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Victory in Jesus!

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Victory! It is something that we all want. We often hear about it spoken in terms of one team out scoring another. We sing about it in songs like “Victory in Jesus”. We read about it in familiar passages of the Bible. My question is, do you know what “Victory” is all about? In [1 Corinthians 15:54-57](#) it reads: “[When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.](#)” (NIV)

The word *victory* is defined in the dictionary as *the complete overpowering or destruction of an enemy*. This definition is important to us because the Bible says that we not only have victory over death, but we also have victory over what causes death – sin. That’s right my brothers and my sisters, through Jesus’ death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead we have through His blood received the blueprint or master plan for the complete destruction of sin in our lives and in the world. The power of sin is death, and the power of death has been taken away by the power of God. We will not die! Sin has no power over us because we know that whoever believes in Christ will have everlasting life! We are in other words more than conquerors because sin was not just conquered, but the plan for its complete destruction by the authority of Jesus Christ has been set in motion. This plan for total destruction of sin will come to completion when Jesus returns to take us home. In the meantime, as we look forward to the end of the battle, when Jesus will return to earth and completely destroy sin, we must not grow weary of maintaining the fight.

In fact the Old Testament gives us an example of how committed we should be in maintaining the fight as we wait for the final victory of our Lord and Savior.

In [2 Samuel 23:10a](#) we see a great word picture: “[[Eleazar](#)] [rose and struck down the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clung to the sword. And the LORD brought about a great victory that day.](#)” In this scripture we see one of David’s mighty men fight so hard, so long, so determined, so committed that his hand was stuck to his sword, fixed in the position to fight! My impression from this scripture is that this man knew who he was fighting for and he knew that no matter how tired he became that Victory was on its way. Jesus talks about those in the kingdom of heaven “putting their hands to the plow” as we do the work of kingdom (Luke 9). With victory eminent shouldn’t we work so hard, so long, so committed that our hand becomes frozen or stuck to the word of God, our sword, as we do the work of the Lord?

Family, our victory is not outscoring an opponent and then shaking hands at the end. We are not playing a game. We are fighting in a war! The battles we face every day belong to the Lord! Victory is the overpowering and complete destruction of the enemy. With Jesus as our Commander and Chief we ought to fight the battle hard and long and never giving up. [Matthew 24:13](#) says, “[the one who endures to the end will be saved.](#)” (ESV)

Therein lies the victory!

If Only They Knew

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” John 4:13-14 (NIV)

Jesus offered the Samaritan woman the opportunity of a lifetime. He offered her the water of life. At first she didn't understand what kind of offer that was. She thought that it was water from the well. Little did she know that the well was Jesus Himself and the water that He offered was the Spirit of God. He clarifies this in John 7:37-39a *“If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.’ By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.”* This is what the Spanish Ministry has been offering during our Harvest campaign: both kinds of water. We are giving out bottles of water with labels on them that quote John 4:13-14. As we give them the bottle of water we tell them about the water of life hoping to come across a thirsty soul. Some listen, but most just take the bottle and go on their way. I think to myself “if only they knew”. If only they knew what was just offered to them, but they don't. It is our mission to let them know. And how will they find out? Romans 10:14-15 gives us the answer: *“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”* Let us not grow tired of offering the water of life to a dying world.

Charlie Gómez

DATE	NAME	TOWN
6/25/09.....	Peter Marquez	Bronx, NY
5/16/09.....	Abraham Bioachie	Stony Brook, NY
4/23/09.....	Joanne Rodriguez.....	Briarwood, NY
4/12/09.....	Tyrone Gilberth	Queens Village, NY

Weekly Budget: \$ 9,000		
DATE	ATTENDANCE	CONTRIBUTION
6/7/2009	286	\$7,624
6/14/2009	264	\$8,142
6/21/2009	293	\$8,335
6/28/2009	300	\$6,526

“If you see something, say something”

The MTA started broadcasting this saying on all of its trains after the 9/11 attacks, to help people be on the alert to help prevent future attacks—that if they saw something that wasn’t right, they should say something immediately.

