



BECOME A PERSON OF VICTORY – PART 1

SUMMARY:

This week Pastor Derwin shared with us about becoming stormproof by living in the power of King Jesus. We are reminded every week during our benediction to love God completely, ourselves correctly, and our neighbors compassionately. Loving ourselves correctly means seeing ourselves as God sees us. If you are in Christ, then you are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). God sees you through the reconciling work of Jesus, not through your sins or mistakes or shortcomings. It is for this reason we are powerful. In Christ we are more than powerful enough to withstand any storm.

We need to remind ourselves of this reality by living in the strength of King Jesus, putting on the full armor of God, recognizing that we have been raised with Christ from the dead, and resisting the evil one. Whether or not you feel powerful, you can be confident that this is how God sees you.

Have you thought about why God has chosen to make you this way? As you discuss this reality with others, try to gain understanding about what you have been empowered to do.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Who is the strongest person you know? What makes them strong?

Read Ephesians 6:10.

What is one way that you know Jesus is strong?

Who gives you your strength?

Read Ephesians 6:13-18.

Pastor Derwin gave the illustration of Iron Man putting on his suit. How can you put on the full armor of God?

For what purpose do we wear this armor?

Does God need you to fight His battles? Why or why not?

Read Ephesians 2:4-6.

Where is our place in God's story?

What do you think it means to be seated with Christ in the heavenly realms?

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How do we participate from this seat?

Read Ephesians 6:13.

What could happen if a soldier didn't wear all their armor?

What do you think it means to take your stand?

Is there an area of your life that you believe God is empowering you to act now?

Take some time as a group to remind one another throughout the week how powerful the Lord is. You may want to text one another some of the ways you answered the discussion questions above. As you connect with one another, remind each other that God gives His strength empowering you for His purpose.

End your time by praying the words of the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13).

Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may Your name be kept holy. 10 May Your Kingdom come soon. May Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today the food we need, 12 and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. 13 And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.