



BECOME A PERSON OF VICTORY – PART 2

SUMMARY:

This week Pastor Derwin shared about living a stormproof life by standing firm in the victory of King Jesus. His victory is something that we participate in as we put on the armor of God and stand against the schemes of the devil.

We have an enemy that we need to watch for, he is on the prowl looking for someone to devour (1 Peter 5:8). But we will not be devoured because we stand in Jesus' victory. He gets our attention, not the evil one. As we look to Him we are strengthened with His vast strength, wearing it as armor. The Belt of Truth resists the lies of the deceiver. You are not unlovable, unforgivable, or worthless. You are redeemed by Christ, precious and clothed in His righteousness. This Breastplate of Righteousness protects your heart. Righteousness isn't earned, it is a gift received by faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe (Romans 3:22).

We wear truth and righteousness as armor to stand firm in battle against the evil one knowing that the victory is already decided. Jesus has defeated evil. We stand in His victory (1 John 2:16).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1 Peter 5:8 compares the devil to a prowling lion. Most of us don't typically live in fear of animal attacks. *Can you think of any examples of a surprising and dangerous scenario you might face? How does your example or the prowling lion demonstrate the danger of the devil?*

Read Ephesians 6:10-13.

Where does the vast strength of the Lord come from?

Can you think of times when Jesus stood against rulers, authorities, powers of darkness, and evil forces? Are they a threat to Him?

How might being clothed in His armor allow us to stand firm against those same enemies?

Read Ephesians 6:14.

What does a belt do?

STORMPROOF

FINDING FAITH IN LIFE'S DIFFICULTIES

What lies do you hear or believe about yourself most often? (unlovable, unforgivable, worthless, damaged, etc.)

How would a Belt of Truth allow you to stand against those lies?

Sometimes we need a reminder that we are not alone in our fight.

*Who do you need to remind of the truth this week? Who do you want to help remind you?
Set an alarm in your phone to reach out to them this week.*

What parts of the body does a breastplate protect?

Imagine God's righteousness protecting all things necessary for you to have life.

What would you have to be afraid of?

Read Romans 3:22-24.

How do you receive righteousness?

What is one way you can tangibly remind yourself every day this week that you're wearing the breastplate of righteousness?

Read 1 John 2:14.

What does it mean that the battle has been won?

If you knew you couldn't lose, what would you try?

What might God be calling you to try in light of His victory?

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.