We need to do the same thing in the Kingdom. The church is always under attack by Satan. We are at war against evil. All of us here are on the same team, and we can’t afford for a minute to let Satan divide us, or separate us by confusion, misunderstandings, or from not holding each other accountable. We must be alert against Satan’s schemes, and if you see something, say something. As we’ve been learning on our 1 John class, love does not tolerate or enable sin, or ignore it. If you hear or see something that is wrong, address it. The aim is to quickly “extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.” (Eph 6:16 NIV)

A very simple example of this – I can remember very clearly when I was a new convert being corrected by a brother about my speech. In our conversation I was frequently saying “Oh my God...” and he simply taught me that disciples don’t take God’s name in vain when speaking. The reason I will never forget it is that I appreciated it so much! He loved me enough to just say something on the spot to correct me. He didn’t make a big deal of it, just simply explained why my speech needed to change.

A more dramatic example of “seeing/saying something” is found in 2 Kings 5. Even though Naaman was “in a rage” (which could be intimidating) out of love for him, his servants addressed him. In humility they confronted his unreasonable anger, and encouraged him to obey the man of God. The results – healing and blessing, he was healed of his leprosy. Praise God for Naaman’s servants, who did not fail to speak truthfully to him. They gave us a great example to follow. Also Naaman gives us a good example of how to respond to correction – submit to it and be blessed.

We need one another. That is why God placed us in this wonderful family, to learn from each other, to teach and correct one another. I am my brother’s keeper. Our battle is against sin, not one another. Mt 18:15 says “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone.” (NIV) Don’t get others involved if you haven’t first spoken to your sister. When handled right away something small won’t fester into a big mess resulting in too many injuries, weakening us as a team. In this way any problem will be addressed quickly, and will not allow Satan to get a foothold. I have learned that it is better to say something, than to say nothing in an effort to help each other, because it can really make a difference in helping someone to grow and to stay on the narrow path, and strengthens us as a team.

-- Carolyn Shlesinger

“For the building up of the Body...”

Ephesians 4:12

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 📖 **Bible Class:** We will not meet for Wednesday night Bible class on July 15th (Long Island and City).
- 📖 **Devotional Services:** July 10th and 24nd at 8:00 PM. Please come early to fellowship and encourage one another.
- 📖 **LICOC BBQ:** The LICOC Church BBQ will be Saturday, July 18th (Rain Date: July 25th) at Belmont Lake State Park from 11:00AM - 5:00PM. Lunch will be served from 11:30AM - 1:00PM.
- 📖 **VBS 2009:** VBS registration is now online and is opened for registration. An email has been sent out with detailed instructions. If you have not received that email or do not have access to the internet, please ask someone with access to help you register. Otherwise, please see Steve Jr for details and assistance. Registration will be closing on July 19th. VBS dates are August 10-14.
- 📖 **Video Library:** If you have any items taken out from the video library, please make sure they are signed out or return them if you're done with them. Please see Rob Dixon in the back foyer Sunday after services for more information.
- 📖 If you would like to order a cassette tape of a past sermon or seminar, please see Rob Dixon.
- 📖 We are now reserving the front two rows for people who wish to be prayed with, during the song of invitation. Please try to find seating elsewhere. Thank you!
- 📖 All announcements should be submitted to David Luhrs.
- 📖 Address/telephone changes can be e-mailed to directory@licoc.org.
- 📖 **Parking reminder** - Public Safety has issued a statement requesting that all church members and visitors **refrain** from parking on any **grass areas** beyond the parking lots surrounding the chapel. Thank you for your cooperation!\

MISSIONARY SUPPORT

- ✝ Apologetics Press.....International
- ✝ We Care Ministries.....West Monroe, Louisiana
- ✝ Ron Clayton.....India
- ✝ Doug & Lucy McDougale.....Ukraine, Russia

“Your faith toward God has gone forth...”

1 Thessalonians 1:8

COMMUNITY BIBLE CLASS MINISTRIES

Long Island Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Robert Carr.....(631) 348-7322
New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.

City Ministry.....(Wednesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Pedro Gelabert(347) 732-2101
Individual House Churches

Spanish Ministry.....(Tuesday 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.).....Charlie Gómez.....(631) 772-2889
New York Institute of Technology Chapel, Carleton Avenue, Central Islip, N.Y.

UPCOMING KINGDOM EVENTS

For anyone wanting to use his/her vacation in a fruitful way, take a vacation to help bring souls to Jesus. :) Join a “We Care Ministry” soul winning team and help bring people to the Lord. Learn the techniques of the “We Care Ministry” team leaders: Larry West, Willie Tolison, and Bill Oden. Room and board will be provided. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Bob Carr.

We Care Campaign Itinerary

2009	Location
Aug 23 - Sept 6	Chattanooga, TN
Sept 16 - Sept 27	Chattanooga, TN
Nov 8 - Nov 22	Whitney, TX