tick tock...

People all over the world getting saved, getting healed, getting blessed - you have been stripped, your powerless, you have been brought to naught,

Churches all around the world are growing stronger, and brighter, and healthier.

"You know I read that soon and very soon a great big angel is coming after you with some chains and he is going to throw you in the pit."

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

"I was raised and taught to worry- trained to that if you care you worry!"

World class worry'ers

Someone's in the hospital - and you're not worried - than you are just sorry.

Financial problems, creditor on the phone - if your not worried pulling your hair out.

- irresponsible, your just a sorry individual .

“Well I been delivered from that! V REALLY?”

Listen I am a people watcher- it’s part of being a shepherd.

People expect me to be worried about stuff.

People will tell me about a prayer request, or some situation, and they watch me to see if I’m worried about it = “filled with sorrow and sympathy for them”

They want to see me worry. And when I simply respond “Ok, and I go on like I’m going to have a fun day - they say “**well you sorry rascal** - you don’t care about me. Look at that.”

But we who do what the Bible says are to cast **all of our cares** - once and for all
?- If you thrown it all over on Him - How much care do still have?

Cast all of our care - the whole of our concerns once and for all.

1 Peter 5:7-8 *7 Casting all (All) your care upon Him; (Why) for he careth for you. All - extensive anamological study - greek, Hebrew, caldean, roots- ALL - take the consensus -and the very best English word for it is - ALL*

? - If you did this how many cares would you have?

“I know that Pastor Tim - I know you know that - knowing it is not going to set you free, you gotta do it!” Practice it - do it = do this verse . - Amen !!

Casting all your care on Him Cast -Throw, throw it off you= (Greek) Balo - “to throw”

Story: My Brother - throwing a screw driver at me. Sister sat on me while I was watching cartoons. “Threw her off” -to Balo- to throw off away afar.

Paul said to *Be careful for nothing*, but in everything (Phil 4:6)

Cares of the church come on him daily - but he didn’t let them stay!

You will be tempted to worry - to pick up the cares of life.

Jesus Said Luke 8:14 *And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and bring no fruit to perfection. KJV*

Luke 21:34-36 *34 And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. 35 For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. 36 Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. KJV*

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No matter what's going on you're not getting me down.

“According as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; KJV

1 John 5:4–5 *4 For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*

5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? KJV