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Sunday

Bible Class 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00 PM



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Victory!

By Bill McCormick

¹“When you go out to war against your enemies, and see horses and chariots and an army larger than your own, you shall not be afraid of them, for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. ²And when you draw near to the battle, the priest shall come forward and speak to the people ³and shall say to them, ‘Hear, O Israel, today you are drawing near for battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint. Do not fear or panic or be in dread of them, ⁴for the Lord your God is he who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to give you the victory.’” Deuteronomy 20:1-4

Would it really be great to win, to succeed in every undertaking? Someone said that nothing smells as sweet as success.

Moses’ words to Israel ring with excitement. God will go with them to fight on their side and give them victory. Who could hesitate with such an air tight guarantee? God will give us the victory. Always?

Speak that word to Jeremiah in a dungeon, to Jesus on a deserted cross, to Paul awaiting execution. Pep squad cheers sound little hollow then. “Victory?” When defeat has you by the throat?

So, has God lied? Hardly! It all depends on what you call victory.

Sometimes what we call victory is really defeat. Israel won Canaan but lost God. So what had really been won? Sometimes what we call defeat is really victory. Who would have thought that a man dying on a cross could turn history’s worst defeat into its greatest triumph?

That’s the way it is with God. He doesn’t think like we think (Isa. 55:8,9). To Him, we get by giving; we win by losing; we live by dying. We succeed when we try in faith.

God’s word will succeed in the end—if we will teach it NOW.

“Now, thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph . . .” (2 Cor. 2:14)

- via The Encourager, the weekly bulletin for the Calvert City Church of Christ, Calvert City, KY.

Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service

Song Leader Michael Hawkins
 First Prayer Jerry Casey
 Second Prayer Ron Iverson
 Scripture Irvin Williams
 Sermon David Wright
 Lord’s Supper
 Message Joe Sweeney
 Attendant Hank Tincher
 Attendant Art Patrick
 Closing Prayer Clint Smith Jr

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 Bible Reading Harold Tincher
 Selection 15
 Prayer Jerry Montgomery
 Sermon David Wright
 Closing Prayer John Keaton

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Cut or Compliment?

David Wright

Some Christians battle opposition to the faith in their own families. Parents, siblings, and even spouses may take devious pleasure in pointing out the flaws of church members or saying hurtful things about the biblical teachings the church stands for. As implied in the Sunday morning message (Sept. 30), anyone dealing with this discouragement is in excellent company.

Jesus himself initially lacked the support of his own half-brothers, the four sons of Joseph and Mary. A few months before the crucifixion, when the Feast of Tabernacles was at hand, the Lord's brothers said, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples may see the works you are doing. [...] If you do these things, show yourself to the world" (John 7:3-4). They said this because they "did not believe in him" (v. 5).

What Jesus experienced offers encouragement to any believer troubled by rejection at home. Hostility to the church feels like a personal cut. There must be something wrong with me. If I were a better disciple, my family would respect the Gospel and obey it. Maybe, though, opposition is a compliment. The Lord's teachings and life were perfect, and yet his own brothers mocked him.

Weathering a storm of antagonism may even indicate genuine faith and deep conviction. Jesus told his disciples that he came to bring not peace but a sword. "I have come to set a man against his father," he said, "and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me" (Matt. 10:35-37).

Sermon

Ps. 107:33-43

Cry to the Lord (a.m.)

Religion and Politics (p.m.)

²⁵ Now great crowds accompanied him, and he turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸ For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?

Luke 14:25-28

Memory Verses

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light

Gen. 1:1-3, ESV

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, RUBY BLESSITT, MARTIN BONNEY, Ruth Bumpus (Polly), MARAH CASEY, JAYNE CRAVENS, Dennis Davis (Debbie), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, ALMA FAYE DORMAN, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), Gwen Hardy (Deb), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), James Jones Ministry, Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Estin Martin (Jean), Polly McClintock, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, Carol Mousty (Ann), Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Charles & Alfred Ross, Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), FERN TINCHER, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Serving in the Armed Forces: Joey Blanton, Stephen Blanton and Scott Viers

Hamburg Happenings

Thank you to those who attended our first Monday Night for the Master meeting. 20 workers attended and mailed 91 cards and made several personal visits. Our next MNM meeting is Monday October 8 at 6:00 p.m. Please provide David or Harold information for those you would like for us to contact. Special thanks to Norma Williams for baking the Banana Bread. If you plan to attend next week please sign the sheet in the foyer.

Reminder: Please complete your involvement form and give to Jerry Casey or Hayward Blanton.

A bon fire is tentatively scheduled for Oct 13th; Clint Jr. will provide further details.

GIGO

By Greg Swango

Have you ever heard of GIGO? This acronym stands for Garbage In, Garbage Out. This principle is true in the computer world. Fill a computer with bad information, and all you will receive is bad information. It's not the computer's fault—it just spits out what it was given.

But GIGO is true in other parts of life, too. If we fill ourselves up with bad things, bad things will come out. It is nonsense to think that we could fill up on bad things and have good things as the result. Jesus endorsed the GIGO principle in Mt. 7:17-20.

"¹⁷So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Thus you will recognize them by their fruits."

Be careful as to what you watch, listen to, and read—GIGO!

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Final Thought: God always gives His best to those who leave the choice with Him.

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